



**Meeting of the
Environmental Advisory Committee
Jan 12th 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Barbara Butters
Yvon Doucet
Bea Kenny

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Curt Benson
Jack Hellinga
Beth Palma
Chris Ventura

Absent: Paul Ruzycki

1. Call to Order

Chair Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Moved by Yvon Doucet
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That Bea Kenny be appointed the EAC Chair.
CARRIED.

Moved by Bea Kenny
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That Beth Palma be appointed the EAC Vice Chair.
CARRIED.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 10th minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. 2011 Budget

Bea Kenny briefly explained the budget process to new members. Each member will bring their top five environmental goals to the next meeting. Beth Palma will email the original committee goals that were created when the committee was established. Chris Ventura suggested letting citizens vote on the committee's goals through the City website. Yvon Doucet commented that

he would like to see Port Colborne turned into an idle-free City. The committee discussed the use of gas generators during Canal Days and it was the consensus of the committee to recommend that Council direct the Canal Days Committee to offer an energy initiative to Canal Days Vendors in order to deter the use of gas generators during Canal Days. Chris Lee will draft a letter to Council regarding this initiative and the letter will be emailed to committee members for their review and comments.

\$15,000 has been requested for the 2011 environmental initiatives budget.

4. Rebate Program Updates

\$2300.00 (46 rebates) is remaining in the low flow toilet rebate program. \$3752.61 is remaining in the tree planting rebate program. \$247.39 in tree rebates (8 rebates) has been processed to date. Committee members agreed that more advertising is required and that information about the rebates should be posted in the next City Newsletter.

5. New Business

Committee members introduced themselves. Bea thanked everyone for volunteering to be on the committee.

Yvon Doucet advised that he has been approached by a climate change group that would like to meet with the committee.

Chris Ventura advised of the "Transition network". Information can be found at [Transition Network.org](http://TransitionNetwork.org).

The committee discussed the PITCH-IN ONTARIO literature that had been provided by the Mayor's office. The consensus of the committee was to receive the PITCH-IN literature for information purposes.

6. Next Meeting Date, Adjourn

Committee members decided to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be on February 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Chris Ventura
Seconded by Beth Palma

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
CARRIED.