



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: David Barrick (Chair)

Staff: Sal Iannello

Members: Beth Palma  
Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair)  
Domenic D'Amico  
Lorne White

Guests: Terry Kadwell

Regrets: Councillor Barb Butters, Councillor Bea Kenny  
Greg Furtney, Paul Ruzycki

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Chair David Barrick provided opening remarks.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Lorne White

That the November 14, 2007 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.

CARRIED.

Terry, South Niagara Futures, explained that there is Trillium funding money available to fund tree planting and conservation education but noted that the deadline for the funding application is March 1, 2008. Other funding sources are Environment Canada and Meridian – Good Neighbour Program.

The Conservation Club could provide volunteers for planting.

St. Patrick School has an Eco Team that wants to get involved with the environmental issues and may also be a source of volunteers for tree planting.

Items discussed

- Protective conservation wetlands
- Tree planting
- Lorne's concern of the canopy
- Partners on the grant, Horticultural Society, Conservation Club, Letters of Support
- Shower - head program was not recommended
- \$80 per each rain barrel
- March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline Water Smart Niagara
- Landscape audit / smart gardening
- Recommended items to fund are low-flow toilets, washers and humidifiers

The committee decided to pursue the rain barrel grant application in the amount of \$25,000 and \$5,000 for low-flow toilets through the Regional WaterSmart program. Committee will need matching funds from the City. It was proposed that we ask the City to budget \$50,000 to cover these and any other initiatives that arise during the year.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

Dave to send out a letter to Port Colborne schools for a logo & slogan contest for the EAC.

Domenic suggested submitting a weekly article in the Leader and/or Tribune.

The next scheduled meeting date for this Committee is February 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Library.