

# Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee August 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

# The following were in attendance:

Council: David Barrick

Staff: Chris Lee

Janice Peyton

Public Gregg Furtney Members: Norbert Gieger

Jack Hellinga Beth Palma Paul Ruzycki Lorne White

Regrets: Barbara Butters

Bea Kenny

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

# 2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jack Hellinga Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the May 12<sup>th</sup> minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as amended. CARRIED.

## 3. Tree Planting Rebate Program Update

Chris Lee provided an update of the tree planting rebate program. Four applications for the tree planting rebate have been received. Three schools have applied for trees, St. John Bosco, St. Patricks and Lakeshore Catholic High School. Sherkston has inquired, however no formal application has been received.

Moved by Norbert Gieger Seconded by David Barrick Page 2 of 3

That the committee allocate \$1400 in tree purchases to St. John Bosco, St. Patricks and Lakeshore Catholic School. CARRIED.

Chris will arrange to have the trees delivered to the schools and will mention that the committee would appreciate having a photo taken. The photo op will be discussed further at the next EAC meeting.

# 4. Preservation of Trees at New Hotel (Lorne White)

It was the consensus of the committee to send a letter to Rankin Construction regarding the preservation of trees at the proposed hotel, northeast corner of Highway #3 and Highway #140. (Letter from chair Bea Kenny)

#### 5. Other Business

## **No Idling Signs**

Norbert Gieger asked the status of the no idling signs. Chris Lee advised that he has requested a no idling template from the Region and once received, it will be presented to the committee for approval.

#### **Power Supply to Canal Days Vendors**

Norbert Gieger inquired about canal days vendors that run generators at the event. The committee agreed that canal days vendors should be encouraged to be "greener" with their operations.

Moved by Lorne White Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the Environmental Advisory Committee encourage the Canal Days Committee to be committed to the green effort. (to be discussed further at future meetings)

CARRIED.

#### **Diesel Spill June 2010**

The committee discussed the diesel spill of June 16, 2010.

#### **Radioactive Waste Shipment**

The committee discussed the issue of radioactive waste being shipped through the canal.

#### **Wyldewood Road Waste Bins**

Paul Ruzycki asked the reason for the removal of waste bins from the end of Wyldewood Road. Chris Lee advised that vandals had destroyed the bins numerous times and the Region sees no value in continuing the practice.

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# Nyon, Wind Farm

Paul Ruzycki asked the status of Nyon Oil and the wind farm. No comment could be made at this time, by staff or Council.

# **Bicycles**

Lorne White advised that there is a group of citizens working together to try to help make it easier for bicycles to move about the City. Lorne suggested bicycle racks be considered in the next environmental initiatives budget request.

# 6. Next Meeting Date, Adjourn

The next committee meeting will be on Sept 8, 2010.

Moved by Lorne White Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED.