



KINGSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM  
MEETING No. 05-2009  
MINUTES

Monday 06<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Boardroom at Rideaucrest Home

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Foster  
Councillor Matheson  
Councillor Lisa Osanic  
Mr. Tom Carpenter, Co-Chair  
Mr. Ted Hsu, Co-Chair  
Mr. Ted Bailey (left at 9:00 p.m.)  
Mr. Michael Dakin (CRCA - alternate)  
Mr. Bob Foster  
Mr. Mathew Gventer  
Dr. Vicki Remenda (Queen's)  
Ms. Bardi Vorster  
Dr. Barb Zeeb (RMC)

**REGRETS**

Ms. Tina Bailey  
Dr. Richard Brachman  
Ms. Janis Grant  
Mr. Ian Dubin  
Mr. David Kay  
Mr. Harold Pickering

**OTHER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. Romy Baur (St. Lawrence College – alternate)  
Dr. Boyd Davis (Queen's – alternate)  
Mr. Andy Dubchak (KFL&A-alternate)  
Dr. Kunal Karan (Queen's –alternate)  
Dr. James May (St. Lawrence College)  
Dr. Ken Reimer (RMC-alternate)  
Ms. Mara Shaw (CRCA)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Jim English, Pollution Prevention Specialist  
Mr. Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategy,  
Environment & Communications  
Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk  
Mr. Brodie Richmond, Environmental Project  
Manager

**OTHERS**

Students, School of Urban and Regional  
Planning, Queen's University

THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT

**MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Hsu, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the table.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None was declared.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

*Moved by Ms. Remenda  
Seconded by Mr. Carpenter*

*THAT the agenda be confirmed as amended to add:*

- *Green Up Event – KEAF Participation*
- *Update regarding Official Plan*

**CARRIED****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Moved by Councillor Osanic  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

*THAT the Minutes of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum Meeting No. 04-2009 held 09<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED****DELEGATIONS**

- a) **Ms. Emily Gaus, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University** – regarding 'A Strategy For Green Building And Green Planning: Toward Sustainable Planning and Development In Kingston'.

*Moved by Mr. Foster  
Seconded by Mr. Carpenter*

*THAT the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum waive the rules of By-Law No. 98-1, "Council Procedural By-Law", in order to amend the agenda to allow a delegation for more than 5 minutes by Ms. Emily Gaus, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University to speak regarding 'A Strategy For Green Building And Green Planning: Toward Sustainable Planning And Development In Kingston'.*

**CARRIED**

A copy of the powerpoint presentation entitled 'Moving Kingston Forward: Towards Sustainable Residential Development' was distributed and is attached to the record.

Ms. Gaus provided the presentation together with other participants. Students Natalie Barnett, Mitchell LeSage, Warren Neill, Jennifer Sandham, Ian Semple, Mark Touw, Michael Wong and Claire Woodside were noted as having worked on the project.

To questions and comments from members, students noted:

- the concept could be applied on a smaller scale for eg. a community garden,
- discussions with City staff Mr. MacLatchy and Ms. Bailey regarding the integration of work into the draft Official Plan relating to sections pertaining to energy, natural heritage
- suggestions are directed at the implementation level and integrate with City sustainability guidelines
- incentives and an education program have been introduced
- as the Ontario Building Code is being updated in 2012, it is in the interest of the building community to adopt the guidelines early
- the community gains from energy efficiency in buildings
- a review of design of communities, how land is being used ie. infrastructure for servicing new development is important

- developers are saving trees in communities such as Pickering and Oakville
- a checklist regarding trees and natural vegetation could be used during a pre-consultation phase as noted in the Official Plan
- the process of development – the City can specify how an area can be developed, the developer can appeal to the OMB if requirements are beyond the Official Plan; the OMB takes direction from the Provincial Policy statement. Bill 51 clearly states restrictions for appeals to the OMB as the municipality has more authority than it did 3 years ago
- scoring applies more points for significance ie. in the tree portion, a range of tree diameters is provided with some categories weighted higher than others.

Mr. Hsu thanked the students for attending and providing an informative presentation.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **REPORTS**

a) **Potential Measures to Eliminate Bottled Water Sales of Municipal Facilities**

A copy of the report is attached.

The Report of the Commissioner of Sustainability & Growth (09-01) is attached.

There is no recommendation as this is an information report only.

Mr. MacLatchy provided an overview of the report. He noted amendments to the report on pages 12 and 15, that appendix 'B' is not included within the report, and 3 fountains are located in City Hall. He advised that net proceeds to the City for the sale of bottled water are \$31,000.

To a question regarding ownership of machines, Mr. MacLatchy advised that they are either placed by the concession or owned by the bottling company with payment by the facility. Regarding hydro being used by the machines, Mr. MacLatchy said the owner of the vending machine would not be paying for metered power; this amount could be estimated and compared with the revenues.

To a question regarding ongoing use of vending machines without water being made available, Mr. MacLatchy said they would likely remain without water as a choice.

Mr. Gventer distributed copies of his comments on the staff report, together with proposed motions.

To questions regarding locations of fountains, Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that washrooms would likely not be an appropriate location. He said he wasn't aware of restrictions near vending machines, and whether empty plastic bottles could be vended.

To a question regarding Table B on page 14 of the report, Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that it provides a high level view of good use of drinking water.

To a question regarding bringing in a water bottle to events at the K-Rock Centre and the Grand Theatre, Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that a container of beverage cannot be brought in, but an empty container could be. It is unknown if bottle fillers have been installed in other major cities such as London and Toronto.

## **BUSINESS**

- a) **Reaffirmation of the submission of 'A Report on the Environmental Concerns Associated with the Use of Plastic Shopping Bags - REDUCING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN KINGSTON' dated 22 March 2009** - prepared for the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee.

Distributed separately.

A discussion took place regarding the unavailability of information through the internet, and the need to apply all references to the report with a full reference line and URL.

- b) **Update regarding the Kingston Integrated Community Sustainability Plan project.**  
(Representatives: Mr. Ian Dubin and Mr. Harold Pickering)

Meetings for this project were tentatively scheduled for the mornings of 25 March and 01 April.

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

- c) **Discussion regarding 'Forward Thinking'**

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

- d) **Consideration of Abeyance Listing**

Distributed separately.

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **WORKING GROUP ITEMS**

- a) **Inner Harbour Group (IHG)**  
(Dr. Laing, Dr. Remenda, Ms. Vorster)
- b) **Partners in Climate Protection Group (PCP)**  
(Ms. Bailey, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Pickering,)
- c) **Communications – Environmental Strategy Group**  
(Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Gventer, Mr. Kay, Mr. May, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Dubin)
- d) **Plastic Bag Free Kingston Group**  
(Mr. Foster, Mr. Gventer, Ms. Vorster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Pickering,)
- e) **Packaging Issues Group**  
(Ms. Bailey, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gventer)

#### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Discussion regarding 'Bottled Water'**

Further to the briefing regarding the report **Potential Measures to Eliminate Bottled Water Sales of Municipal Facilities**, Report of the Commissioner of Sustainability & Growth (09-01) and the submission by Mr. Gventer, further consideration was given to bottled water matter. Mr. MacLatchy advised that a report will be provided to the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee on 12 May 2009 compliant with a request by Council, which will propose removing bottled water from City facilities, and costs.

*Moved by Mr. Gventer  
Seconded by Mr. Carpenter*

**THAT** the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) support in principle the resolution of Council made on 06 January 2009 to restrict the sale and distribution of bottled water by the City of Kingston within municipal facilities.

**CARRIED**

A discussion took place regarding motions provided by Mr. Gventer.

*Moved by Mr. Gventer  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

**THAT** the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) recommend to the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee (EITP) that, if the elimination of the sale and distribution of bottled water at indoor municipal facilities be approved, then staff and KEAF be asked to look at the implications of extending that policy to municipally run outdoor facilities and events.

**LOST**

*Moved by Mr. Gventer  
Seconded by Mr. Carpenter*

**THAT** the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) work with the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Health Unit (KFL&A) and Staff to define the optimum number of fountains necessary to satisfy the recommendation by KFL&A regarding adequacy of availability of drinking water in facilities and report the findings without a recommendation to the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee (EITP) prior to the May EITP meeting.

**LOST**

*Moved by Mr. Gventer  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

**THAT** the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF), as an extension of its investigation of the plastic water bottle issue, study the elimination of the sale and distribution of soft drinks in plastic bottles in municipal facilities and alternatively all plastic bottled drinks and present a recommendation to the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee (EITP) on the pros and cons of such a policy, and

**THAT** the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee (EITP) be invited to endorse KEAF looking into that question with the understanding that this endorsement does not suggest a wish to move in that direction, but only an interest in understanding the significance of such a policy in terms of promoting healthy choices and in terms of promoting a sustainable Kingston.

**LOST**

A discussion took place regarding the addition of points to Table B.

*Moved by Councillor Osanic  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

**THAT** further to consideration of Table B – Analysis of Options for Eliminating Bottled Water Sales at City Facilities within Report No.: KEAF-09-01 ‘Discussion of Potential Measures to

*Eliminate Bottled Water Sales at Municipal Facilities', the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) wish to indicate that No. 2c, 'Ban bottled water sales as contracts expire or allow, and provide enhanced municipal water access through fountains and filling stations' is a preferred option.*

**CARRIED**

*Moved by Mr. Gventer  
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

**THAT** *further to a motion of support for No. 2c, 'Ban bottled water sales as contracts expire or allow, and provide enhanced municipal water access through fountains and filling stations' within Table B – Analysis of Options for Eliminating Bottled Water Sales at City Facilities, Report No.: KEAF-09-01 'Discussion of Potential Measures to Eliminate Bottled Water Sales at Municipal Facilities', that the Packaging Issues Working Group will provide a list of benefits for banning bottled water sales which are not included in Table B to staff,*

*- and further –*

**THAT** *Mr. Harold Pickering will be asked to compile this information to be provided to members of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) in advance of the 11 May 2009 KEAF meeting.*

**CARRIED**

Mr. MacLatchy noted that a public meeting will be held, and the Committee can make further comments through that process.

Mr. Tsu thanked Mr. MacLatchy for the report.

#### **SHOW AND TELL ITEMS:**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- a) 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – Green Up Festival
- b) 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 – Earth Day
- c) 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – World Rivers Day

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following Correspondence was received. Copies will be available at the meeting if a member wishes to review the full document.**

- a) Correspondence from Mr. John Bolognone, Deputy City Clerk to Dr. Barbara Zeeb, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 regarding 'Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum (KEAF).'
- b) Correspondence from Mr. John Bolognone, Deputy City Clerk to Dr. Tamsin Laing, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 regarding 'Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum (KEAF).'
- c) Memorandum from Susan Powley, Committee Clerk, KEAF, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 regarding 'Representatives to Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Planning Project.'
- d) Correspondence from Ms. Carolyn Downs, City Clerk to Dr. Christopher Knapper, dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 regarding 'Resugbatuib Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum (KEAF).'

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum is scheduled to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at Rideaucrest Home.

The following meetings for 2009 were tentatively scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Rideaucrest Home Board Room:

- 11 May
- 08 June
- 13 July
- 10 August
- 14 September
- 05 October
- 09 November
- 14 December

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

