



KINGSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM
MEETING No. 06-2009
MINUTES

Monday June 08, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Boardroom at Rideaucrest Home
KEAF page on the City Website: www.cityofkingston.ca/keaf

PRESENT

Councillor Rob Matheson
Councillor Lisa Osanic
Mr. Tom Carpenter, Co-Chair
Mr. Ted Hsu, Co-Chair (left at 8:30 p.m.)
Mr. Ted Bailey (left at 9:00 p.m.)
Ms. Tina Bailey
Mr. Andy Dubchak (KFL&A-alternate)
Mr. Ian Dubin
Ms. Janis Grant
Mr. Mathew Gventer
Mr. David Kay
Mr. Harold Pickering
Dr. Vicki Remenda (Queen's)
Ms. Bardi Vorster
Dr. Barb Zeeb (RMC) (left at 8:30 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk
Mr. Brodie Richmond, Environmental Projects
Manager

REGRETS

Councillor Foster
Mr. Robert Foster
Mr. Michael Dakin (CRCA - alternate)

OTHER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

A previous meeting scheduled for May 11, 2009 could not be held due to lack of quorum. The items from that agenda were moved forward for consideration at this meeting with the exception of a briefing by Mr. Giles.

MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Carpenter, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

*Moved by Mr. Dubin
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

THAT the agenda be confirmed as amended to add under CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS:

- Correspondence dated 04 June 2009 regarding an Open House to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Kingston Area Recycling Centre (KARC) on Saturday 11th July from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card 2009 – Reporting on the Ecosystem Health of the Cataraqui Region'
- Organics Collection Program – Comparison of 2009 data after 4 weeks of SSO collection to 2008

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Moved by Mr. Dubin
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

THAT the Minutes of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum Meeting No. 05-2009 held April 06, 2009 be confirmed.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

BRIEFINGS

REPORTS

BUSINESS

a) Update regarding 'Reducing the use of Plastic Shopping Bags'

Mr. Brodie Richmond, Environmental Projects Manager, reported that the KEAF report had been considered by the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee (EITP) within an information report provided to EITP on 12th May 2009. At this meeting, staff were directed to look into an education program to encourage the reduction and ban of the bags.

b) Update regarding the 'Bottled Water Policy'

Mr. Brodie Richmond, Environmental Projects Manager, reported that bottled water had been considered by EITP on 12th May 2009.

Mr. Richmond noted a suggestion that staff look into dispensing reusable bottles. He highlighted a public meeting which will be hosted by EITP on 09th June 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Next steps regarding this matter will be determined at the EITP regular meeting which follows the public meeting.

c) Update regarding the Kingston Integrated Community Sustainability Plan project in regard to environmental discussions at the Sustainability Summit held 26 - 29 May – provided by Mr. Ian Dubin and other members who attended.

(Representatives for the Kingston Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Project: Mr. Ian Dubin and Mr. Harold Pickering)

Mr. Dubin advised that he had attended the Sustainability Summit along with 150 other participants. He said that a report will be available soon, and that a draft plan is to be presented to the public in the fall. He noted a pending release of gas tax funding to municipalities. He advised that he will update the Committee regarding environmental pillars when received.

Dr. Remenda added that she had also attended, and that a food summit was planned for later in the fall with invitations extended to those with an interest in local food.

To a question by Councillor Osanic, Mr. Dubin confirmed there was a discussion to preserve natural areas.

Representatives for the project noted that KEAF will be updated in regard to environmental aspects of the plan, and KEAF will be asked to endorse it.

d) **Update regarding Green Up!** – by Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategy, Environment & Communications.

Mr. Brodie Richmond, Environmental Projects Manager, reported that Green Up! was well attended by approximately 1200 people. He described the booths present.

In regard to e-waste, Mr. Richmond will send an email to members regarding a pick up from residences which is available through Scott Industrial Services.

e) **Discussion regarding correspondence received from SPLASH - 'SPLASH – Sustainable Practices Leave a Sustainable Heritage'.**

Distributed Separately

A discussion took place regarding the Poker Run event, noting the environmental and economic implications further to correspondence provided by SPLASH to KEAF. It was agreed that as requested, KEAF would review the calculations provided by SPLASH and report back to members.

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

THAT further to consideration of correspondence received from SPLASH (Sustainable Practices Leave a Sustainable Heritage), that volunteers Mr. Ted Hsu, Ms. Barb Zeeb, and Mr. Ian Dubin will review the calculations provided by SPLASH in regard to greenhouse gas emissions and environmental implications, and that the results be provided back to KEAF by email.

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f) **Update regarding Abeyance Listing.**

A review of a draft abeyance listing took place.

	Description of Item	Who Is To Respond	Timeline for Response	Status
1.	Community Green House Gas Local Action Plan	Sustainability & Growth		Under consideration by staff
2.	Community Green House Gas Local Action Plan	KEAF Member: Tina Bailey	September 2009	One action will be determined to highlight to City Council
3.	Response to Council request: plastic bags			Staff report forwarded to EITP COMPLETE
4.	Response to Council request: bottled water			Staff report forwarded to EITP COMPLETE
5.	Response to Council request: gift wrapping paper	Sustainability & Growth	Q4 2009	Mr. Richmond, Environmental Projects Manager will provide an update at the September meeting.
6.	State of Environment Report			A flyer was produced for Green Up! COMPLETE
7.	Electronic KEAF new members package	KEAF Members: Bardi Vorster and Bob Foster	Summer 2009	Members will create a table of contents and produce a disk which includes all KEAF reports
8.	Green building, advice on how to promote LEED for homes			COMPLETE
9.	Environmental Implications Paragraph ("checkbox")	Sustainability & Growth	To be determined	Councillor Osanic noted that this is being reviewed by staff.
10.	GreenUp 2009 preparation			Mr. Pickering was requested to forward a copy to Ms. Vorster COMPLETE
11.	Another Education Depot	Inner Harbour Working Group	Earth Day 2010	
12.	Forward thinking	KEAF Members	September 2009	
13.	Annual Report	KEAF Member: Ian Dubin	September 2009	Mr. Dubin will provide an update regarding the status of the report at the September meeting

g) Receipt of the resignation by Dr. Christopher Knapper.

Technical member absences at meetings were noted, with steps being taken to enhance committee attendance.

*Moved by Mr. Dubin
Seconded by Councillor Matheson*

THAT correspondence be directed to Dr. Christopher Knapper further to his resignation from KEAF in order to thank him for his contributions to the Committee.

CARRIED

h) Update and Discussion regarding the current pesticide ban and the implications of the approved use of a temporarily approved pesticide for dandelions.

Mr. Gventer noted a temporarily approved pesticide Sarritor (Sclerotinia minor strain IMI 344141) which is a fungus that attacks dandelions.

It was recognized that the pesticide ban is now a provincial matter. Mr. Richmond advised that a public information line is available at 1-800-565-4923, and enforcement information is available by requesting a duty officer at 613-549-4000.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**a) Inner Harbour Group (IHG)
(Dr. Laing, Dr. Remenda, Ms. Vorster)**

More information boards are planned but implementation has been delayed.

**b) Partners in Climate Protection Group (PCP)
(Ms. Bailey, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Pickering,)**

Action is pending as noted on the abeyance listing.

**c) Communications – Environmental Strategy Group
(Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Gventer, Mr. Kay, Mr. May, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Dubin)**

Mr. Bailey is currently working on projects pertaining to communications. Items including green buildings are pending further discussions with staff.

**d) Plastic Bag Free Kingston Group
(Mr. Foster, Mr. Gventer, Ms. Vorster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Pickering)**

There is nothing further to report at this time.

**e) Packaging Issues Group
(Ms. Bailey, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gventer)**

There is nothing further to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

***i.* Distribution of Cards pertaining to Idling**

Ms. Bailey will email Mr. Hsu regarding cards to pass out pertaining to idling.

***ii.* Movies**

Councillor Osanic noted two movies 'Oil on Ice' and 'The World According to Monsanto'.

***iii.* Air Curtains**

Mr. Dubin noted the use of air curtains on retail stores in Asia, and a possible usage here in order to conserve energy.

***iv.* Front Grow Program**

Dr. Remenda noted the 'Front Grow Program' with the harvested produce being supplied to the Food Bank.

***v.* Farmers Market**

Councillor Matheson noted a farmers market which is held at the corner of Princess Street and Collins Bay Road from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Another market was noted at the Wally Elmer arena.

***vi.* Kingston Area Recycling Corporation (KARC)**

An invitation to an Open House and tours of the Material Recovery Facility on Saturday 11th July from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the 20th anniversary of KARC was extended to KEAF members by Mr. John Giles, Manager, Solid Waste, Solid Waste Manager.

Copies of a handout noted at the May meeting regarding the 'Organics Collection Program – Comparison of 2009 data after 4 weeks of SSO collection to 2008' were distributed.

SHOW AND TELL ITEMS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a) 12th June 2009 – Bio Blitz at 3 p.m.

It was noted that an advertisement regarding this event will be in the Whig Standard.

- b) 18th June 2009 – Statutory Public Meeting regarding the Official Plan

Councillor Osanic noted this meeting. It was noted that the draft plan is posted to the website.

- c) 27th September 2009 – World Rivers Day

CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS

- a) Focus on Environmental Sustainability – Progress Report

Available separately

Copies of the following documents were distributed separately at the meeting.

- b) Organics Collection Program – Comparison of 2009 data after 4 weeks of SSO collection to 2008
Distributed Separately
- c) Correspondence dated 04 June 2009 regarding an Open House to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Kingston Area Recycling Centre (KARC) on Saturday 11th July from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Distributed Separately
- d) Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card 2009 – Reporting on the Ecosystem Health of the Cataraqui Region'
Distributed Separately

Copies of the following Correspondence were available at the meeting if a member wished to review the full document.

- a) **Correspondence** from Mr. John Bolognone, Deputy City Clerk to Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk regarding 'Statement of Pecuniary Interest Form'.
- b) **Memorandum** from Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk to Mr. James Thompson, Committee Clerk, Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee regarding KEAF Support in Principle of Restrictions of Sales and Distribution of Bottled Water in Municipal Facilities.
- c) **Memorandum** from Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk to Mr. Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategy, Environment & Communications regarding KEAF Support in Principle of Restrictions of Sales and Distribution of Bottled Water in Municipal Facilities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that summer meetings would be cancelled with the next meeting of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum scheduled to be held on Monday 14th September 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at Rideaucrest Home.

*Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Dr. Remenda*

THAT the July and August meetings of KEAF be cancelled.

CARRIED

Additional meetings for 2009 have been scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Rideaucrest Home Board Room as follows:

- 05 October
- 09 November
- 14 December

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

