



**KINGSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM
MEETING No. 03-2010
MINUTES**

February 8th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Wilson Room, Kingston Public Library
KEAF page on the City Website: www.cityofkingston.ca/keaf

PRESENT

Mr. Tom Carpenter, Co-Chair
Councillor Foster
Councillor Osanic
Councillor Foster
Mr. David Carnegie
Mr. Bob Foster
Mr. Mathew Gventer
Mr. Darko Matovic
Mr. Harold Pickering

REGRETS

Councillor Matheson
Mr. Ted Hsu
Ms. Janis Grant

OTHER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Aaron Ball
Mr. Andy Dubchak
Ms. Sara O'Neill

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Jim English, Pollution Prevention Specialist
Mr. John Giles, Manager, Solid Waste
Mr. James Thompson, Committee Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Lowes

THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT

MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Foster

THAT the agenda be amended to include a discussion regarding 'Grants' under Other Business, and as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Osanic

Seconded by Councillor Foster

THAT the Minutes of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum Meeting No. 02-2010 held 18 January 2010, as amended editorially, be confirmed.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

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 by Rod Muir, Waste Diversion Campaigner, Sierra Club Canada on the subject of "Approaches to managing our waste stream".*

CARRIED

Mr. Rob Muir, Waste Diversion Campaigner, Sierra Club Canada conducted a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Approaches to Managing Our Waste Stream". A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original set of minutes located in the Clerk's Department.

Following the PowerPoint presentation the following discussion occurred.

Mr. Muir commented that he hopes the Environmental Strategy and Communications Working Group can incorporate some of the ideas outlined during the presentation into education campaigns.

Mr. Jeffry Lowes mentioned that schools do not separate waste materials. He commented that his kids often return home from school with the packaging from their lunches. He indicated that 500 grams of garbage per child is produced every two days if the waste from their lunch is not recycled properly.

Councillor Osanic asked Mr. Muir to provide comment regarding backyard composters and diaper disposal. Mr. Muir stated financial incentive programs should be established to encourage people to compost. He commented that only a third of people with composters religiously use them. He commented that he believes backyard composting is great. He noted that only about one or two percent of households need to dispose of diapers and indicated that this percentage of the population should not drive the agenda. He commented that the people with diapers should be required to find appropriate ways to dispose of them.

Councillor Foster stated that using green bins should not be compulsory for people who use a backyard composter. She questioned if there are figures to prove that charging people for garbage bags will result in increased levels of composting and recycling. Mr. Muir commented that he advocates that organics be picked up weekly while residual waste should be collected bi-weekly. He stated that Environmental Protection Agency website offers several reports regarding this matter. He indicated that pay as you throw programs are more common than people think.

Mr. Carpenter thanked Mr. Muir for his presentation.

BRIEFINGS

There were none.

REPORTS

There were none.

BUSINESS

- a) Discussion regarding the ' Active Community Charter Trails for Active Transportation – Kingston Community Report'.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Mr. Matovic

THAT the discussion regarding the ' Active Community Charter Trails for Active Transportation – Kingston Community Report' be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

- b) Update regarding Digitized KEAF new members package index

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Mr. Foster

THAT the update regarding the digitized KEAF new member's package index be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

- c) Update regarding KEAF Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Mr. Pickering

THAT the update regarding the KEAF Annual Report be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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

Mr. Matovic informed the Committee that Ms. Remenda will be resigning from the Committee.

Councillor Foster stated that she would like to show the video of the inner harbor at a meeting.

Councillor Osanic withdrew from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carpenter informed the Committee that Ms. Zeeb has begun the process of finding a replacement for Ms. Tamsin Lang.

Mr. Foster stated that the Earth Day Canada Community Environment Fund provides environmental groups with grants of up to twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Foster noted that he originally thought that KEAF could apply for a grant to fund projects such as the environmental depots. He explained that KEAF is unable to apply for this grant as KEAF is not a registered nonprofit organization. He stated that if KEAF was to partner with a registered organization it would be possible to apply for the grant.

Mr. Carpenter commented that Earth Hour could benefit from additional funding.

Mr. Foster mentioned that the funding could also be utilized to purchase smart meters and place them in the library.

Mr. Carpenter questioned if KEAF is able to align itself with a registered organization. Mr. Foster responded that he has discussed this matter with Staff.

Moved by Mr. Foster
Seconded by Mr. Matovic

THAT the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum authorize Mr. Foster to engage in additional discussion with Staff to confirm whether or not KEAF is able to partner with a registered organization.

- and further -

THAT the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum contact SWITCH to determine if there is interest in a partnership to submit a proposal to the Earth Day Canada Community Environment Fund.

CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Gventer
Seconded by Mr. Pickering

THAT the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum extends their congratulations to Mr. Hsu and his wife for the birth of their child.

CARRIED

SHOW AND TELL ITEMS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mr. Matovic mentioned that a workshop regarding biomass would be held on February 16th, 2010. He stated that further information could be found on the SWITCH website.

CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meetings for 2010 are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Rideaucrest Home Board Room as follows:

- 08 March
- 12 April
- 10 May
- 14 June
- 12 July
- 09 August
- 13 September
- 18 October
- 08 November
- 13 December

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Mr. Matovic

THAT KEAF do now adjourn.

The KEAF meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED

