



**KINGSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM  
MEETING No. 01-2012  
MINUTES**

**Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
6:30 p.m., Wilson Room, Kingston Frontenac Public Library  
130 Johnson Street**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Dubin; Co-Chair  
Councillor Berg  
Councillor Neill  
Councillor Scott  
Mr. Carnegie  
Ms. Farrar  
Mr. Foster  
Ms. Grant  
Mr. Hebert  
Ms. Farrar  
Mr. Kaye

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Jim English, Pollution Prevention  
Specialist  
Mr. Paul MacLatchy, Director,  
Environment & Sustainability Initiatives  
Mr. Brody Richmond, Environmental  
Engineer/Geoscientist  
Mr. Stephen Sottile, Conservation  
Officer  
Mr. James Thompson, Committee  
Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT

**MEETING TO ORDER**

The Committee Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moved by Councillor Berg  
Seconded by Councillor Neill

**THAT** Mr. Dubin be elected Co-Chair of the Kingston Environmental Advisory forum.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Ms. Farrar

**THAT** Mr. Carpenter be elected Co-Chair of the Kingston Environmental Advisory forum.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were none.

## **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Councillor Berg

**THAT** the agenda be amended to include discussions regarding the abeyance list and the annual KEAF update to Council under Other Business, and as amended, be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Councillor Berg

**THAT** the Minutes of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum Meeting No. 06-2011 held November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as amended editorially, be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

There were none.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **a) Green Energy Act**

Mr. Sottile provided the Committee with background information pertaining to the Green Energy Act. In addition, Mr. Sottile spoke to the Committee regarding large scale industrial projects, the FIT program, the environmental assessment process and the application process.

## **BUSINESS**

### **a) Kingston City Council Recommendation Regarding Solar Panel Arrays**

Councillor Berg spoke to the Kingston City Council recommendation regarding solar panel arrays.

Councillor Berg requested that a group of KEAF members review the environmental concerns associated with solar panel arrays and produce a scientific report which would eventually be referred to the Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation Policies Committee.

Councillor Berg mentioned that the applicants are mainly considering sites in Countryside District.

Ms. Farrar sought further explanation regarding the main focus of the study. Councillor Berg replied that KEAF will focus on run off, drainage and water quality.

Councillor Neill questioned if KEAF would also be examining the site plan process. Councillor Scott commented that staff will be reviewing the site plan process. Councillor Berg indicated that the Rural Advisory Committee is examining issues such as setbacks and forestry issues.

Mr. Kaye arrived at the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Councillor Berg emphasized that the report must be completed in the near future.

Mr. Dubin suggested that this project be referred to the Climate Change Working Group. Councillor Berg commented that other interested members should become involved. Councillor Scott noted that KEAF will not be seeking input from the public on this matter.

Mr. Foster questioned if the Committee can review the applicants environmental assessment documents. Mr. Dubin mentioned that the environmental assessments should be available on the applicant's corporate website.

Councillor Neill suggested that the surface of the solar panel array sites should be grass rather than gravel. Councillor Berg commented that Queen's University is applying to build a solar array and will be experimenting with various systems. She commented that KEAF will not have the time to explore different options.

Moved by Councillor Berg  
Seconded by Mr. Dubin

**THAT** the Climate Change Working Group report back to KEAF by March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 regarding the environmental concerns associated with solar panel arrays.

**CARRIED**

**b) Discussion Regarding Future Guest Speakers**

Mr. Dubin asked Mr. Foster if arrangements have been made for the next guest speaker. Ms. Grant suggested that Mr. MacLatchy speak to the Committee regarding the Community Greenhouse gas Emission Inventory (2006-2009) Report. Mr. MacLatchy was in agreement.

**c) Discussion Regarding Potential Research Projects**

Mr. Dubin stated that the Committee must have Council approval prior to proceeding with research projects.

**d) Update Regarding Working Groups**

**i. Green Spaces & Waterways Working Group**

Councillor Scott indicated that the Green Space & Waterways Working Group were briefed regarding the status of the Orchard Street Marsh environmental assessment. Mr. MacLatchy indicated that many sites are contributing to the pollution of this marsh and noted that several companies own portions of the marsh. He indicated that a significant review process is ongoing.

Ms. Grant mentioned that people are dumping tires at Belle Park. Mr. Richmond replied that the City of Kingston has a contractor who is responsible for the cleanup of the shoreline.

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Ms. Grant

**THAT** the Green Spaces & Waterways Working Group Working Group meeting notes be received.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Land Use and Rejuvenation Working Group**

There was none.

### **iii. Climate Change Working Group**

Ms. Grant indicated that Mr. MacLatchy attended the Climate Change Working Group meeting to discuss the Community Greenhouse gas Emission Inventory (2006-2009) Report.

Ms. Grant spoke to the Climate Change Working Group meeting notes.

Moved by Ms. Grant  
Seconded by Councillor Scott

**THAT** the Climate Change Working Group meeting notes be received.

**CARRIED**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **a) Review of the Abeyance List**

The Committee consented to remove items 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 from the abeyance list.

#### **b) KEAF Annual Update to Council**

Mr. Dubin indicated that KEAF has not provided Council with an annual update since 2009. He suggested that KEAF should prepare an update to Council and mentioned that he would examine this matter further.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS**

There was none.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Berg

**THAT** the meeting so adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

