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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Hospital

35 N. Algoma Street

Conference Room #3

Attendance:

Alan Forbes (Chair), Nadine Mymryk (Recorder), Mary Nucci, Lucy LaFramboise, Courtney Korbyck, Bill Deadman

Regrets:

Robert Hookam, Jason Sherband, Kelsey Johansen

1) **Welcome:** Alan called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

2) **Additions to the Agenda:**

5.) Sustainable Environmental & Ethical Purchasing Policies (SEEPP) - Mary

3) **Municipal Green Awards Update:**

The deadline for applications has been extended until June 1st. Mary has contacted Franco Superior High School and Superior Collegiate, and forwarded applications to them. She has also contacted Harold Wilson from the Chamber of Commerce. They are prepared to put information regarding the award in their Chamber Newsletter. The contact person is Ryan Moore, and the Committee will contact him in the fall once we resume our meetings after the summer holiday. The MGA Committee may meet again or make contact sometime in July or August to decide the fall meeting date and determine how much advertising can be done through the Chamber.

The Chamber hosts after work sessions, up to 150 business people attend these events. Someone from ZWAT or the MGA Committee could attend a session and promote ZWAT.

The Committee is planning for better promotion of the awards this year so we'll have more applicants next for next year's award ceremony.

4) Waste Diversion

i. CEAP Connection

At an Earthwise Waste Working Group meeting the Committee was trying to determine how to prioritize the goals outlined in the CEAP. One of the goals appeals to ZWAT:

9.6 Work with large and small IC&I waste generators to develop and implement waste reduction/diversion strategies.

- *Encourage compliance with Ontario's 3Rs Waste Regulations*
- *The City will continue to work with small businesses to develop cost effective solutions to increase waste reduction and diversion.*
- *Identify new economic development opportunities.*
- *Reduce the life-cycle cost of industrial infrastructure.*
- *Provide incentives and enact bylaws to divert resources from landfill.*

The thought is that ZWAT could take on this goal on behalf of Earthwise since it is within our mandate.

ii. Targeted Materials

We could use Survey Monkey or Survey Gizmo to determine what material(s) we should focus on diverting.

Randy from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is currently diverting all kinds of plastics, including shrink wrap. He creates "sandwich bales" – cardboard with one type of plastic (#1 to #7) sandwiched between cardboard. Gardewine is the hauler. Metro waste from southern Ontario is paying for his cardboard.

5) Sustainable Environmental & Ethical Purchasing Policies (SEEPP)

Mary informed us that SEEPP for the City of Thunder Bay has been created and will be going to Council soon.

6) Good News & Information Sharing

Alan Forbes, OLG Casino:

The Casino eliminated bottled water from the Casino – saving 62,000 bottles/ year. This spring the Casino held an E-Waste Collection Day at the end of April for Earth Day (since it was on Good Friday they held it the weekend after). Everyone was welcome to drop off their e-waste for free in the parking lot, 17,000 lbs of e-waste was collected, not as much as last year (62,000 lbs) but still a good turnout and it raised \$1,800. The proceeds were donated to EcoSuperior. They usually host

two collection days a year – once in the spring for Earth Day and again in the fall for Waste Reduction Week. Pack Pros will provide the service and donate the funds to any local charity you would like the money to go towards.

Courtney Korbyck, Confederation College:

Confederation College is having a Green Event on June 9th for the Launch of their Campus Environmental Action Plan. Other initiatives include re-vamping their recycling program; more recycling containers are provided throughout the campus and offered in more buildings than before.

Randy Mehagan, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre:

A Green Fair was held early in May by Claude Garton School. Recool was there. Randy manned the Trees of Thunder Bay – Tree Stewardship booth. There was also bike riding, bike safety, learning how to play drums (20 min sessions), making shirts out of bags and tree planting (Arbour Day). Andrew Foulds came out and the event was very successful with around 140 to 160 people attending.

7) Selection of the Next General Meeting Date

September, specific date TBA.

8) Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.