

**ZWA Team Meeting Minutes
Bombardier Transportation
1001 Montreal St.
March 25 2009 2-3:30pm**

In Attendance:

Patrick Fenlon, Pack Pros Plus, Chair; Randy Mehagan, TBRHSC, Vice-Chair; Membership; Lynne LeGros, Apple Credit Union, Treasurer; Janice Horgos, Administration / Community Relations; Lenore Buzzi, MGA Committee Chair; Bill Deadman, Arclin, ExOfficio; Lynn Duffield, Abitibi Bowater, EarthWise Rep; Hosts Robbie England and Lindsay Fenton, Bombardier; Councillor Rebecca Johnson; Michelle McChristie, Ministry of the Environment; Karen Copeland, EcoSuperior; Rena Viehbeck, TB Tree Stewardship Program; Vanessa DeGiacomo, Energy Analyst, CTB Facilities; Jason Sherband, CTB Coordinator Solid Waste and Diversion; Mary Nucci, CTB Materials Management; Lucy Laframboise, Citizen Member; Lynne Lessard, Recool Canada; Gaetan Ayotte, LaVerendrye High School; Glenn Berst, St. Joseph's Care Group; Jane Oldale, EcoSuperior; Frank Ilczyszyn, Frank's Alternate Energy; Martha Picard, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce; Joe Drcar, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Charles Campbell, Superior Credit Union/EarthWise Energy WG; Tina Gibson, Gary Butler, LCBO; Alan Forbes, OLG Casino Thunder Bay; Roger and Bev Welyki, Beyond Borders; Brenda Andrew, Apple Credit Union; Tom Chadwick, MGM Electric; Laura Grady, OPG; John Bell, Aqua Care; Robert Hookham, Thunder Bay District Health, Gerald Lamers, IIS

Facility Tour: Robbie and Lindsay led a tour of the facility where parts are produced and assembled to manufacture rail cars. Bombardier employs 700 people and has manufactured 1400 cars to date. Production is beginning on new TTC Rocket Cars. Lindsay described how decommissioning the process tanks, has significantly reduced water and energy consumption and lowered CO2 emissions.

Presentations:

"Bombardier's Environmental Initiatives" presented by Lindsay Fenton, Plant Engineer Lindsay described Bombardier's initiatives to reduce energy, water, solid and hazardous waste and increase recycling. A new scrap metal program has been implemented and internal recycling champions recognized. Employees are encouraged to participate in the plant's battery recycling program. To reduce packaging, a local supplier fills bins with parts and the bins are brought to work areas as needed. Acid welding has been eliminated and a 5% reduction in hazardous waste achieved. All water leaks have been stopped and heating and lighting controls optimized. Bombardier is hoping to construct a solar wall on the south wall of the facility, with an estimated payback period of 48 months. Projects slated for 2009 include energy efficient lighting, recycling workshops and the elimination of the pickling process.

Thunder Bay Tree Stewardship Program presented by Rena Viehbeck, TSP Coordinator Rena described the many benefits of urban trees including reducing heating and energy costs, providing sound barriers and increasing property values. Thunder Bay's Urban Forest is in a state of crisis as trees are not being planted quickly enough to replace older,

dying trees. There are many boulevards around the City that are bare and in need of trees. The City provides citizens with three options: they can put their name on a waiting list for a boulevard tree, pay the full cost of having one planted or participate in Thunder Bay's Tree Stewardship Program. This is a unique cost-shared, accelerated tree planting program developed in 2006 by City Parks and Trees Thunder Bay, a local Urban Forest advocacy group. The cost is shared equally (\$125@) by the City, homeowners and donations and grants. More than 150 trees have been planted through the program and the goal is to plant 160 in 2009. Information about the Tree Stewardship Program is available at www.treestewardship.com.

Heart of the Harbour Downtown BIA's Green Initiatives – Lynne Lessard

The BIA has installed 7 new recycling bins to encourage recycling and discourage littering. Education is ongoing to ensure people use the bins properly. 10 trees were planted and all transformers in the area were upgraded in 2008; twinkle lights were replaced by LED's. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend this year's Harbourfest from June 19 -21; organizers are working with the ZWATeam to make it a Litter Free Green Event. Heart of the Harbour BIA will launch the City and EcoSuperior's 2009 Spring Up-To-Clean-Up Event in May.

Patrick thanked Bombardier for hosting the meeting and providing the tour and Lindsay, Rena and Lynne for their excellent presentations. Patrick advised that WDO data indicates that Ontario's IC&I sectors typically divert 12% of their waste; in Thunder Bay IC&I sectors divert 39% of their waste. He congratulated ZWATeam members for being leaders in waste diversion in the Province.

1. Previous Minutes

Lynne Lessard made a motion to approve the January 21, 2009 meeting minutes
Seconded by Lenore Buzzi
Carried.

2. Financial Report

There is an account balance of \$949.86.

3. Membership

Reciprocal membership with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce was renewed.
Invoices for 2009/2010 Membership Fee will be mailed out in May.

4. Correspondence/Community Relations

- Website had 668 hits in February with 265 first time visitors
- ZWATeam had a display at the Lake Superior Place AGM on January 28
- On Feb. 14, Janice and Lucy had a ZWATeam display and children's craft table at the Current River Carnival
- EarthWise Thunder Bay presented "The Story of Stuff" at Waverley Library on March 25 followed by presentations by Rick Latta, CTB Landfill and Recycling and Patrick Fenlon, ZWATeam Chair
- Janice gave ZWATeam presentations to several groups/businesses
- ZWATeam's 2008 Annual Report was distributed to City Councillors, Members and Advisors (available on Website www.zwat.org)

5. Updates

CTB Landfill and Recycling – Vanessa DeGiacomo and Jason Sherband

Vanessa said she enjoyed working with the ZWATeam as the CTB Landfill and Recycling Analyst for the past five years. She will continue to serve as an Advisor in her new position as the City's Energy Analyst and Energy Conservation Officer. Vanessa introduced Jason Sherband, the City's new Coordinator of Solid Waste and Diversion. Following graduation from Confederation College's Environmental Engineering Program, Jason worked in the Waste/Water Depts. in Guelph and Marathon. Patrick thanked Vanessa and welcomed Jason as an Advisor to the ZWATeam.

EcoSuperior: Jane Oldale

- New staff include third energy advisor and Youth Outreach/Education Coordinator – will have a Youth Booth at Intercity Shopping Centre on April 18
- Launched Rural Property Guide on Feb. 19 at Shuniah Township – for info contact Jane; Eco Driver presentations available – contact Derek
- Lake Superior Think Tank March 20, 21: Cabinet Clean Up supported by Shoppers Drug Mart – take unused medicine back to pharmacy – contact Lucie
- Rainbarrels, composters, seeds on sale – accepting residential fluorescent lights
- Well Aware Program and Central Ave. Natural Garden starting in May
- Benthic Biometering Workshop for Professionals May 21 & 22nd – OBBN Certification. Bug ID night at LU April 1 for general public – contact Lucie
- Spring EcoNewsletter will be distributed April 1.

Spring Up to Clean Up: Karen Copeland

- Spring Up to Clean Up to be launched May 1; will include 20 Minute Makeover
- Not providing disposable gloves – good quality gardening gloves will be provided for \$1.00 a pair; ZWATeam will provide \$50.00 in sponsorship
- ZWATeam will hold annual Spring Up to Clean Up Event on Wednesday, May 27 from 11m until noon, followed by lunch at East Side Mario's

Municipal Green Awards: Lenore Buzzi

Six advised that Mayor Peterson, John Husiak and Patrick Fenlon presented 2008 Municipal Green Awards to Bombardier Transportation, Cargill Limited and Quality Market, Confederation College, Take a Hike and Waverley Park Tower. 2009 Municipal Green Award Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2009. Details about the 2008 MGA Winners and the 2009 MGA Application are available at www.zwat.org

EarthWise Advisory Committee: Committee Chair, Lynn Duffield

The EWAC have developed draft Terms of Reference which will be presented to Council in May. Sarah is reactivating the Working Groups and a meeting of the EWAC and the WG Chairs and 2 members of each WG will be held in April.

EarthWise Waste Working Group – Janice Horgos

The reactivated Waste Working Group met on March 2 and reviewed the WG's recommendations in the EarthWise CEAP. Patrick will provide a presentation on Zero

Waste at next meeting on April 6. Anyone interested in participating on the WG may contact Janice Horgos, Waste WG Chair at zwatcentral@yahoo.com.

6. Information Sharing/Good News

- Lynne LeGros, Chair of the Current River Carnival Planning Committee thanked the ZWATeam for helping to make it a Litter Free Green Event and for having the Children's 'Green Crafts' table
- Randy Mehagan advised the TBRHSC stopped delivering water in single use plastic bottles to patients six weeks ago; the hospital is also recycling shrink wrap/plastic bags/IV wrap bags and metal scissors
- Earth Hour will be held on March 28 from 8:30 until 9:30 around the world; participants to sign up on EcoSuperior's Website at www.ecosuperior.org for prizes; ZWATeam sponsored \$50.00 for this event
- Rena Viehbeck advised CTB Parks will be launching a commemorative tree program
- Laura Grady worked with the OPG plant in Atikokan to establish recycling program for paper/plastic/batteries and e-waste

Next Meeting

CTB Facilities and Fleet will host the Wednesday, May 20 meeting from 2-3:30pm
Venue to be confirmed.