

ZWA Team Meeting Minutes
Canada Games Complex
May 20 2009 2-3:30pm

In Attendance:

Patrick Fenlon, Pack Pros Plus, Chair; Randy Mehagan, TBRHSC, Vice-Chair; Janice Horgos, Administration / Community Relations; Bill Deadman, Arclin, ExOfficio; Lynn Duffield, Abitibi Bowater, EarthWise Rep; Hosts, Mike Sandrin, Franco Marchese, Bernie Edwards, Vanessa DeGiacomo, CTB Facilities and Fleet; Patrick Larocque and Jamie Shipley, CMHC; Sarah Kerton, EarthWise Coordinator; Nicole Daniels, EarthWise Intern; Jason Sherband, CTB Coordinator Solid Waste and Diversion; Rena Viehbeck, TB Tree Stewardship Program; Decio Lopes, CTB Planning; Councillor Rebecca Johnson; Councillor Joe Virdiramo; Wim Smits, MOE; Lucy Laframboise, Citizen Member; Lynne Lessard, Recool Canada; Jane Oldale, EcoSuperior; Frank Ilczyszyn, Frank's Alternate Energy; Jim Squier, Lakehead University; Alan Forbes, OLG Casino Thunder Bay; Raymond Nadeau and Lis Masdea, Victoria Inn; Brian Perigord, Boreal Solutions; Brian Campbell, Confederation College; David Whitfield, Savitar Solar Heating; Andrew Perrons, Perrons EcoSolutions; Ruth Cook, EarthWise Waste and Education WG's; Tom Cook, EarthWise Green Buildings WG; Brenda Andrew, Apple Credit Union; Tina Gibson, Gary Butler, LCBO; Laura Grady, OPG; Robert Hookham, Thunder Bay District Health Unit; Glenn Berst, St. Joseph's Care Group; Kelsey Agnew, Friends of Chippewa

Tour: Franco Marchese, Facilities Services Supervisor led members on a very interesting tour of the facility's plant and its new air handling unit. CTB Facilities has made energy management a top priority for the facility and from 2005-2008 realized a savings of \$53,000 in energy costs and reduction of 139 tonnes of Greenhouse Gas Emissions at the Canada Games Complex.

Patrick thanked CTB Facilities and Fleet for hosting the ZWATeam meeting at the Complex and introduced the presenters.

Presentations

Equilibrium Sustainable Housing demonstration Project – Jamie Shipley, Canada Mortgage and Housing

Innovative homebuilding teams have been selected by CMHC to build demonstration homes in Canada that are both energy efficient and affordable. Winners received \$60,000 each towards the cost of building their homes. Jamie described several of the winners' projects; two were from Ontario, however one has faltered and may not be built. There might be an opportunity for a team in Thunder Bay to submit a proposal to Equilibrium Housing. For more information about the Equilibrium Sustainable Housing Demonstration Project, go to <http://www.cmhc.ca/en/inpr/su/eqho/index.cfm>

CTB Facilities and Fleet Energy Efficiency Initiatives at the Canada Games Complex – Mike Sandrin, Manager of Facilities Services; Franco Marchese, Facilities Services Supervisor, Vanessa DeGiacomo, Energy Analyst

CTB Facilities has implemented a comprehensive preventive management program for all Municipal buildings under its responsibility. This coupled with energy efficiency initiatives has resulted in reduced operating costs, cosmetic improvements and GHG emission reductions. The Canada Games Complex has undergone extensive lighting and HVAC retrofits and the building has been sealed from the elements. New fixtures have been installed to reduce water consumption. Between 2005 and 2008 these initiatives resulted in a savings of 587,700 kwh. An awareness program was launched to ensure the program was supported by facility staff. All new equipment will be incorporated into the building automation system and additional savings will be reported.

Net-Zero Guide for Business – Sarah Kerton, EarthWise Thunder Bay Coordinator
Sarah distributed copies of the Net-Zero Guide for Business developed by the EarthWise Energy Working Group to help businesses reduce costs while protecting the environment. The Guide provides a blueprint for setting up a Net Zero Business Plan and offers a Net Zero Recognition Program to congratulate and boost the community profile of businesses taking up the challenge to reduce GHG emissions. Annual updates must be submitted and status as a recognized EarthWise Net-Zero Business will be awarded each year based on the annual update. Information about the Net Zero Guide is available at www.earthwisethunderbay.com

Patrick thanked everyone for their excellent presentations.

1. March 25 2009 Minutes - deferred

2. Financial Report

There is a current account balance of \$402.91.

3. Membership Report

Membership renewal invoices will be mailed out by the end of May.

4. Correspondence/Community Relations /EarthWise Waste Working Group – see attached report

5. Updates

CTB Landfill and Recycling - see attached report

EcoSuperior - see attached report

Ministry of the Environment – deferred

Municipal Green Award Committee – 6 applications have been received

EarthWise Advisory Committee – deferred

6. New Business

Local Zero Hero Certificates

Patrick presented Local Zero Hero Certificates to Victoria Inn, St. Joseph's Care Group and Sarah Kerton, EarthWise Co-coordinator for their exceptional efforts to eliminate waste and manage resources.

Ontario Electronic Stewardship – Patrick provided copies of the OES “Do What You Can” brochure. Pack Pros has been designated as the consolidation point and collector for E-Waste for the 705-807 area. For more information call Pack Pros at 344-8799

7. Information Sharing/Good News

- The Downtown Heart of the Harbour Harbourfest will be celebrated June 19, 20 and 21. For more information contact Lynne at heartoftheharbour@shaw.ca
- Family Day will be celebrated at Chippewa Park on Sunday, June 28. For more information contact Kelsey at chippewa@tbaytel.net

8. Next Meeting

CTB Landfill and Recycling will host the Wednesday, September 16 ZWATeam meeting from 2-3:30pm at the new Administration Facility at the John St. Landfill Site.