

ZWATeam MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 18 2009 2-3:30pm
Superior Collegiate Library 333 High St. North

Suzanne Eddy, Vice Principal of Superior Collegiate conducted a tour of the school highlighting the facility's innovative educational tools and green initiatives.

There were 27 people in attendance.

Guest: Hugh Mullaly, Common Voice Northwest

Welcome: Patrick opened the meeting welcoming everyone and had members do self introductions.

Patrick presented Bill Deadman with an Honourary Membership for his many years of services as Chair/Past-Chair and member of the Municipal Green Committee.

1) Previous Minutes

Motion to accept the September 16 2009 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Rebecca Johnson

Seconded by: Lynne Lessard

Carried.

2) Financial Report - Lynne LeGros

Balance of account is \$1,927.93. Members may contact Lynne LeGros for a copy of the 2009 Year End Financial Report.

3) Membership – Tina Gibson (Membership List Attached)

There are 37 paid 2010 members. Welcome was extended to 6 new members:

Jay Eingold, Gillons Insurance, LCBO Thunder Bay Stores, Perrons

EcoSolutions, Savitar Solar Heating, Thunder Bay District Health Unit and

Thunder Bay Insurance.

4) Education/Outreach – Janice Horgos reported Lucy Laframboise set up the ZWATeam's display at St. Joseph's Care Group facilities from Oct. 5-9. Janice met with the TB Baseball Association to assist them in organizing the 2010 Junior International Championships as a Litter Free Green Event. An article titled "The Real Cost of Waste" was submitted for the Nov. TB Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. TB Chamber of Commerce After 5 Event will be held at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Nov. 18 from 5-7pm. ZWATeam's Website had 756 hits in October.

5) Reports/Updates:

a) City Council – Rebecca Johnson advised Council is very committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs through energy efficiency initiatives, methane capture at landfill, Clean, Green and Beautiful Program etc.

b) CTB Facilities and Fleet – no report

c) CTB Materials Management – Mary Nucci advised MM is finalizing the SEEP Policy, waiting for input from City Dept. Policy will be going to Council in the first quarter of 2010. Purchasing initiatives that support waste reduction/recycling/green buildings are as follows: Waste energy reduction at Canada Games Complex, through automation and controls they have been able to reduce energy costs by 1/3 City Dept, replacing existing supply of cups, paper plates, with environmentally friendly products which are available in our Transit Stores. Concession operators are being directed to use environmentally responsible products. New City buildings will be built to Silver LEED Certification standard; some of the new buildings include EMS, Library, DSAP, Waterfront buildings, etc

d) EcoSuperior – Karen Copeland reported Waste Reduction Week was very successful. 440 kg of E-Waste was collected at EQ Jennings School, which hosted the WRW launch. The pumpkin compost collection diverted 24, 450kg from landfill to the municipal composting facility; there was a waste reduction & recycling fair at Intercity Shopping Centre; radio promotions; school presentations, landfill tours; posters & bookmarks made and distributed to inform people where to take spent batteries and electronics for safe disposal and recycling.

Currently surveying Seniors' residences and Homes For the Aged to encourage more participation in safe disposal of pharmaceuticals. Coming soon, we will launch a program aimed at safe disposal of veterinary pharmaceuticals, targeting pet owners.

Continue to work on opening a new fluorescent light collection depot in Terrace Bay, with funding from OPG. Recently hosted a successful Binational Forum meeting and public input session focused on EarthWise (Nov. 6). Develop a litterfree action plan.

e) EarthWise Advisory Committee – Lynn Duffield advised it was a very busy first year for the EWAC team. It was mostly comprised of dealing with all the administrative issues that go along with building a committee of council including defining its role with regard to the EarthWise Plan and the relationship with City Managers. An EarthWise subcommittee receives information from the city's site plan control agreements which will aid the EWAC in identifying issues prior to buildings going up. It will also be looking at a process to post minutes so that EarthWise partners and groups will be able to view them. There are plans to invite the City Manager to a future EWAC meeting to discuss issues.

f) Electronic Waste and Tire Recycling – Patrick Fenlon reported that Pack Pros Plus, Intercity Shopping Centre, EcoSuperior and the ZWATeam held an E-Waste Collection at Intercity Shopping Centre. The event attracted over 600 vehicles and almost 3 truckloads of e-waste were safely diverted (21,683kg) Patrick was advised

by OES that more e-waste was collected at this event than in many larger centres such as Kingston. Patrick thanked Bill Deadman, Karen Copeland, Janice Horgos and Randy Mehagan for helping out with the collection.

g) Municipal Green Award Committee – Lenore Buzzi advised a final meeting will be held in December to review the final reports from the 6 Applicants. 2010 MGA Applications will be posted on the ZWATeam's Website shortly.

6) New Business

a) IC&I 3Rs Waste Audits/Workplan Workshop

Janice advised a committee is being formed to plan a workshop to be held in March 2010. The MOE has hired 10 inspectors to enforce the Province's 3Rs Regulations. An official with the MOE will provide information on the Regulations and doing waste audits and work plans to assist ZWATeam members' compliance with the Regulations.

b) Common Voice Northwest: Hugh advised Common Voice Northwest is a public policy group made up of regional mayors and community leaders. The Province's recently released Northern Growth Plan identifies several economic and environmental goals for the region. The EarthWise CEAP was developed by all sectors of the community and includes recommendations for action that support the goals in the Northern Growth Plan. Hugh was given a copy of the EarthWise CEAP, and was asked to organize a meeting with the ZWATeam, EcoSuperior and EarthWise to provide an opportunity for them to provide input for the Common Voice Northwest's response to the Plan.

7) Information Sharing/Good News

Cam Rosa said Thunder Bay Insurance is encouraging other branches in the district and insurance brokers across the Province to adopt a goal of Zero Waste. Janice provided regional branches with a guide to setting up waste reduction/diversion programs and how to form ZWATeams in their communities. He provided a copy of the Thunder Bay Insurance Fall Newsletter featuring an article by Ashleigh Quarrel about TBI receiving the ZWATeam's first Litter Free Green Event Certificate and the formation of its Green Team.

Marian Begall and Trina DeStefano said St. Joseph's Care Group's Green Team is looking forward to hosting the next ZWATeam meeting at the new Margaret Smith Addiction Centre which was built to a LEED Gold Standard.

Patrick thanked Suzanne Eddy for the tour and for hosting the meeting.

8) The next meeting will be hosted by Glenn Berst, Building Services Manager, St. Joseph's Care Group on January 20, 2010 from 2-3:30pm at the Margaret Smith Addiction Centre

9) Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting
Moved by Lynn Duffield
Seconded by Bill Deadman
Carried.