

Committee Members Present:

Amy Burke
 Helen Bajorek MacDonald
 Elva Reid
 Mayor Abernethy

Mary Novak
 Glen Murphy
 Jonathan Wheatle

Ron Collis
 Richard Marceau

Co-ordinators Present:

Carlos Salazar Jennifer Cooke Sheila Hall

Staff Present Lisa Backus Susan Hajnik

Regrets:

Madison Stange Gordon Johnston
 Dave Clark Vanessa Hughes

Delegation: Mr. John Stephenson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Opening Remarks	Mayor Abernethy welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Green Committee and noted that it is Earth Day. Mayor Abernethy stated his apologies to committee if any one felt intimidated during any meeting. He stated that Committee should have a frank discussion of the topic at hand and make their decision. To help facilitate the discussion Mayor Abernethy turned the remainder of the meeting over to vice-chair, Amy Burke and left the meeting.	
Motion	Moved by Amy Burke, Seconded by Ron Collis <i>"That the agenda be adjusted to have the discussion regarding the Chair of the Committee after the presentation by the delegation of Mr. John Stephenson"</i>	Carried
Motion	Moved by Ron Collis, Seconded by Helen Bajorek MacDonald <i>"That the Agenda be accepted with additions"</i>	Carried
Delegation	Mr. John Stephenson addressed Committee on his thoughts regarding the name, mandate and objectives assigned to this committee. Mr. Stephenson feels that with the current economic situation in the United States, the supply of fuel oil at its peak and global warming that the future looks grim. He further stated he feels that this committee should be more about providing Clarington residents with ideas and tools to assist them in creating a more sustainable future. Mr. Stephenson concluded his presentation by outlining ways he feels committee/staff can assist area residents to achieve the goal of sustainability.	
Discussion- Chair of the Committee	The issue of the Clerk's report on the eligibility of the Mayor to sit as chair was raised as members did not receive copies of the report. A few of the members were concerned that the	

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Motion	<p>report may have not reflected the Committee's views on the issue.</p> <p>Members were advised that the report had been referred back to staff and that an additional report would be before GPA on Monday April 28.</p> <p>Several members expressed their frustration since they volunteered to make this community better rather than discussing procedures at every meeting. One member stated that they clearly recalled the mayor stating that he would chair to get the Committee up and running and then he would step aside, the majority of members concurred.</p> <p>Moved by Richard Marceau, seconded by Glenn Murphy</p> <p><i>A vote of confidence for current chair.</i></p> <p>Passed by majority of members, a recorded vote was requested; however it was agreed that minutes show that only two members Helen Bajorek MacDonald and Ron Collis voted not, the other six members vote in support.</p>	<p>6 in favor 2 against</p> <p>Carried</p>
Motions	<p>Further discussion took place regarding the length of time the current chair will sit as the Terms of Reference called for the Mayor to be the Interim Chair.</p> <p>Moved by Richard Marceau, seconded by Johnathan Wheatle</p>	Carried
	<p><i>"that there be a review of the chair in a minimum of 12 months time during which a grooming process takes place for a new chair"</i></p> <p>During discussion it was suggested that Amy Burke would take over the position of chair when the interim chair vacates but Amy Burke declined the nomination at this time.</p>	
	Approval of minutes moved to next meeting.	
Clarington Challenge	Clarington Challenge is the name given to our partnership with Channel 12. Jennifer Cooke will circulate more information on this initiative in a separate e-mail. A sub-committee will be formed to work on this initiative. In the mean time, members were encouraged to reply with email comments to Jennifer once the information is received.	Jennifer
Official Plan Review	<p>The Municipality of Clarington is currently undertaking a review of the Official Plan. A sub-committee has been formed to make comments and suggestions on this document.</p> <p>The Volunteers to work on the OP Review are: Amy Burke, Elva Reid, Mary Novak, and Glen Murphy</p>	Subcommittee: Amy Burke, Elva Reid, Mary Novak, Glen Murphy
	Committee was congratulated on moving forward.	
Motion	To adjourn.	Carried