

Committee Members Present:

Amy Burke
 Helen Bajorek MacDonald

Vanessa Hughes
 Elva Reid

Glen Murphy
 Madison Stange

Staff Present Lisa Backus Susan Hajnik Jennifer Cooke

Regrets:

Mayor Abernethy Dave Clark Carlos Salazar
 Ron Collis Gordon Johnston
 Mary Novak Richard Marceau Jonathan Wheatle

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OPENING REMARKS	Vice-chair Amy Burke provided opening remarks. Due to the number of members who sent regrets a quorum is not present and therefore the committee is unable to pass any motions or make recommendations. The meeting will focus on up-coming projects. Congratulations to Helen, Elva and Ron on an excellent presentation to Council regarding Earthhour.	
Waste diversion ontario	The Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program Plan has been approved. Set to launch July 1, 2008 the program will help reduce, reuse, recycle and responsibly dispose of common household products such as paints, solvents, batteries and oil filters that can often end up being poured down the drain or thrown out with regular garbage. http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/news/2008/022101.php	
REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	Comments were provided.	Approval of minutes (Nov; Jan)deferred until quorum.
BUSINESS ARISING	Outstanding Items the committee would like addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Report back regarding Motion passed at November meeting that came out of the delegation of Linda Gasser. o Report back regarding the Channel 12 work plan that was requested by motion on October 23, 2007 minutes and to be presented to the Living Green Committee at it's January meeting. o The Living Green Committee was unaware of the Channel 12 presentation to Council's budget deliberations as we 	March Agenda March Agenda March Agenda

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	<p>were awaiting a report to us regarding the Green Challenge work plan, and that the negative press related to the process may have negatively impacted public perceptions of the Living Green Committee. Report back regarding the October 23, 2007 motion for a workplan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Absenteeism. We should investigate the establishment in the Terms of Reference guidelines that reflect the intent of the committee to have members who are able to devote time necessary for the advancement of the Living Green Committee's goals and objectives. If a member misses, for instance, about 3 meetings in a one-year cycle, constituting about 25-30% of the meetings, they ought to be asked to step aside allowing for someone else to sit on the committee who could adequately devote the necessary time to the Committee's various projects, working groups, etc. 	March Agenda.
<p>EARTH HOUR</p> <p>Earth hour cont'd</p>	<p>Clarington Advertising - Earth Hour advertisements will/has run in the Clarington.net paper that is delivered quarterly to homes, and has been a banner in both the Clarington This Week and the Orono Times. Notices about will go on all of the information screens at all municipal facilities (MOC, Rickard, Courtice Complex, Library) the sign outside the BMO will also have a text version. Earthhour information will be included in a second e-update. E-Update is an electronic newsletter sent from Planning Services to over 300 people/agencies/municipal offices.</p> <p>A letter will be drafted that can be sent to service groups and organizations to encourage their participation.</p> <p>Please e-mail Sue or Lisa with either regular or e-mail addresses of companies/organizations that you would like to have included in the mail out by March 7, 2008. Letters will be signed by both the Chair and Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Discussion about how to measure "success" so that after Earth Hour, a press release could be issued outlining details of outcomes.</p> <p>Veridian and Hydro One have both indicated that they will be metering during Earth Hour. Veridian intends to do a comparison with the previous week's usage.</p> <p>A Facebook group/event will be created.</p> <p>An online countdown to Earth Hour will be investigated.</p> <p>We need to acknowledge participation in this event possibly with a letter of thanks afterwards.</p>	<p>Jennifer</p> <p>Amy/Helen</p> <p>All – Lisa/Sue</p> <p>Madison</p> <p>Jennifer</p>
NEW BUSINESS	Pitch-in-Clarington will run April 20 to 26, 2008. The 26 th is	Amy – further

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Pitch-In-Clarington 2008	anticipated to be the big day. Schools/groups individuals can register to get involved in the clean up. You can request a specific park or area if you wish. The Municipality supplies the gloves and garbage bags. The area is cleaned up and garbage bags are left in a designated spot for municipal pick up. 2007 saw 2000 participants	discussion at March meeting.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Living Green website www.bluetogreen.net. Should be up and running soon. ● A section of the Clarington.net paper will be "Living Green Tips" please get your tips/ideas to Jennifer. ● Investigate the establishment of a working group to take responsibility for the tips/ideas in the Clarington.net paper . Deadlines for information to Jennifer for inclusion in the quaterly issue: April 15;July 15;oct. 15;Jan. 15. ● The Golden Book (yellow pages) will have a section of Environmental Tips sponsored by this committee. The living green logo will be on each page!!!! ○ Budget: There was some discussion of a need for the committee to have a budget, for funding for various aspects has thus far been coming out of various dept. budgets. ○ In Absentia, the Mayor provided to the committee for discussion a printout submission from John Stephenson entitled "The future Looks Grim – 2. There was a brief discussion regarding delegations. The Committee indicated that any citizen can request to present as a delegation, and should Mr. Stephenson wish to do so, he is welcome to. ○ Committee webpage - for future discussion ○ Jennifer Cooke is meeting with Elaine Garnett Fr. Feb. 29 regarding the Green Challenge; to report back to committee at next meeting. ○ Request for clarification: how do we ensure that individuals who go before council on our behalf do so through protocols of discussion /motions? Report back at next meeting. 	<p>March Agenda</p> <p>March Agenda</p> <p>March Agenda March Agenda</p> <p>March Agenda</p> <p>March Agenda</p>
FUTURE AGENDA	<p><u>March 25, 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuation of workshop ○ Pitch In Clarington ○ Absenteeism ○ Report back requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'Presentations to council' protocol. How do we ensure that individuals who go before council on our behalf do so through protocols of discussion/motions? ○ Channel 12 - Green Challenge update 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion passed at November meeting that came out of the delegation of Linda Gasser○ Working Groups?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Webpage;○ Clarington.net tips/ideas;○ Community Awards/recognition: awards for within the community; set up a working group to develop criteria, timing, etc.	