

**Coordinating Committee - January 11th, 2013
GPA EDC – 210 Wolfe Street Peterborough, ON**

Minutes

1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Dave Clifford

Seconded by: Jeannette Thompson

THAT the January 11,2013 agenda be approved.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

4. Approval of the November 9th, 2012 Minutes

Motion by: Melanie Kawalec

Seconded by: Tom Cowie

That the minutes from the November 9th, 2012 Coordinating Committee meeting be approved.

5. Public Interest Strategy and Communications

Tim Welch from the Public Interest Strategy and Communications made a presentation to the committee regarding the 10-Year Peterborough Housing and Homelessness Plan consulting team and would like to facilitate a discussion about affordable housing and homeless-related services. The group is meeting with other community groups to gather information and demographic updates to assess the needs of the community. The goal is to have a draft plan in place by late March. Further consultations will take place in the Spring and then a full report will be forwarded to council with the hopes of full implementation to take place in late 2013.

Tim engaged the committee in a discussion about what their feelings were around the strengths of the community, the greatest needs for housing both in the City and the County, what homeless prevention programs are in place, what are the needs for emergency housing.

6. Administration

Report Card – Melanie Kawalec

Melanie updated on the progress of the report card. A link to the completed report will be available online. She is still looking for some potential challenges that we as a committee are facing and encouraged committee members to forward any to her by February 1, 2013.

Student Project Potential – Brigid

Brigid updated the committee on a student project proposal through Patti Watson. Patti has a student currently looking for 100 hours. Brigid can forward the proposal template to the group. One of the issues discussed was access to students can be impeded by their lack of transportation. The matching program that is accessed should include a provision for transportation.

Partnership Recruitment – Linda Slavin

Linda reported that partnership recruitment is slow and she would appreciate any volunteers to assist in the process. Ken and Sheridan both volunteered their services. Ken noted that the optics of having partners is good for the report card. Trish also commented that Fleming's Leadership Development Program includes a sustainability component. Trish suggested matching up partners to look for opportunities.

7. Working Groups update

Ag & Local Food – Linda Slavin

Pat Learmonth, Dawn Berry Merriam and Linda have recently formed the Ag & Local Food Working group. They have had their first exploratory meeting and reviewed the Economic Impact Analysis, Farms at Work etc. In the future the committee is looking to have all working groups make a presentation.

Economic Development – Brigid Ayotte

Brigid updated the Committee on some of the activities of the Economic Development Working Group. In December, the working group, together with the Business Advisory Centre hosting a Greening your Business seminar at the GPA EDC which featured David Whitehouse who highlighted the various programs available to business owners. Alex Mortlock also spoke about the Green Business program which is a recognition program through the Chamber of Commerce and Peterborough Green Up.

On January 17th, the Economic Development Working Group, Cambium Environmental, Peterborough Green Business and the Peterborough Business Advisory Centre will be hosting the Sustainable Business Initiative. Bob Willard will be the keynote speaker followed by a panel of local business owners discussing what they have done to implement sustainable business practices in their operations. It starts at 7am at the Holiday Inn Peterborough.

Climate Change – Stephen Hill

Stephen updated the committee on the Climate Change working group which now has a terms of reference. The two immediate projects are a funding proposal for a scoping document for climate change adaptation which will address what it would take to develop a plan. The second project is driven by the Health Unit and is a proposal for public health implications of climate change particularly in vulnerable populations.

Energy – Sheridan Graham

Sheridan has copies of an energy management template for EM plans that she offered to circulate to the committee. The County's energy management plan is currently under review. The City made a request for the information the County has on fleet management.

8. Membership Profile – Lois O'Neill

Lois O'Neill updated the Committee on the activities of Galway Cavendish Harvey Township. She circulated a chart of actions that they had Fleming Students prepare for them. This is a great tool when reviewing progress on certain activities.

In 2012, their best project involved changes to their waste management program. They eliminated free trips to the dump and increased their fees for loads to transfer stations. This resulted in a 54% reduction in waste and a 35% reduction in trucking costs.

Other activities include:

- In Cultural Assets, the township has developed "Rock the Locks"
- Replaced lights in the Health Centre
- Pushing accessibility in the community
- Sports Pad roof
- Strategic plan has been updated and being implemented
- Purchased two properties that they are turning into useable green space and they are moving the outdoor ice rink.
- They have done water system upgrades to conserve and improve water.
- Developing more re-use centres.
- Septic inspection groups
- Updating Operating plan for 2016
- Complete economic development plan
- Looking for permanent EMS plan in Buckhorn
- LAS is doing energy audits as part of Green Energy Act.

9. Roundtable Update

Some updates from around the table include:

- Low Flow toilet rebate program has reached 900 rebates at \$50/toilet
- Working on an inventory of urban forestry
- Fleming has started a 5yr sustainability plan as part of the STARS program.
- Hiawatha – stand down on septic proposal and are actively fighting Bill 38
- Hiawath election scheduled for January 17th, 2013
- Selwyn Township has adopted their strategic plan.
- Douro Dummer energy audits are underway and are pursuing rooftop solars for community centres. Recently have seen a 10% reduction in waste as a result of programs introduced.
- Trent is embarking on a research project on recreation for aging population.
- City is doing an arena needs assessments to identify volume of use by groups outside the community and how it will impact on use of outside community centres.
- City council recently approved the museum storage facility which is LEED standard and roof top solar.
- City now has a cultural planner and a revised advisory committee which is the keeper of the Cultural Plan. Looking to work with the townships starting in June.



- Former Committee member Axel Tscherniak from Peterborough Green Up has recently returned to Germany – Committee passed on their congratulations to Axel and his family.

10. Other Business

Motion by: Dave Clifford

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

11. Next Meeting –March 8th, 2013