

**Coordinating Committee**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.. Presentation to Stephen Hill**

**GPA EDC – 210 Wolfe Street Peterborough, ON**

**Participants:** Linda Slavin, Stephen Hill, Fred Irwin, Jeannette Thompson, John Knight, Axel Tscherniak, Tom Cowie, Dave Clifford, Lois O'Neill, Trish O'Connor, Brigid Ayotte

**Regrets:** Sheridan Graham, James Embrey, Mike Hendren, Ken Doherty, Melanie Kawalec

**Guests:** Alex Mortlock – Peterborough Green Business

**Minutes**

**1. Call to order/Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order by the Co-Chair at 9am.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with a request to remove item 10.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared

**4. Approval of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Minutes**

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Dave Clifford

That the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be approved with one minor change to item 8, Peterborough This Week did 5 articles.

**5. Community Project Presentation - Alex Mortlock of GreenUP on Green Business Peterborough**

Alex Mortlock from Peterborough GreenUp presented the Green Business Peterborough (GBP) Program to the Committee. GBP is a partnership between Peterborough GreenUp and the Chamber of Commerce and is a recognition program for businesses that have pledged to and have implemented strategies to reduce waste, save energy and adopt sustainable business practices. This program fits very nicely with the Priority Action for Economic Development which is to develop and implement a local program which fosters sustainable business activities among our region's small and medium sized enterprises.

**6. Action Items**

- Report Card and Database update – Brigid Ayotte

Report card,

- Brigid updated the committee on the database and report card. Database is coming along great but due to some schedule conflicts with the developers the demo will be deferred to the January meeting.
- A concept for the report card has been developed. Thanks to everyone who has submitted items for the initial report card – some really great stories. The concept is a four page newsletter style. Page one will include an introduction, page 2 and 3 will feature our accomplishments, challenges and opportunities and page 4 will include what our forward thinking strategies are, contact information and updates on committed partners.
- Since the September Meeting, Sustainable Peterborough (SP) has participated in two outreach events, the Purple Onion Festival and the Green Expo at Lansdowne Place
- SP and the BAC are working with Alex Mortlock to deliver a seminar on Greening your Business through Energy Conservation on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

#### **Partnership Update – Linda Slavin and Mike Hendren**

- Linda provided Committee Members with an updated Membership Outreach Report. She noted that there is a need for follow-up support. The Committee asked Brigid to forward a copy of the letter currently being used as well as the theme chart created by Melanie.

##### **i. Student Project Potential**

Fleming Students Integrated Project work – Trish O'Connor  
Currently Fleming students have an Integrated Project Work as a component of their curriculum. Currently Pattie Watson has tourism students that can offer up to 200 hours. There are other programs with similar work project components that may be of use to the Committee: International Supply Chain, Eco System Management, Energy & Computer Engineering, Marketing. Steven Hill also noted that there may be opportunities to incorporate some of the Masters students (from Sustainability) at Trent. Steven said he would follow up with program advisors to see if there is any opportunities for collaboration.

##### **ii. Trent Climate Change Study – Stephen Hill**

The Climate Change working group has been twice. They are working on partnering with Climate Protection on funding through FCM to fund a research paper by a Masters student to identify how local municipalities address climate change with limited resources. It was proposed that an environmental scan of climate change adaptation tools and techniques. Perhaps there may be some opportunity for funding from MITACS.

#### **7. A Quick Round Table Update on local sustainable projects**

- John Knight told the Committee that there is a new Chair of Sustainable Agriculture at Trent University. They have met with the City regarding the City Waste Water Treatment Plant. There are opportunities for recapturing

nutrients going into the water. Currently the Ministry has certain requirements for the management of bio solids going into the water. The City currently has to pay consultants to do this.

- Axel updated the Committee on a new program GreenUp is working on. It is a regional recycle ranger program for school education programs. They are finalizing a web based tool.
- Dave Clifford updated the Committee on the energy consumption of Douro Dummer Township which is down 20% since 2009.

## **8. Working Groups update**

- **Ag & Local Food – Linda Slavin** (report attached)

Linda updated the Committee that the Centre for Social Innovation are working on Alternative Economic Models. Fred noted that Transition Town is looking at going into neighbourhoods and doing energy and resiliency audits. This might be a good partnership opportunity for the climate change working group.

- **Land-use planning – Jeannette Thompson**

Jeannette forwarded a report on the Corporate Sustainability program at Fleming College. A copy will be available publicly in February.

- **Economic Development – Brigid Ayotte**

The Economic Development Working group has met twice. Members include Peterborough Green Up, Kawartha Heritage, Cambium Environmental, Royal Bank, and Chamber of Commerce. The group is planning for a Kick Off Event January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 featuring Bob Willard and a panel discussion of local business. The focus is to illustrate a business case for sustainability for SME's. This will be followed by a series of workshops/seminars facilitated by the Business Advisory Centre (BAC) focused on specific subject matter relating to sustainability.

- **Climate Change – Stephen Hill**

See above.

## **9. Membership Profile – Tom Cowie**

- Tom updated the committee on Hiawatha's proposal to Ducks Unlimited to clean up the wetlands and species at risk.
- They are working on developing potable water systems. They want to put a 30,000 gallon water tank near the life centre.
- They will be breaking ground on the Fire and EMS stations in April.
- They are looking at alternatives to the water treatment plant, perhaps a decentralized system on springs. The goal is to put safe drinking water into the community without a lot of cost.
- There is a proposal for septic inspections database to track the condition of the septic system.

- They are looking at a partnership with McMaster University on a water tool. Currently it is being tested in Kenya, Tom wants to see if it is applicable to First Nations needs.
- Their biggest concerns is source water protection and salt piles.
- They are interested in working with the City on Transportation solutions for residents. They are also looking at developing more bike trails using the railroad tracks, perhaps a trail to Keene.
- They are looking to participate in recycling programs because they currently don't have access to any recycling programs.

**10. Next Meeting – January 11 th, 2012**

**11. 11:00 A.M. Presentation to Stephen Hill**