

Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative
Sutherland Room - Peterborough City Hall
May 16, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Present: Cathy Mitchell, Diane Camelford, Melanie Kawalec, Anca Pascalau, Tyler Nolan, Rob Arkell, Joe Rees

Regrets: Linda Slavin, Andrew Laing, Natalie Ambler, Craig Mortlock, Brigid Ayotte

Joe Rees confirmed that a new PED rep will be assigned to the Working Group shortly.

Cathy Mitchell - PED has a new program, the B.L.A.S.T. Pilot Program, designed to provide local skilled tradespeople, product creation and professional service entrepreneurs over the age of 30 with the assistance, support and training needed for business success.

The website has been updated with the revised Terms of Reference and minutes. Cathy, Anca and Henry will meet to discuss the toolkit.

Economy and business is 1 of 8 Community Task Forces working on the GPA Climate Change Action Plan. The intent of the Task Forces is to inform development of the community aspects of the CCAP by bringing together community partners in smaller working groups based on their area of interest or expertise. The Task Forces will provide their advice on the Community Sector work within their specific thematic focus areas. Task Force discussion led to suggestions in line with creating a resource toolbox. Other ideas were brought forward, such as promotion, hosting sessions, the SPBI Working Group could liaise and contribute in an advisory committee capacity. The action items identified by CCAP are in line with this working group's objectives. The idea of inviting task force members to join SPBI was brought forth.

Cathy created a draft letter to the MP and MPP on behalf of SPBI in support of the Shining Waters Railway Project. Motion in support of the letter being sent:

Moved by: Cathy Mitchell

Seconded by: Diane Camelford

THAT the letter supporting the Shining Waters Railway Project be sent to the MP and MPP on behalf of SPBI.

MOTION CARRIED

PDI is conducting sessions throughout the summer. HVAC session will take place in June, mainly intended for contractors and suppliers but everyone is welcome.

Revisit Construction Association Sessions in Q4, as summer is busy season for contractors.

Other updates

Joe Reese – will find out about KMA calendar to potentially learn about new sessions available

Cathy Mitchell – summer students are working to expand association list

Rob Arkell – CCAP economic task force key learnings should be brought back to SPBI

Melanie Kawalec – Sept. 15 joint meeting with CCAP and SP CC. The role of the CCAP task force is to develop and prioritize the long list of actions. CCAP task force members to potentially join SPBI. Look at what's already in existence and promote rather than reinvent. Hold roundtables. Would be a good idea to host sessions on cap and trade legislation and how it will affect local business, write articles about the working groups in association newsletters. Grow a list of community newsletters and communication distribution list. Doors Open overview: 2500+ participants across 16 sites; the most popular sites were the Mount, PDI building, Peterborough Paramedics. The Ontario Government is hosting an open house on the coordinated land use planning review on June 28th, 5-8 at Evinrude. Comments can also be submitted online. The Federal Government survey on climate change is live online until June 1.

Diane Camelford– Lansdowne Place was invited to compete to pilot Catalyst by Transformative Wave, a unit that makes HVAC systems more efficient. They were invited to Vancouver to make their pitch.

Tyler Nolan – SGS Committee completed waste audit for the last 2 years and presented to management. They are presently at 55% diversion rate. Among the recommendations were fixing the recyclers and engaging the waste provider for industrial waste to conduct further diversion.