

# TEAM MEETING RECORD

Meeting No. <u>01/2013</u>
Date <u>30/01/2013</u>
Time <u>8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.</u>
Location <u>Councillors Mtg Room</u>

**Meeting Name** Brandon Environment Committee Meeting

**Objective(s)** Agenda November 2013 Monthly Meeting of the Brandon Environment Committee

<b>Attendees</b>	<u>Len Isleifson</u>	(X)	<u>Shaun Cameron</u>	(X)	
	<u>Juli Crosson</u>	(X)	<u>Ted Snure</u>	(P)	S=Scribe
	<u>Tom Keep</u>	(L)	<u>Kim Bresky</u>	(X)	P=Participant
	<u>Ryan Graves</u>	(P)	<u>Rae Smith</u>	(X)	L=Leader
	<u>Larry Bidlake</u>	(P)	<u>Ross Erickson</u>	( X)	A=Process Advisor
	<u>Parminder Sandhu</u>	(P)	<u>Lindsay Hargreaves</u>	(S)	T=Timekeeper
	<u>Hope Switzer</u>	(P)	<u>Roy Sobchuk</u>	(X)	X=Absent
	<u>Doug Paterson</u>	(P)	<u>Sherry Punak-Murphy</u>	(P)	I =Invitee
	<u>Bernie Whetter</u>	(P)	<u>Jamie Medland</u>	(X)	
	<u>Keith Williams</u>	(P)	<u>Chris Heidi</u>	(P)	
	<u>Kyla Maslaniec</u>	(P)	<u>Kooshoom Gutleea</u>	(X)	
	<u>Lacy Kontzie</u>	(P)	<u>Mireille Saurette</u>	(P)	
	<u>Shawn Hayden (ACC)</u>	(I)	<u>Dylan Bart</u>	(I)	

Item Sequence	Agenda Description	Time	Time Guideline
1	<b>Introductions</b>	All	5 minutes
2	<b>Highlights from last Meeting - approved</b>	Tom	5 minutes
3	<b>Correspondence – Crocus Plains School- Lindsay received an email from Crocus Plains teacher requesting funds for their mini aqua jam, grade 10 students teach grade 2 students at Waverly about water studies. Juli, Tom and Lindsay sit on the small funds committee if anyone else is interested in sitting on this committee please let Lindsay know. It was suggested that we ask if they send a rep to attend a meeting or submit a small report on the success of their event/project.</b>	Lindsay	5 minutes
4	<b>Water Workshop Recap (MCDA, MEIA) Hope gave a report back on information received from the Manitoba Conservation Districts Association annual conference in Dec. There were displays and interesting presentations covered about our water resource in Manitoba as well as keynote speaker Dr. David Suzuki was well received. Hope, Larry, Ted, Tom, and Lindsay attended a water workshop put on by Manitoba Environmental Industry Association, the objectives were to discuss the opportunities and barriers in with policy and moving forward on water issues in Manitoba. Lorne Fisch was the keynote speaker from the Cows &amp; Fish program in Alberta.</b>	Hope	20 minutes
5	<b>Mobile Education Unit- Tom indicated that the unit is slowly coming together and will have a delayed launch as all funding is to be in place before development and purchase of the unit takes place. We have approached MB Hydro and ACC for potential sponsorship of the unit. An issue with MB Hydro was they cannot fund municipal projects but could go through a non-profit/service club to be able to contribute to the unit.</b>	Tom	5 minutes



	<b>Tom, Lindsay and Scott Haddow met with the Optimist Club and they will partner with MB Hydro to contribute to the unit.</b>		
6	<b>Brandon's Enviro Expo- This is a brand new event that the environment committee is hosting. It will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at ACC East Campus. Students who participated in the waste reduction challenge will take part in workshops and tours on that day. Tours include ACC sustainable green house and the landfill. Lindsay is still working on getting funding from the community. Juno Award Winner Peter Puffin will be the musical keynote speaker for the children and provide two interactive workshop sessions. Throughout the week at city hall students projects will be displayed in the foyer with an afterschool reception on the Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. This event takes place during National Environment Week.</b>	Lindsay	5 minutes
7	<b>Environmental Strategic Plan- we are still gathering input on the ESP, we have met with department heads to discuss what environmental priorities they would like to see be incorporated into the plan. The plan will be drafted and given to the committee to review before it goes to council at the end of March.</b>  <b>The 2012 Environmental Update Annual Report: this has been sent out to committee members for their review. Lindsay will present this to council the beginning of March. Doug suggested that either in the ESP or the update that we say where Brandon is compared to other communities across Canada.</b>	Lindsay/Tom	5minutes
8	<b>Earth Day Committee- Earth Day celebrations will take place Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at Princess Park from noon-4pm. Alternative location due to poor weather will be at City Hall. The theme this year is "How to", this will include how to rain barrel, compost bin, plant a tree etc. One of the challenges is finding kid activities to keep them from climbing on the water fountain. It was suggested that maybe we offer a sidewalk chalk activity.</b>	Lindsay	5 minutes
9	<b>Elect a Vice Chair Person- Len brought forward with Tom and Lindsay to elect a Vice chair for when he is unable to attend meetings. City staff do the administrative component to it and a vice chair would be responsible for signing letters and chairing meetings in the absence of the chair. This will be decided at the next meeting in Feb.</b>	Tom	5 minutes
10	<b>ACC fruit trees and other partnerships- Keith Williams informed the committee that ACC is thinking of developing a fruit orchard for teaching and research on the North Hill Campus. Shawn Hayden is a second year student who is researching this idea for his thesis. The objectives are to create a nursery with heritage fruit stock of Manitoba that is currently housed out of Morden. The hope is to have trees planted in 2014 with distribution in 2016 and to be planted throughout the community and be used by different groups within the city. There may be opportunity to develop a fruit share program and/or adopt a tree program. Doug made a motion that we as a committee send a letter of support for this project to ACC. Ryan seconded.</b> <b>ACC has also proposed a partnership with the city for the compost program. ACC would like to test the efficiencies of composts produced from different feedstock by the City of Brandon and to assess harvested produce quality parameters (external and internal indices) of the different crops grown in soils amended with the different composts. Keith will put together a more in-depth proposal with a budget and will continue discussions with the Sanitation Dept. and Tom and Lindsay.</b>	Keith	10 minutes
10	<b>Other</b> <b>Doug brought up the issue of consumer food waste and that North Americans waste a lot of food and it has an environmental impact. He would like it to be added to the next meeting's agenda and for everyone to think how we can educate our community on this issue.</b>	ALL	5 minutes
11	<b>"Once around the table"</b> <b>Sherry- asked if a Master Composter would be available to do a presentation out in Shilo either the first week in June or during Compost</b>	ALL	10 minutes

	<p><b>Awareness Week in May. Potential speakers Lindsay or Hope.</b></p> <p><b>Ryan: Food Assessment Program received its funding and is now in stage 2.</b></p> <p><b>Lacy: asked if recycling in the schools was different than residential in what they can accept. Lindsay said there is miscommunication between the contractor and school staff of what all can be recycled and suggested that students and staff ask school admin.</b></p> <p><b>Lindsay: City's planning department had a Growth Management Strategy workshop last night, if you would like input on how you think Brandon should grow and what should be a priority or taken into consideration please fill out the survey <a href="http://www.brandon.ca">www.brandon.ca</a></b></p>		
	<p><b>Brandon Environment Committee Web Page</b>  <a href="http://www.brandonenvironment.ca">www.brandonenvironment.ca</a></p>		

**Decisions/Actions From This Meeting**

Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Action Item Owner	Due Date
10	<b>Write a letter of support for ACC partnerships</b>	<b>Lindsay/Len</b>	<b>Feb.27</b>

**Things to Add to Next Meeting's Agenda**

Food waste – Doug
ESP

**Next Meeting Takes Place...**

Date	February 27	Start Time	8:00am	End Time	9:30 am	Location	Councillors Meeting Room
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