

# TEAM MEETING RECORD

Meeting No. <u>06/2013</u>
Date <u>26/06/2013</u>
Time <u>8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.</u>
Location <u>City Hall-Councillors mtg Room</u>

**Meeting Name** Brandon Environment Committee Meeting

**Objective(s)** Minutes June 2013 Monthly Meeting of the Brandon Environment Committee

<b>Attendees</b>	<u>Len Isleifson</u> (L )	<u>Lacy Kontzie</u> (P)	S=Scribe
	<u>Juli Crosson</u> (P )	<u>Ted Snure</u> (P)	P=Participant
	<u>Tom Keep</u> (P)	<u>Dylan Bart</u> (P)	L=Leader
	<u>Ryan Graves</u> (P)	<u>Rae Smith</u> (P)	A=Process Advisor
	<u>Larry Bidlake</u> (X)	<u>Ross Erickson</u> (X)	T=Timekeeper
	<u>Parminder Sandhu</u> (X)	<u>Lindsay Hargreaves</u> (S)	X=Absent
	<u>Hope Switzer</u> (P)	<u>Roy Sobchuk</u> (P)	I =Invitee
	<u>Doug Paterson</u> (X)	<u>Sherry Punak-Murphy</u> (P)	
	<u>Keith Williams</u> (P)	<u>Chris Heide</u> (P)	
	<u>Kyla Maslaniec</u> (X)	<u>Mireille Saurette</u> (X)	
	<u>Bev Dunlop</u> (I)	<u>Don Partrick</u> (X)	
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Item Sequence	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time Guideline
1	<b>Introductions</b> Sherry introduced Bev Dunlop from Ag Canada who is interested in sitting on our committee.	All	5 Minutes
2	<b>Highlights</b> from last Meeting approved	Tom	5 Minutes
3	<b>Correspondence</b> –Shaun Cameron resignation- Len read Shaun’s email resigning from the committee as he cannot commit to the meeting time due to scheduling conflicts.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
4	<b>Brandon Enviro Expo</b> Lindsay did a brief overview of the first Brandon Enviro Expo and showed a short video. There was positive feedback, the day in total cost about \$7,200 with ~\$3000 in sponsorship from the community. Ted suggested to Len to bring the Enviro Expo up at the next AHCD meeting to see if the conservation district would be interested in sponsoring this for 2014. This meeting will take place on July 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Lindsay	10 Minutes
5	<b>Environmental Strategic Plan-</b> The plan was adopted by council on June 4 <sup>th</sup> , the plan will be available on both the City’s website and the environment website.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
6	<b>Green TV WCG TV</b> the subcommittee is working on several episodes to air in the fall. Tom and Doug did one on the Brandon Environment committee, Hope asked that if anyone is interested in being the camera operator to please contact her. Once the series airs on Westman it will be available on-line.	Hope	10 Minutes
7	<b>Mobile Education Unit</b> Lindsay submitted a video to Westoba Credit Union to apply for their community grant of \$10,000. They are giving 5, \$10,000 grants away to celebrate 50 years in our community. We are looking for two more gold sponsors before we purchase the unit, as of right now we have MMSM as a platinum sponsor and MB Hydro as a	Tom	5 Minutes



	<b>potential Gold Sponsor.</b>		
8	<b>FCM Brownfield Boot Camp</b> The City applied to be in this program. It was looking at brownfields in municipalities, there were certain criteria to qualify for the program and representatives from the City (Lindsay/Tom) would be involved in 5 webinars and 2 face to face sessions on remediating and developing brownfields. The program was to have 15-25 participants across Canada however Brandon was not successful. FCM decreased the amount of participants to 10. Brandon was the only municipality that applied within Manitoba. FCM indicated that there may be resources available to us later on in the fall. Len indicated that brownfields was still a concern on council's radar. Keith inquired about an ACC student in the future potentially working on a brownfields project for a capstone project. Tom and Lindsay agreed that this may be a possibility as the City is currently working on a brownfields strategy. Sherry asked if the public could do anything-response is to write your MLA as regulations regarding brownfields stem from the Province.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
9	<b>Water Conservation Committee</b> Lindsay reported that the City's Water Conservation Plan was accepted as information from City Council on May 6 <sup>th</sup> and approved from the Province of MB. The plan has a target to reduce water consumption/capita by 10% over ten years while maintaining a growing population. The Water Conservation Committee meets quarterly to ensure we are on track to meet our target. Each City Department is responsible for including water conservation measures in their annual budgets using the plan as leverage. The Water Conservation Committee will look after public awareness such as the potential idea of another rain barrel sale, low flow toilet credit program, and a consumer consumption awareness program where residents can request their water consumption over several years. The plan is focused on water quality and quantity and includes the water from the Waste Water Reclamation Facility (WWRF) to be re-used to another end user (to be explored). Len suggested that maybe in the fall the BEC have a tour of the WWRF.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
10	<b>Dylan's discoveries in San Francisco</b> Dylan gave a short presentation on his trip to San Francisco. He attended their Earth Day Celebrations as well as rode on their rapid transit system and bike routes.	Dylan	15 Minutes
11	<b>Heritage Tree Program</b> tabled to next meeting.	Kyla	10 Minutes
12	<b>Electric vehicles/hybrids &amp; Sustainability and conditions of roads/curbs</b> Roy created a short report on his research of sustainability and conditions of roads/curbs in relation to increased precipitation and climate change.  Electric and Hybrid vehicles are on the rise and although Roy mentioned that this is both economically and environmentally beneficial, he questioned the life cycle from cradle to grave of these products as well as if everyone was to shift to these vehicle options, less gas would be consumed= less gas tax to be used for road repairs/infrastructure development. There was great amount of discussion on these topics; Ted mentioned that in the future there could be tolls on our highways to help with the repairs.	Roy	10 Minutes
13	<b>Other</b> Lindsay inquired if Len was still going to be the chair for the next meeting- He said as of right now yes although his boss may have someone else sit on the committee instead of Len as his responsibilities have changed since the amalgamation of RHA's.	ALL	5 Minutes
	<b>"Once around the table"</b> Tom said that the Share the Road project is starting to be implemented with signage going up on the East End. This bike route will go across Lorne Avenue to 26 <sup>th</sup> Street.  Len: The City of Brandon now had an asphalt recycler. To view the video visit <a href="http://www.brandon.ca">www.brandon.ca</a>  Ryan announced that the BNRC has completed the 2 <sup>nd</sup> STEP house. These houses are highly energy efficient and designed for low income earners.	ALL	10 Minutes

	<b>Brandon Environment Committee Web Page</b> <a href="http://www.brandonenvironment.ca">www.brandonenvironment.ca</a>		

**Decisions/Actions From This Meeting**

Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Action Item Owner	Due Date
2	<b>Lindsay, Len and Keith to meet about rain garden workshop</b>	<b>Lindsay</b>	<b>August 28th</b>

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

<b>Heritage Tree Program- Kyla</b>

**Next Meeting Takes Place...**

Date	August 28	Start Time	8:00am	End Time	9:30 am	Location	Councillors Mtg Room
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