

City of St. Catharines
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Community Sustainability
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Committee Room, St. Catharines City Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Marty Mako (Chair), Councillor Mathew Siscoe, Councillor Greg Washuta, Bernie Slepko, Erin Britnell, Phil Baranoski, Dan Romanko, Vanessa Aykroyd

Regrets: Sam Mahboob

Staff: Erin O'Hoski

1. Chair Mako called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
That the agenda for the September 25, 2013 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Phil Baranoski
Seconded by: Erin Britnell
Carried
2. Adoption of Minutes
That the minutes of the August 28, 2013 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Phil Baranoski
Seconded by: Vanessa Aykroyd
Carried
3. Delegations
 - Katrina Kroeze, Executive Director of Niagara Sustainability Initiative spoke to members about the Carbon Project. The City of St. Catharines joined the initiative in September 2013 and members will be involved in assessing the value of the membership prior to renewal next year. The Sustainability Committee can play a supporting role in advocating the benefits of carbon accounting at the community level. Members are also invited to attend member events using passes for the City of St. Catharines, and information on events will be circulated. Partners are encouraged to share good news stories at events and through social media.
4. No Notice of Motion

5. Motions

That representatives from the City of Burlington be invited to present on their Community Energy Plan at the November 27 meeting.

Moved by: Vanessa Aykroyd

Seconded by: Phil Baranoski

Carried

That the Sustainability Committee support further research on crowdsourcing for municipal initiatives.

Moved by: Vanessa Aykroyd

Seconded by: Erin Britnell

Carried

6. New Business

- The October 30 meeting has been designated as a work planning meeting to assess strategic direction for the Committee and members were asked to state their expectations for the coming year. Phil Baranoski noted the absence of federal and provincial and officials in the work to date. Erin Britnell asked that there be consensus on a deliverable to work toward the end of the term. Local food seems to be an area where there is interest among members, particularly community gardens. Dan Romanko stated the importance of continued community partnership.
- At the September 23, 2013 City Council meeting, Councillor Siscoe raised crowdsourcing as a potential financing mechanism for municipal initiatives. This matter was referred to the Sustainability Committee for their input.
- Members agreed to invite representatives from the City of Burlington to speak on their Community Energy Plan at the November 27, 2013 meeting.

7. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

8. Adjournment

- That the September 25, 2013 meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by: Erin Britnell

Carried