



Attendees: Mayor Ryan  
 Doug Dickerson, City Councillor, Ward 2 (Chair)  
 Jennifer O’Connell, City Councillor, Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)  
 Tom Melymuk, Director, Office of Sustainability  
 Catherine Rose, Manager, Policy  
 Lynn Winterstein, Manager, Marketing & Business Development  
 Chantal Whitaker, Coordinator, Sustainability  
 Deborah Wylie, Senior Planner - Policy  
 Jack McGinnis - Durham Sustain Ability  
 Marla Shim, Executive Assistant, Council (Recording Secretary)

Absent: David Pickles, City Councillor, Ward 3

<b>Item / Ref #</b>	<b>Details &amp; Discussion &amp; Conclusion</b> <i>(summary of discussion)</i>	<b>Action Items / Status</b> <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	Councillor Dickerson welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed regrets from Councillor Pickles.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Green Energy and Green Economy Act Update</b>	
	<p>D. Wylie provided an overview of the Planning &amp; Development Department’s comments to the Ministry of the Environment’s proposed regulations to remove local barriers to renewable energy installations. Some of the comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Ministry continues to enforce a tree protection/preservation by-law. Trees provide significant reduction in energy consumption and green house gas emissions</li> <li>• The Province will setup a licensing/regulation regime to assist municipalities</li> <li>• Next step is the approval of regulations and posting on the EBR (Environmental Bill of Rights) website</li> </ul>	<p>P&amp;D staff will monitor the EBR website and report back to the Committee.</p> <p>P&amp;D staff to send an electronic copy of their comments to SPAC members.</p> <p>P&amp;D staff to send a copy of their comments to Verdian for their information.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Letter to the Region re: Waste Diversion for Business</b>	
	<p>A draft letter addressed to the Region of Durham regarding waste diversion within the IC&amp;I sector was circulated to members. It is in response to an email that Councillor Pickles received from a resident who was concerned about the lack of recycling in local restaurants.</p> <p>Members discussed and agreed that the letter should be sent to Cliff Curtis, Commissioner of Works with a request that it be forwarded to the Region's Works Committee for endorsement before it goes to Regional Council.</p>	<p>The letter will be sent to the Commissioner of Works at the Region of Durham.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Thermo-Chemical Storage of Solar Energy</b>	
	<p>T. Melymuk informed Committee members that the City of Pickering has been asked to partner with SAIC Canada for their thermo chemical storage of solar energy system submission. It is a renewal energy source that captures solar energy, storing heat in the summer for use in the winter. It is an efficient alternative to fuel and a potential marketable product for the future.</p> <p>He feels that it is a good opportunity for the City to become involved in a potential nationally recognized program and advised that our Chief Building Official is especially interested in the source, from a building perspective. The University of Toronto Institute of Technology, University of Ottawa and other firms are also involved in the technical component of the project.</p>	<p>T. Melymuk will provide detailed information of the project to members.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Idling By-law</b>	
	<p>The City of Pickering's Idling of Vehicles By-law Review was distributed to members.</p> <p>C. Whitaker advised that the by-law was adopted in 2004. Since then, several other municipalities have made revisions to their by-law. Staff researched 29 Ontario municipalities and made suggestions for improvements to Pickering's By-law. Some of the future recommendations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the idling time for both individual and transit vehicles and add boats</li> <li>• Add an extreme temperature component during the winter</li> <li>• Include a set fine</li> <li>• Develop a comprehensive education campaign to target various sectors of the community</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage schools so that students can assist in educating their parents/guardians</li> <li>• Add idling free zone signs near schools, libraries, community and recreation centres and the Pickering Civic Complex</li> <li>• Send businesses an email/e-postcard asking that they remind their employees, delivery service providers and customers about the revised idling by-law</li> <li>• Engage Durham Region Transit and GO Transit to ensure that their operators are aware of the revised by-law</li> </ul> <p>Discussion ensued and the following was agreed upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the extreme temperature component, but include a range. Investigate if there was resistance in other municipalities.</li> <li>• Explore the feasibility of Part 1 and Part 2 tickets</li> <li>• Investigate if signage could also be installed near railway crossings</li> <li>• Determine if special status can be provided to Pickering Town Centre security officers so that they could enforce a revised by-law on their property.</li> <li>• Prepare a report to SPAC with the findings and recommendations. SPAC to discuss and consider recommending to Council.</li> </ul>	<p>C. Whitaker will prepare a report for SPAC.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Google Analytics for Sustainable Pickering Website, YouTube, Flickr and Next Steps</b></p>	
	<p>C. Whitaker provided a demonstration and overview of Google Analytics service on the Sustainable Pickering website. She advised that Google Analytics (a comprehensive tool that allows us an in-depth look at traffic that is accessing our website) has been added. It tracks website traffic from all over the world and provides a breakdown of the number of visits vs. unique visits. It also provides information about how people are finding the site and what pages are most frequently visited. This information will enable us to make improvements and also assist in marketing the site.</p> <p>C. Whitaker also demonstrated the new Sustainable Pickering YouTube and flickr sites and a few new features on the website, such as the accessibility section.</p> <p>C. Whitaker advised that arrangements have been made to have the videographer from Sustainable Pickering Day videotape Councillor O’Connell, Sustainable Pickering</p>	

	sponsors and a few City staff. They are scheduled to be at City Hall on September 28 <sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Measuring Sustainability Progress Report</b>	
	<p>T. Melymuk and J. McGinnis provided an update on our Measuring Sustainability Progress Report. They advised that we are now at the stage where we are ready to measure and monitor our progress. The information is being gathered and will be available as an online document.</p> <p>They advised that 19 of the 32 indicators (including community and corporate green house gas emissions) are proposed to be measured. The Report will be ready in the spring.</p> <p>After discussing, the following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAC would like to discuss the indicators and review the spreadsheet for comments to find out if additional items could be measured for this report. Also look into what the issues are for those that cannot be measured at this time. Staff to ensure that detailed reports are provided to the Committee before they are released to the public.</li> <li>• This will be a “living document”</li> </ul> <p>A discussion arose with regards to the previous work at the Recreation Complex with “Global Emissions Systems Inc.” and the resulting reduction in emissions from the ice equipment. C.Whitaker indicated that she would find out the status of the proposed 2010 initiative (pending budget approval) to retrofit additional fleet vehicles with the same equipment.</p>	<p>C. Whitaker will prepare a spread sheet of the indicators that shows the data source (or lack of) and recommendation.</p> <p>C. Whitaker to compile the information and send an email to SPAC.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
	<p>T. Melymuk reported that yesterday’s meeting with Durham Sustain Ability and the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure was successful. It was an introductory meeting to table an idea.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a request would be made to the Province for a follow-up meeting with committee members. Interested staff members will also be invited to attend.</p> <p>J. McGinnis provided an update on the Brock West Project. The original proposal, discussed last year with Council, is</p>	<p>T. Melymuk will notify committee members of any future meetings with the Province.</p> <p>A request will be made to hold the meeting in Pickering.</p>

	<p>focused first on the City of Pickering assuming community control over the closed landfill site, which will continue to be owned by the City of Toronto (as part of their obligation for perpetual care). A photovoltaic solar project has been proposed for part of the 250 acre site and nature trails could be developed throughout much of the northern and eastern sides of the site. A number of other community-use components are being considered. Most recently, it has been suggested that this site could be ideal for the creation of a “recycling museum” – something in particular to mark the creation and growth of the Blue Box. More details will be brought to the Committee, as available.</p> <p>Due to the fact the meeting was running late, C. Whitaker informed members that she will be sending an email to solicit feedback on the idea of a Corporate Sustainability Policy &amp; Procedures.</p>	<p>C. Whitaker to send an email to SPAC about a proposed Corporate Sustainability Policy &amp; Procedures.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<p>Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 2:00 pm</p>	<p>.</p>

Meeting Adjourned: 4:10 pm

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