North Committee Room
Council Building, Winnipeg
September 12, 2005

A meeting of the Civic Environmental Committee was held this day at 4:10 p.m.

Members Present:	Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson Councillor Donald Benham Councillor Harvey Smith Bob Foster Ken Klassen Rodney McDonald Ken MacKinnon Tony Zienkiewicz
Administration:	Alec Stuart, Environmental Coordinator, Chief Administrative Officer Secretariat Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee Krista Kunz, Clerk, City Clerk's Department

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Ken MacKinnon moved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

75. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Action on Reports
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

- CEC's July 11, 2005 RiverRidge Development recommendation forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee

Advising that the Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee had advised that the recommendation pertains to a proposed Subdivision/Rezoning under File DASZ 11/2005 and is the subject of a public hearing. Inasmuch as the Community Committee is the designated hearing body for this public hearing and has concluded receipt of public representation, the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 (Rule 54.9) prohibits any further form of representation at Council or a committee of Council. Accordingly, this matter was not placed before the Executive Policy Committee for consideration.

- Submitting for Committee's information, an extract of the July 20, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items, with respect to the CEC's recommendation on the Review of the Insect Control Strategy.

Extract of the Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items – July 20, 2005			
Minute	**Subject/File**	**Recommendations**	**Action Required**
458	Civic Environmental Committee - Review of the Insect Control Strategy Minute 74, CEC, 2005 07 11 PA	The Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and comment.	Chief Administrative Officer

- Submitting for discussion the following motion, which was automatically referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services by Council on July 27, 2005:

  WHEREAS City Council on October 27, 2004, approved a motion from the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services regarding the City's policy on Insect Control;

  AND WHEREAS the motion requested the Winnipeg public service to report on the relative costs and effectiveness of Malathion as a means of controlling adult mosquitoes;

  AND WHEREAS the subsequent report outlined a new policy regarding mosquito control, but did not review any of the scientific literature regarding Malathion;

  AND WHEREAS City Council endorsed the Blueprint for Action on mosquito control in April, 2003, which called for a Blue-Ribbon Panel of Experts to "provide advice relative to the most effective and environmentally sensitive mosquito control methods;"

  AND WHEREAS that panel was not established;

  AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment has called Malathion "a dangerous nerve poison" linked to nerve, kidney and lung damage and childhood leukemia, and called for the City of Winnipeg to halt its use;

  THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council establish a Blue-Ribbon Panel of Experts to review the scientific literature and report on the safety, efficacy, costs and benefits of Malathion for mosquito adulticiding in the Winnipeg context;

  AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall consist of:

  1. *The City of Winnipeg Entomologist*
  2. *A senior administrator from the Community Services Department;*
  3. *A chairperson who is not employed by the City of Winnipeg;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following organizations be invited to nominate one representative each to the panel:

1. The Province of Manitoba
2. The University of Manitoba
3. The University of Winnipeg
4. The Manitoba Eco-Network

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall report its preliminary findings, based on the scientific literature, to Council before December 31, 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall then hold public hearings on its findings with at least one public hearing to be held in each of the community committee areas before March 31, 2006;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the panel shall then make a final report to Council before April 30, 2006.

Moved by Ken Klassen,

WHEREAS on September 12, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the July 27, 2005 Council motion to the administration for report back to the Committee at its meeting on October 13, 2005;

AND WHEREAS the Civic Environmental Committee is desirous in being represented on the Blue-Ribbon Panel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administration be requested to consider adding the Civic Environmental Committee as a fifth organization to be invited to nominate one representative to the panel;

and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

76. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

InfraGuide

File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing Committee with an update on Winnipeg becoming a member of the Canadian project InfraGuide.

Moved by Ken Klassen,

That the Policy Assistant review the InfraGuide and identify how its content relates to the Civic Environmental Committee;

And That the Environmental Coordinator identify how much progress has been made and what barriers have been encountered in the implementation of the 10 principles for sustainable infrastructure development as identified in Recommendation 29 of the Strategic Infrastructure Reinvestment Policy (SIRP) report adopted by Council on July 22, 1998.

Carried

77. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

International Car Free Day - September 22, 2005

File E-7

Advising that each year on September 22, International Car Free Day is celebrated by over 100 million people in about 1,500 cities around the world. Car Free Day street events and forums highlight the many problems caused by our dependence on the private automobile, including air pollution, global warming, stress, and safety issues. It emphasizes the rights of pedestrians and cyclists, the need for more and better public transit, and helps people rediscover their local community, outside the confines of their vehicle.

Submitting for Committee's discussion, the matter of possible involvement by the CEC in a future Car Free Day event to be held in Winnipeg.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

78. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

French Idle Free Zone Signs
File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, an update on the French Idle Free signs purchased by the CEC.

Moved by Rodney McDonald,
That the matter be received as information.

Carried

79. From Ken Klassen, Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Conference and Trade Show
File E-7

Providing Committee with information on FCM's Sustainable Communities National Conference and Trade Show. Requesting Committee's direction in giving consideration to the Civic Environmental Committee's participation in this Conference.

Moved by Ken Klassen,
That the Civic Environmental Committee send at least one, but no more than two representatives to the FCM National Conference and Trade Show being held February 2 - 4, 2006 in Ottawa.

Carried

80. From Councillor Donald Benham, Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Insect Control Strategy
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Requesting further discussion with respect to the City's Insect Control Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Benham,
That the matter be filed.

Carried

81. From Councillor Donald Benham, Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Public Sessions on Insect Control Strategy

File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing for Committee's consideration, the suggestion that the CEC deliver information sessions to the public on the Insect Control Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the matter be filed.

Carried

82. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Additional Funding for Green Buildings Sub-Committee

File E-7

On July 19, 2004, the Civic Environmental Committee approved an initial budget of $5,000.00 each for its Land Use and Green Buildings Sub-Committees.

On December 13, 2004, Committee approved a further $12,000.00 for the Land Use Sub-Committee for the purpose of conducting four public workshops in 2005.

Requesting Committee's direction in giving consideration to approving additional funding for the Green Buildings Sub-Committee for the purpose of helping the City of Winnipeg create a Green Building Strategy.

Moved by Ken MacKinnon,

That $5,000.00 be approved for the purpose of helping the City of Winnipeg create a Green Building Strategy.

Carried

83. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Citizen Member Vacancy – Civic Environmental Committee
File E-7

On July 11, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee accepted the resignation of Shannon Stunden Bower.
Seeking Committee's direction on whether or not they wish to fill the citizen member vacancy for the balance of the one 1 year term expiring on December 31, 2005.

Moved by Bob Foster,
That the citizen member vacancy for the balance of the one year term expiring on December 31, 2005 not be filled.

Carried

84. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/09/08

Civic Environmental Committee Mandate for 2006
File E-7

Submitting for discussion purposes, the following changes to the CEC mandate that were discussed at an informal CEC meeting held April 5, 2005:

- Terri Willard, Committee member, suggested that the CEC strike from its mandate the following objectives:

    2. Coordinate public input into decisions that affect the environment by acting as the City's key forum bringing together key environmental stakeholders

    3. Review and strengthen current civic policies where necessary, develop and propose new policies in areas where none currently exist and make recommendations to Council and the administration

    4. Provide advice and guidance to Council on issues that affect the environment

    7. Monitor the City's progress in achieving its environmental targets and issue an annual "State of the Environment and Sustainability Report"

- Terri Willard, Committee member, suggested that the CEC work on the following objectives:

    1. Promote actions within the City of Winnipeg based on responsible environmental decision making and sustainable development (i.e., programs, services and actions that simultaneously achieve environmental protection, economic vitality and social well-being)

    5. Advise on the City's strategic and sectoral planning so that environmental sustainability becomes a key integrating tool in planning processes (i.e., by identifying emerging issues and providing advice on appropriate actions)

    6. Facilitate education and awareness and promote an ethic of responsible environmental decision-making and sustainability within all City of Winnipeg institutions

Moved by Ken Klassen,

That His Worship Mayor Katz be invited to meet with Committee members and provide his vision on what the CEC can do and what he might need from the Committee;

And That Councillor Lubosch also be invited to attend and provide clarification on how his role as Secretary of Urban Environmental Strategies relates to the work of the CEC.

Carried

85. From Bob Foster, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/09/08

Progress Report - Land Use Sub-Committee

File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, a progress report of the Land Use Sub-Committee comprised of Michelle Kading, Terri Willard, Bob Foster and Councillor Steeves.

Moved by Ken MacKinnon,

That the verbal Progress Report be received as information.

Carried

86. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member, Civic Environmental committee
Report 2005/09/08

Progress Report - Green Buildings Sub-Committee

File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, a progress report of the Green Buildings Sub-Committee comprised of Ken Klassen, Rodney McDonald and Ken MacKinnon.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the Environmental Coordinator approach the administration to identify a trial or demonstration of two green roof projects at high profile city locations; one in an existing building (potentially City Hall) and a second in a planned future construction.

Carried

87. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/09/08

Chairperson's Monthly Report

File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Chairperson's monthly report.

Moved by Ken Klassen,

That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

88. From Alec Stuart, Environmental Coordinator, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005 /09/08

Environmental Coordinator's Monthly Report

File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Environmental Coordinator's monthly report.

Moved by Tony Zienkiewicz,

That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

89. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/09/08

Policy Assistant's Monthly Report
File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Policy Assistant's monthly report.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

1. *That the request to print 100 additional copies of Committee's Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy report be approved.*

2. *That the two following website names be secured for future use: - Sustainable Winnipeg.ca and Winnipeg Environment.ca;*

   And That Winnipeg Environment.ca be approved as the new CEC website address.

Carried

Ken Klassen moved that Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order to consider the following item, which motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

90. From Ken Klassen, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Motion 2005 09 12

Probe Research Inc. - September 2005 Omnibus Survey - Submission of Two Survey Questions by the Civic Environmental Committee
File E-7

Advising that citizens of Winnipeg have not been properly asked how federal gas tax revenues should be spent, i.e. on infrastructure such as transit and water, or on roads and bridges. Requesting Committee's consideration and approval of submitting two questions for inclusion in the September 2005 Omnibus Survey being conducted by Probe Research Inc.

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Moved by Ken Klassen,

That the Civic Environmental Committee submit two questions, worded as follows, for inclusion in Probe Research Inc.'s September 2005 Omnibus Survey at a cost of $600.00 per question:

1. *The Federal government will soon be sharing a portion of the taxes it collects from gasoline sales with municipalities. Cities like the City of Winnipeg will have some choices to make about how it spends these funds. I'd like to read you three options that the City of Winnipeg could consider when deciding where this new tax money will be used and I'd like you to tell me where you personally would like to see these funds spent:*

   a) Direct these new gas tax funds to repair and upgrade city infrastructure like water treatment facilities and wastewater systems
   b) Direct these new gas tax funds to improve Winnipeg's public transit system
   c) Direct these funds to repair and / or replace city roads
   d) All / None of the above
   Don't know / Not stated

2. *If you were asked to advise the City of Winnipeg on its priorities for transportation development, which of these two broad approaches would you urge the City to pursue:*

   a) Focus on building new roads and expanding existing roads for motor vehicles
   b) Develop a rapid transit system linking the downtown city centre to outlying neighborhoods and suburbs
   c) All / None of the above
   Don't Know / Not Stated

Carried

On motion of Rodney McDonald, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

R. Kachur, City Clerk

G. Steeves, Chairperson