North Committee Room
Council Building, Winnipeg
July 11, 2005

A meeting of the Civic Environmental Committee was held this day at 4:03 p.m.

Members Present:	Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson Councillor Donald Benham Councillor Harvey Smith Bob Foster Michelle Kading Ken Klassen Ken MacKinnon Shannon Stunden Bower Terri Willard
Administration:	James Allum, Interim Environmental Coordinator, Chief Administrative Officer Secretariat Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee Danielle Caron, Clerk, City Clerk's Department

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Michelle Kading moved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

DELEGATIONS

57. Michael Woelcke, Manitoba President, accompanied by Sheila Matsubara, Executive Director, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), provided a PowerPoint summary of the *BOMA Go Green Program*, an environmental program for existing and occupied commercial buildings. Michael Woelcke circulated accompanying documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department. File E-7

(See Minute No. 61 for disposition)

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That rule 54.1 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Mr. Glen Koroluk to address the Committee.

Carried

58. Glen Koroluk, Water Caucus Coordinator, Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus, was heard in support of a draft motion with respect to the proposed RiverRidge Development and the issue of the preservation of sensitive lands. Mr. Koroluk circulated a map in connection with this matter, which is on file in the City Clerk's Department. File E-7

(See Minute No. 67 for disposition)

GENERAL BUSINESS

59. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/07/04

City Hall Reports
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing for Committee's consideration, the following Standing Committee agenda item:

Agenda of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 6, 2005 – Item 5 Cloutier Drive Trail - Land Dedication Reserve.

Moved by Ken McKinnon,
That the matter be received as information.

Carried

60. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/07/04

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

Submitting for Committee's information, an extract of the May 11, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items, with respect to the CEC's recommendation on the Green Municipal Enabling Fund Study No. 3163: Climate Change Action Plan.

Extract of the Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items – May 11, 2005			
Minute	**Subject/File**	**Recommendations**	**Action Required**
326	Green Municipal Enabling Fund Study No. 3163: Climate Change Action Plan Report 2005 04 29	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the May 9, 2005 recommendation from the Civic Environmental Committee, and concurred in the administrative recommendation that the report on the preparation of a Climate Change Action Plan be received as information.	Chief Administrative Officer

Submitting for the Committee's information, an extract of the June 15, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items, with respect to the CEC's recommendation on the Tax Credit Program for Riverbank Stabilization Works on Privately Owned Land.

Extract of the Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items – June 15, 2005			
Minute	**Subject/File**	**Recommendations**	**Action Required**
391	Tax Credit Program for Riverbank Stabilization Works on privately-owned land Minute 49, Civic Environmental Committee – 2005 06 13 FL	The Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and the Riverbank Management Committee, with respect to the matter of a Tax Credit Program for Riverbank Stabilization Works, to the Administration for review. Further, the Executive Policy Committee received as information the motion passed by the Civic Environmental Committee that it supports the Tax Credit Program for Riverbank Stabilization Works on privately-owned land.	Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer

Submitting for the Committee's information, an extract of the June 22, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items, with respect to the CEC's recommendation on Pioneer and Waterfront Development Principles and Guidelines.

Extract of the Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items – June 22, 2005			
Minute	**Subject/File**	**Recommendations**	**Action Required**
398	Pioneer and Waterfront Development Principles and Guidelines Minute 47, CEC, 2005 06 13 E-7	The Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee to the Administration for report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development.	Director of Planning, Property and Development c. Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development

Moved by Ken McKinnon,

That the verbal updates be received as information.

Carried

61. Michael Woelcke, Manitoba President and Sheila Matsubara, Executive Director, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
Communication 2005/07/06

BOMA Go Green Program
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing Committee with information on BOMA Go Green, a national program designed for existing buildings, that may assist the City of Winnipeg in achieving its green building objectives as outlined in Sustainable Winnipeg: a Comprehensive Environmental Strategy.

Moved by Shannon Stunden Bower,

That the matter be referred to the Green Buildings Sub-Committee for report back.

Carried

62. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/07/03

Resignation of Committee Member
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Advising that on July 3, 2005 Shannon Stunden Bower submitted her resignation from the Civic Environmental Committee, effective July 12, 2005.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the resignation of Shannon Stunden Bower be accepted, with appreciation extended to Shannon for her valued contribution during her term with the Civic Environmental Committee.

Carried Unanimously

63. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/06/29

U Pass
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing Committee with information on the University of Manitoba's U Pass.

Moved by Ken Klassen,
That the Interim Environmental Coordinator be requested to look into the matter further.

Carried

64. From Councillor Donald Benham, Committee Member
Communication 2005/06/17

Website Advertising
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing for Committee's discussion, information with respect to the use of the Civic Environmental Committee's website when advertising Committee events.

Moved by Michele Kading,
That Councillor Benham and Kristine Koster be requested to look into acquiring an additional address for the CEC website (possibly WinnipegEnvironment.org), with a view to establishing a more memorable name.

Carried

65. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member
Communication 2005/07/06

Demolition of Historic Buildings - Chelsea Court Apartments and L'Accueil Colombien
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Requesting Committee's consideration in supporting community groups attempting to prevent the demolition of Chelsea Court Apartments and the L'Accueil Colombien.

Moved by Ken McKinnon,

That the Interim Environmental Coordinator be requested to communicate with the City's Senior Planner (Heritage) for further information.

Carried

66. From Shannon Stunden Bower, Committee Member
Communication 2005/07/05

Collaboration with Calgary's River Valleys Committee

File E-7

Providing for Committee's discussion, information on establishing a mutually-beneficial collaboration with Calgary's River Valleys Committee.

Moved by Shannon Stunden Bower,

1. That the matter be referred to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

2. That the Policy Assistant be requested to investigate additional opportunities for collaboration.

3. That the Policy Assistant be requested to draw to the attention of Calgary's River Valleys Committee, the Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus.

Carried

67. From Michele Kading, Committee Member
Motion 2005/07/07

RiverRidge Development

File E-7

Submitting for Committee's consideration, the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has not yet completed a Sensitive Lands Plan that would identify public and private lands within the city boundaries that contain unique pockets of flora and fauna, are flood sensitive, and/or prone to erosion, and makes provisions for the acquisition;

AND WHEREAS some of the City's remaining sensitive lands were identified on Policy Plate D of an early draft for *Plan Winnipeg 2020*;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a Land Dedication Reserve Fund that was established for the sole purpose of purchasing land for public purposes;

AND WHEREAS other cities within the Red River watershed (Grand Forks and Fargo) are leading the way to acquire floodplain lands that were previously developed and convert them to public green spaces;

AND WHEREAS the *Water Protection Act* (Bill C22) takes precedence over existing City legislation;

AND WHEREAS the RiverRidge project proposes to develop homes in an area that clearly fits the definition of sensitive lands as outlined in section 5 of *Plan Winnipeg* in all four ways (it has been identified as flood-prone, erosion-prone, and containing pockets of unique flora and fauna),

BE IT RESOLVED that the Civic Environmental Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee:

a) That the proposal for the RiverRidge development be rejected in its current form and steps be taken immediately to acquire (at a fair market value) all of the land within the Flood Fringe Zone for public purposes so that the balance of the project may proceed in a timely manner; and

b) That all proposals that include land identified as sensitive on Policy Plate D be "red-flagged" by the Administration Coordinating Group, and a moratorium be placed on the development of these lands until a comprehensive Sensitive Lands Plan or a Watershed Management Plan is completed and approved by Council; and

c) That all development proposals be reviewed by the Administration for their consistency with the principles contained within all sections of Plan Winnipeg; and

d) That the City work with the Province to ensure that mechanisms and funding are in place to identify and acquire Sensitive Lands within the urban environment in an efficient and timely manner; and

e) That the City take steps to ensure that its planning, by-laws, policies, procedures, approval process, and decisions are consistent with the Province's *Water Protection Act*, other pertinent provincial and federal legislation and policy, and state-of-the-art environmental techniques (e.g. soft shores versus rip-rap).

Moved by Michele Kading,

That the motion be concurred in and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

68. From Bob Foster, Committee Member

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, Shannon Stunden Bower, Bob Foster and Councillor Steeves.

Moved by Shannon Stunden Bower,
That the verbal progress report be received as information.

Carried

69. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member

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 verbal progress report be received as information.

Carried

Moved by Ken MacKinnon,
That the Interim Environmental Coordinator be requested to inquire as to the requirements for green measures/standards for the new police facility.

Carried

70. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee

Chairperson's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

Moved by Terri Willard,
That the matter be filed, inasmuch as there is no verbal report at this time.

Carried

71. From James Allum, Interim Environmental Coordinator, Civic Environmental Committee

Interim Environmental Coordinator's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

Moved by Shannon Stunden Bower,
That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

72. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee

Policy Assistant's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

Moved by Councillor Benham,
That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

73. From Councillor Russ Wyatt, Chairperson, Rapid Transit Task Force

Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendations

File E-7

Providing information on the Target Workplan of the Rapid Transit Task Force.

(On June 13, 2005, Committee tabled the matter to the July 11, 2005 meeting.)

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the matter be laid over to September, 2005.

Carried

Councillor Benham 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

74. From Michele Kading, Committee Member

Draft Review of the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Strategy

File E-7

Providing for Committee's discussion and comments, a draft review of the Insect Control Strategy passed by Council in April 2005, and requesting Committee's input on how to proceed.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the Chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be requested to convene a special meeting with respect to the Insect Control Strategy, its implementation, and its effectiveness to-date.

Lost

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That the Executive Policy Committee be requested to forward the draft review of the Insect Control Strategy to the City Entomologist for comment.

Carried

On motion of Councillor Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

R. Kachur, City Clerk

G. Steeves, Chairperson