North Committee Room
Council Building, Winnipeg
November 14, 2005

A meeting of the Civic Environmental Committee was held this day at 4:04 p.m.

Members Present:	Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson Councillor Donald Benham Councillor Harvey Smith Bob Foster Michelle Kading Ken Klassen Rodney McDonald Ken MacKinnon Terri Willard
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

Councillor Benham moved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

DELEGATIONS

107. Phil Pines, Executive Director, Coalition to Save the Elms, was heard with respect to their request for funding under the CEC's Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program . File E-7

(See Minute No. 115 for Disposition)

108. Michael Dudley, Research Associate, Institute of Urban Studies, was heard with respect to their request for funding under the CEC's Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program. File E-7

(See Minute No. 116 for Disposition)

109. Jeff Jenkins, bike enthusiast, was heard with respect to actions the City of Winnipeg could take to encouraging bicycling. File E-7

(See Minute No. 117 for Disposition)

Moved by Councillor Smith,

That Rule 54.2 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Karen Jones to address Committee.

110. Karen Jones, on behalf of the West Broadway Horticultural Society, was heard with respect to land dedication reserve funds. File E-7

(See Minute No. 123 for Disposition)

GENERAL BUSINESS

111. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/11/04

City Hall Reports

File E-7

Identifying for Committee's information, the following Standing Committee agenda items or reports:

- Agenda of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues dated November 8, 2005 – Items:

    2. South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC) Upgrading and Expansion - Financial Status Report No. 1
    3. West End Water Pollution Control Centre (WEWPCC) Process Upgrading: Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) and Disinfection System Enhancements Financial Status Report No. 4 for the period from May 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005
    4. North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) Centrate Treatment Financial Status Report No. 4 for the period from May 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005
    5. North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) Wastewater Disinfection Financial Status Report No. 4 for the period from May 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005
    6. Water Treatment Program Financial Status Report No. 5 for the period from May 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005

Moved by Rodney McDonald,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

112. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/11/03

City Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

File E-7

Providing Committee with information on Used Stuff Inc. an organization formed to facilitate the reuse of manufactured goods for the benefit of the environment and for the benefit of society.

Moved by Ken McKinnon,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

113. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/11/07

Civic Environmental Committee Mandate

File E-7

Providing Committee with an update on the future of the Civic Environmental Committee.

Moved by Bob Foster,

WHEREAS sustainability is identified in Plan Winnipeg as the first of six principles the City of Winnipeg will adhere to in addressing the challenges that Winnipeg faces;

AND WHEREAS on July 18, 2001, City Council approved creation of the Civic Environmental Committee (CEC) to provide advice to Council and the administration, facilitate community consultation and education and monitor progress on environmental and sustainable development issues and opportunities;

AND WHEREAS on October 27, 2004, City Council approved in principle the CEC report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy that identifies environmental challenges facing Winnipeg and recommends policy objectives and key strategies that the City of Winnipeg can take to address these challenges;

AND WHEREAS City Council has adopted the Administration document Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg 2004 - 2006 developed in response to the CEC report, to which the Administration will be reporting back to Council in December 2005;

AND WHEREAS the CEC reports directly to the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee and that the Mayor's Action Plan for a new Winnipeg pledges that the Mayor will consult with the Civic Environmental Committee to consider priorities and how to act upon the CEC's Environmental Strategy;

AND WHEREAS this consultation between the Mayor and the CEC has yet to occur;

AND WHEREAS there is also a need to independently monitor and report on the City of Winnipeg's progress in achieving its environmental priorities and targets;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor has indicated a desire to reduce City of Winnipeg expenditures on external consultants and that the CEC is composed of volunteers;

AND WHEREAS the CEC's current mandate expires on December 31, 2005 and there is a need for a transition period following CEC's expiry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the CEC cooperatively develop as soon as possible a renewed mandate, budget and membership for the CEC, or a newly constituted representative body, that reflects a shift from developing environmental objectives and strategies to establishing priorities and plans for implementing these strategies and monitoring progress towards meeting the City's environmental objectives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEC's existing mandate, policy assistant, budget and membership be extended to March 31, 2006 or until a new mandate, budget and membership structure is approved by Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Charter provide for City Council and the Mayor to constitute citizen advisory committees;

and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

114. Cheryl Heming, City Naturalist, Public Works Department, Michelle Richard, Senior Planner and Kevin Nixon, Park Strategic Planner, Planning and Land Use Division, Planning, Property and Development Department
Communication 2005/10/17

Ecologically Significant Natural Lands Strategy

File E-7

Providing Committee with an update on the Ecologically Significant Natural Lands Strategy and proposing a collaborative project with the Civic Environmental Committee.

Moved by Bob Foster,

That the matter be laid over to the December 12, 2005 meeting of the Civic Environmental Committee.

Carried

115. From Phil Pines, Executive Director, Coalition to Save the Elms
Communication 2005/10/12

Request for Funding – Coalition to Save the Elms

File E-7

Submitting a request for funding in the amount of $7,500.00 under the Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program to sponsor the fourth annual Arbour Day in the Park taking place on Sunday, June 4th, 2006.

Bob Foster advised that he would refrain from voting on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That $7,500.00 be approved from Committee's Conference/Strategic Partnership Fund and that David Domke, City Forester, be so apprised.

Carried

Moved by Terri Willard,

That the Coalition be encouraged to seek opportunities available from Winnipeg Transit for providing free or reduced bus fares on the day of their event.

Carried

116. From Michael Dudley, Institute of Urban Studies
Communication 2005/10/21

Request for Funding – Institute of Urban Studies

File E-7

Submitting a request for funding in the amount of $3,500.00 under the Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program to invite urban planning and journalist James Howard Kunstler to Winnipeg for a public lecture to address sprawl, peak oil, and environmental issues facing Winnipeg.

Bob Foster advised that he would refrain from voting on the matter.

Moved by Ken Klassen,

That the matter be tabled to the December 12, 2005 meeting of the Civic Environmental Committee in order for the Environmental Coordinator to approach the organization for:

1) more information on how they would attract a broader audience, particularly decision makers;

2) their response to the suggestion that they also partner with Peter Calthorpe, author, teacher and lecturer, whose long career in the planning and architecture fields has helped him to develop an environmental approach to community development and urban design.

3) their comments on the possibility of hosting a session with the civic administration, particularly those persons involved with Plan Winnipeg.

Carried

117. From Jeff Jenkins, Bike Enthusiast
Communication 2005/10/11

Encouraging Bicycling in Winnipeg
File E-7

Providing for the Committee's information, suggestions on how the City could encourage bicycling in Winnipeg.

Moved Michelle Kading,

That the matter be received as information and that the Policy Assistant be requested to compile in electronic format, various administrative reports with respect to cycling and environmental issues that can be accessed by citizens.

Carried

118. From Bob Foster, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/11/10

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, Tony Zienkiewicz, Bob Foster and Councillor Steeves.

Moved by Bob Foster,

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

Carried

119. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/11/10

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 Ken Klassen,

That the verbal progress report be received as information

Carried

120. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/11/10

Chairperson's Monthly Report

File E-7

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

Moved by Ken McKinnon,

That the verbal progress report be received as information

Carried

121. From Alec Stuart, Environmental Coordinator, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/11/10

Environmental Coordinator's Monthly Report

File E-7

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

Moved by Michelle Kading,
That the verbal progress report be received as information

Carried

122. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/11/10

Policy Assistant's Monthly Report

File E-7

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

Moved by Terri Willard,
That the verbal progress report be received as information

Carried

Michelle Kading moved that the rule be suspended and that the following items be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

123. From Karen Jones, on behalf of the West Broadway Horticultural Society Communication 2005/11/14

Request for Information - Land Dedication Reserve Funds

File E-7

Requesting Committee's consideration in addressing her concerns with respect to Land Dedication Reserve Funds and her request for information on the following:

- Programme Name, Inception date and Scope
- Total numbers of hectares acquired through developer exaction
- Total number of hectares waived
- Total income generated through the Fee-in-Lieu Program
- Total number of New Dwelling Units or Residents added to the city
- Number of hectares expected
- Average price per hectare in the city
- Contacts and comments

Moved by Councillor Smith,

That the Environmental Coordinator refer the request for information to the appropriate department for response.

Carried

124. From Michelle Kading, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Motion 2005/11/14

Request for Updates on Past CEC Recommendations

File E-7

Requesting a status report on the following recommendations that were made by the Civic Environmental Committee:

- April 11, 2005 - Snow Dumping Ground near Omands Creek, north of the intersection of St. James Street and Dublin Avenue

- July 11, 2005 - RiverRidge Development

Moved by Michelle Kading,

That the Policy Assistant provide an update on the recommendations made by Committee on April 11, 2005 and July 11, 2005.

Carried

On motion of Councillor Smith, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

R. Kachur, City Clerk G. Steeves, Chairperson

Attachment to Minute No. 115

Coalition to Save the Elms

To Preserve and Protect the Urban Forest and Urban Environment

Clerk
Civic Environmental Committee
c/o City Clerk's Department
Council Building
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1B9

October 12, 2005

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached a grant application from the Coalition to Save the Elms for funding for our Arbour Day in the Park event. Since our inception in 1992, the Coalition to Save the Elms has provided a valuable service to the citizens of Winnipeg by raising awareness and educating the public on the value of our unique urban forest and the need to preserve it. This event is intended to further this cause by reaching, educating and involving even more people through a number of exciting activities to take place at Assiniboine Park.

Winnipeg is well known across North America as a leader in urban forestry and for its community involvement. We have the largest mature urban elm forest in North America and the largest population of indigenous bur oak in a prairie city, many of which predate our city's establishment. In our harsh prairie climate, our urban forest creates a diverse ecosystem that makes a significant contribution to our quality of life. But, threats to the existence of our urban tree cover are increasing and the need to move more communities to become actively involved in its preservation and enhancement is more important than ever.

Your support for this event will provide us with the resources needed to accomplish the goals of this important undertaking and set the tone for the future and other tree and environment related programming.

We thank you for taking the time to consider this application. We hope you will find it complete and worthy of further consideration. Should additional information or clarification be required please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Phil Pines
Executive Director

Inclusions: Cover letter/Completed application form/ Budget/ Project Timeline/Confirmed and proposed project sponsors/CEC statement/History of previous projects

1539 Waverley Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 4V7

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Civic Environmental Committee
Application for Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding

1. Organization Information

Coalition to Save the Elms Manitoba Inc.
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 4V7

Phone: 832-7188
Fax: 986-4050
E-Mail: elms@mts.net

Contact: Phil Pines Executive Director
www.savetheelms.mb.ca

2. Organization's Background and Mandate

The Coalition to Save the Elms is an incorporated non-profit charitable community based conservation organization founded in 1992. Our mandate is to protect, preserve and promote the health of the urban forest and urban environment through public awareness and education. Our goals are to protect Winnipeg's American elm population from the threat of Dutch elm disease (DED), to reduce or eliminate threats to the health of all tree species in our urban forest, and to increase public awareness of tree biology and ecology within the urban environment. To achieve these goals the Coalition has laid out the following objectives:

Specifically, the Coalition's objectives are:

1. To raise public awareness about the value and care of the urban forest and the urban environment.
2. To provide education and training to our members and the public about trees, the urban forest and environment.
3. To assist individuals and community groups to work together to preserve and enhance the urban forest.

3. Has the Organization previously applied to the Civic Environmental Committee Conference/project funding?

An application to the Civic Environmental Committee has previously been submitted by the Coalition to Save the Elms. The Coalition applied for a grant under its Urban Forest Public Education Campaign in 2004.

4. Conference/Project Information

Conference/Project Name: Arbor Day in the Park

Conference/Project Date: Sunday, June 4, 2006

Conference/Project Location: Arbor Day in the Park will take place in Assiniboine Park located at 2355 Corydon Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

5. Project Background and Mandate

Arbor Day in the Park is an event planned by the Coalition to Save the Elms to celebrate Arbor Day. The Council of the Northwest Territories first officially recognized Arbor Day on May 10th, 1893 as a holiday devoted to tree planting. Accordingly, this event will continue with the day's original mandate but will be expanded to include a celebration of urban forests, a volunteer and member recognition and appreciation, and a public education forum to raise awareness of Winnipeg's urban forest and environment issues. The fourth annual Arbor Day in the Park will take place in the afternoon of Sunday, June 4th, 2006.

Because 78% of Canadians now live in urban areas, there is an increasing need to preserve and enhance the health of the urban environment for all citizens. Recently, the Coalition has acknowledged a growing trend in Winnipeg by its citizens to acknowledge trees as significant components of a healthy urban environment. As a result, the Arbor Day in the Park event is intended to encourage this trend and increase public awareness of the benefits of trees to the quality of their lives.

One of the core objectives of Arbour Day in the Park is to celebrate Winnipeg's majestic trees and recognizes hundreds of volunteers' efforts particularly over the last few years with the implementation of new community driven programs. It is believed that this event will increase the awareness and importance of the urban forest and the health of the urban environment. In Winnipeg's harsh prairie climate, the urban forest creates a diverse eco-system that makes a significant positive contribution to the quality of life. Winnipeg has long been known across Canada as a leader in urban forestry with community involvement in the preservation of trees. However, as threats to the health of the urban forest increase, the need for more communities to become actively involved in the preservation and enhancement of the urban forest is more important than ever.

The Coalition is hoping to host fifteen educational/information tables. These tables will be manned by many of our sister organizations. In addition to valuable information, participants will be able to take home a seedling, which they can then plant in their own yard, or another appropriate location. The event will also have a variety of children and family orientated activities such as a children's scavenger hunt, bouncers, a barbeque, children's climbing tree, bucket rides, climbing demonstrations, free seedlings, free prize draws, entertainment and a tree planting ceremony in the Mayor's Grove. All activities will be free of charge and open to the public.

The Arbor Day in the Park event will be promoted on radio, television, through print media public service announcements and the Coalition's newsletter "The Urban Forester". Approximately one hundred other sponsorship requests are being distributed to further promote the event and request support. There will be approximately two thousand invitations, which will be sent to civic, provincial and federal government representatives, public and private industry, non-profit organizations, horticultural societies and volunteers and supporters. The general public will be invited through media and advertising promotion of this event.

6. How does the project complement the priorities of the Civic Environmental Committee?

The focus of Arbor Day in the Park is to encourage tree related environmental public education and awareness relating to the value of trees to individuals and the city, which is a stated goal/priority of the Civic Environmental Committee.

The Citizens of Winnipeg have a significant investment in their trees, both private and public. Trees provide numerous aesthetic and social benefits as well as adding measurable values to our urban environment. Trees increase property values, decrease energy costs, filter dust, pollen and pollutants, provide shade from harmful UV rays, absorb noise, prevent soil erosion, provide a habitat for wildlife, replenish oxygen, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and are important living organisms for carbon sequestering (of increasing importance in light of current documented climatic changes). Therefore maintaining a healthy urban forest is of great importance to the well being of all urban communities.

Within Winnipeg there is a demonstrated need for the efforts of the Coalition to continue emphasizing the need to preserve and protect the urban forest. All tree species within our urban forest have shown varying degrees of stress symptoms due to changes in climatic conditions and the impact of the urban environment. As threats to our City's urban forest continue to grow there is a great need for private citizens to take responsibility and action in care for private and public trees. It is anticipated that Arbor Day in the Park will provide the initial information the public requires to accomplish this task.

Arbor Day in the Park
Budget 2006

Revenues:		**Percentage**
Civic Environmental Committee Funding	$ 7,500	35%
Manitoba Gardener Magazine/Radio Show (In-Kind air time & Tabloid production)	5,000	25%
Coalition to Save the Elms MB Inc.	3,000	15%
The Winnipeg Foundation	5,000	25%
TOTAL	**$ 20,500**	**100%**
Expenses:		
Staff wages (Arbor Day event Coordinator)	$ 3,500	
Equipment Rental	1,000	
Radio show - Air time	4,000	
Magazine Advertisement space	4,000	
Printing (printed posters, booklets, brochures)	4,500	
Overhead (postage, rent, equipment use, photocopy, office supplies)	3,500	
TOTAL	**$ 20,500**	
Project +/-	$ -	

*** $7,500 Requested from the Civic Environmental Committee**

Project Agenda

February through April: The Arbor Day in the Park event Coordinator will begin planning the details of the project in February. This will include arranging the activities including the supplies necessary to conduct the activities as well as organizing and designating information display tables to interested parties including organizing the Coalition's information display table. The event coordinator is also responsible for canvassing for donations, recruiting volunteers, and promoting the event in the local media

June 4th: 8 AM- set up tables, tents, displays
12 PM- opening ceremony- tree planting
1 PM- 4 PM- entertainment, activities, networking

Confirmed Project Sponsors

Manitoba Gardener Magazine And Radio Show In-Kind Contribution	$5000

Proposed Project Funders

1. The Winnipeg Foundation – The Coalition has asked the Winnipeg Foundation for a grant in the amount of $5,000. This grant is currently pending.

COALITION TO SAVE THE ELMS

PROJECT HISTORY

Since our inception in 1992, the Coalition to Save the Elms has provided a valuable service to Winnipeg and Manitoba communities by raising awareness and educating the public on the value of our urban forest and the need to preserve it. The Coalition to Save the Elms provides the following services:

1. Publication of a quarterly newsletter, "Branching Out". A periodical that is currently circulated to approximately 750 homes in Winnipeg, highlighting information on DED and tree care related issues and events that occur locally and throughout Canada. Over 10,000 copies will be distributed this year through our door-to-door outreach program.

2. The organization and presentation of an annual series of workshops for the public that provide information and "hands-on" urban forest principles and practices. These sessions include classroom and field education seminars on the following topics: seasonal issues, pruning, watering, fertilising, community and backyard planting, landscaping, DED management, tree identification, tree biology, disease and insect problems. Attendance at workshops ranges from 20 to 50 individuals.

3. Annual outreach program, including a door-to-door canvass that reaches over 10,000 property owners providing them with information on tree care issues, DED and other urban forest principles and practices.

4. Ongoing presentations to schools, University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Red River College, rural municipalities, conferences, and other community organisations. Martha Barwinsky recently presented a talk at the 5th Canadian Urban Forestry Conference in Markham, ON, on Winnipeg's leading role in community involvement in urban forestry.

5. On-going development and maintenance of our web site (www.savetheelms.mb.ca) that provides a worldwide source of information about Winnipeg's urban forest and DED management practices

6. The publication and distribution of two information booklets for the public: 1) The Manitoba Elm Survival Guide, a comprehensive manual providing practical, community-based solutions to DED, and 2) The Homeowner's Tree Manual, a booklet providing information about tree care in Manitoba. Over 4,000 manuals have been distributed and the manuals are available in Winnipeg libraries.

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7. Employment of Urban Green Team students throughout the summer to undertake community outreach activities such as: "Tree For All Campaign", elm inventory conducted within the City of Winnipeg, door-to-door public awareness campaign in support of the City's elm tree basal spray program, "Jump on the Bandwagon Campaign" promoting banding of City trees, urban forest reforestation - plantings at Omand's Creek Park, establishment of riparian bio-diversity - plantings at Blue Stem Park, European buckthorn removal program in conjunction with City Naturalists Services.

9. The Coalition provides a public information line responding daily to calls from the public about private and public tree problems and concerns.

10. The organization and implementation of a Tree Banding Campaign beginning on June 1 and running through until May 30 annually. This campaign promotes the benefits associated with the banding of trees with Tanglefoot® in order to combat the effects of cankerworm defoliation. In 2002, over 8,000 trees were banded by the Coalition to Save the Elms with the inclusion of over 100 volunteers throughout various communities in Winnipeg.

11. The support and promotion offered by the Coalition to the City's Basal Spray Program has resulted in a cumulative total of over 17,000 homes registered for the program by the Coalition in areas with high density mature elm tree cover. This free program protects American elm trees from the elm bark beetle that spreads the fungus that causes DED.

12. Participation in the International Society of Aboriculture conference that was held in and hosted by the City of Winnipeg, September, 2001. At this event the Coalition hosted a children's activity centre "The Kid's Grove" at Assiniboine Park.

13. Participation in the City of Winnipeg's annual Communities in Bloom Contest. In 2002, Winnipeg received special mention as a leader in Urban Forestry.

14. Grandmother's Tree Educational Program: The book, Grandmother's Tree, is written by Manitoba author Sheila Reid, with illustrations by Manitoba artist Mark Webb, Grandmother's Tree was released by Winnipeg-based Skyline Productions in 2001. The book is based on the true story of the Wolseley Elm, Winnipeg's most celebrated tree. It is a story that reminds readers that our environment is worth saving and that heroes come in all sizes, ages and fauna. The activities related to the educational program included:

    1. The purchase and distribution of Grandmother's Tree to all elementary schools and libraries in Winnipeg,
    2. Readings of Grandmother's Tree at elementary schools presented by the author and illustrator (readings take approximately 45 minutes and include question/answer and discussion time with the children;
    3. Tree workshops presented by the Coalition to Save the Elms, and
    4. Arbor Day tree plantings by the Coalition to Save the Elms with the hands-on participation of schoolchildren.

How the Civic Environmental Committee's Support will be Recognized

The Coalition to Save the Elms will recognize the Civic Environmental Committee's contribution in a number of ways. First, a thank you will be posted in the Coalition's information pamphlets that will be distributed during the Arbor Day celebrations as well as in the Coalition's quarterly newsletter "The Urban Forester" and on the Coalition's website. Second, the Coalition will give the CEC acknowledgment during the introductory speeches held on Arbor Day. Finally, the CEC will be recognized, as one of the events financial sponsors on signs and banners the Coalition will have on display during the festivities.

1.) A detailed conference/project budget

Speakers fee:	$5,900.00 (CDN)
Airfare:	$600.00 (est.)
Accommodation:	$300.00 (est)
Food:	$200.00 (est)
TOTAL:	$7,000.00

We are contributing at least $1500.00 towards the cost. We would hope to obtain $3,500.00 from the CEC. The remaining $2,000 we are still hoping to obtain from other partners but this is still being negotiated. A second potential option would be to consult with Mr. Kunstler's agent to see if he can reduce his fee (it was indicated to us that this was a potential option).

2.) A detailed conference agenda and/or project timeline.

We have no confirmed date yet; we are looking at March 2006

3.) A list of confirmed conference/project funders/ sponsors.

Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba;

4.) A list of proposed conference/project funders/ sponsors.

The Manitoba Professional Planners Institute;
The Provincial Green Party of Manitoba;
The Department of City Planning at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Architecture.
The University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students

5.) A detailed statement which identifies how the CEC's support will be recognized by the event organizers.

All publicity – posters, brochures, websites and emails will include a statement acknowledging the support of the CEC. At the event itself a verbal acknowledgement will be delivered. We may also be able to organize a personal appearance of Mr. Kunstler at a CEC meeting.

6.) A detailed history of previous conferences/projects undertaken by organization

The Institute of Urban Studies has a long history of organizing, hosting and reporting on public events. Some recent examples include the 1994 conference on "Environmental Stewardship: History, Theory and Practice"; the 1997 conference on "The State of Unicity 25 Years Later"; the 2000 Infill Housing Workshop sponsored by the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative; and a 2001 roundtable on Federal Policy Priorities in Urban Areas. We have also hosted several for-credit "Summer Institutes" for the Winnipeg Inner City Research Alliance. Most recently we sponsored a popular screening of The End of Suburbia.

Civic Environmental Committee
Application for Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding

Please refer to the Civic Environmental Committee's Criteria for Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding at www.winnipegcec.org. **1. Organization Information**

Name of Organization

Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg

Address	Contact Name(s)
103 – 520 Portage Avenue R3C 0G2	**Jino Distasio; Michael Dudley**
Phone Number	Fax Number
982-1147 (Distasio) ; 982-1145 (Dudley)	**943-4695**
E-mail address	Organization's web site, if applicable
j.distasio@uwinnipeg.ca; m.dudley@uwinnipeg.ca	**http://ius.uwinnipeg.ca**

Organization's background and mandate (Please provide up to 250 words)

Founded in 1969 by the University of Winnipeg, the Institute of Urban Studies (IUS) was created at a time when the city's "urban university" recognized a need to address the problems and concerns of the inner city. From the outset, IUS has been both an educational and an applied research centre. The Institute has remained committed to examining urban development issues in a broad, non-partisan context and has never lost sight of the demands of applied research aimed at practical, often novel, solutions to urban problems. IUS has continually refocused its research objectives and broadened its mandate to incorporate issues within a prairie and national urban context, including inner city, environmental urban sustainability, Aboriginal and northern concerns, and community development issues. In addition, IUS brings in visiting scholars, hosts workshops, seminars and conferences, maintains a library and a publications program and serves as a resource centre for clients and the broader community.

The Institute of Urban Studies is an independent research arm of the University of Winnipeg. In addition to carrying out contract and mission-oriented research, IUS is home to the Canada Research Chair in Urban Change and Adaptation; administers the Winnipeg Inner City Research Alliance (WIRA), and publishes the Canadian Journal of Urban Research (CJUR).

Has the organization previously applied to the Civic Environmental Committee for conference/project funding? . . **Yes** **X** . **No**

If yes, please provide details of funding history.

In March of 2003 Michael Dudley made a presentation concerning a proposed Pedicab (bicycle rickshaw) pilot project (that would have been funded through Transport Canada) in the downtown. A formal application for funding was not actually made to the Committee at that time, but support for the application was sought from the Committee. Transport Canada ultimately rejected the proposal, so no further contact on this issue was made.

What, if any, is the organization's previous involvement with the Civic Environmental Committee?

2. Conference/Project Information

Conference/project name **Inviting urban planning journalist James Howard Kunstler (*The Long Emergency*; *Home from Nowhere*) to Winnipeg for a public lecture**	
Conference/project date(s) **March 2006**	Conference/project location (please be as specific as possible) **Possible The U of W's Eckhardt-Grammatte Hall; possible the Ellice Street Theatre**
Conference Organizer/Project Manager (if different than organization contact)	Address
Phone number	Cell phone number (if applicable)
Fax number	E-mail address

Conference/project background and mandate (Please provide up to 250 words)

We are interested in having Mr. Kunstler speak in Winnipeg because his is a unique and highly influential voice in contemporary urban issues. He is the author of *The Geography of Nowhere* (1993) and *Home from Nowhere* (1996) both of which address the crisis of urban sprawl and decay, as well as *The Long Emergency* (2005) which explores the impacts that "peak oil" will have on society. Mr. Kunstler also makes a high-profile appearance in the controversial film "The End of Suburbia" (see **http://www.endofsuburbia.com/**) which proved a hugely popular draw earlier this year at the University of Winnipeg, so we are confident that a public event with Mr. Kunstler would be similarly popular.

We would like to have Mr. Kunstler address sprawl and peak oil in general, but also to speak to issues facing Winnipeg in particular, such as our slow growth and present and future development trends (such as Waverley West) in the light of Winnipeg's prospects in an energy-poor environment. We feel that he could contribute significantly to the debate over Winnipeg's future.

How does the conference/project complement the priorities of the Civic Environmental Committee? (Please provide up to 250 words)

Mr. Kunstler's work-- focusing as it does on the unsustainability of contemporary urban development trends, transportation patterns and energy use – is highly relevant to the ongoing efforts of the Civic Environmental Committee. His current book, *The Long Emergency* is an extremely important work that addresses a whole host of implications of a post-oil world. According to Mr. Kunstler, The end of cheap oil is going to have an impact on transportation, food production, employment patterns, land use, energy production and the exploitation of other resources. It will have a particularly severe impact on cold-climate cities. For example, during an extremely cold winter in which the cost of natural gas goes so high that it exceeds the ability of most Winnipeggers to afford it, it does not take too much imagination to realize that people would likely turn to our beautiful urban forest for firewood. The implications of "peak oil" touch on every major concern of the CEC.

Required attachments: ¤ A detailed conference/project budget. Please note what percentage of the conference budget is requested from the Civic Environmental Committee. ¤ A detailed conference agenda and/or project timeline. ¤ A list of confirmed conference/project funders/ sponsors. ¤ A list of proposed conference/project funders/ sponsors. ¤ A detailed statement which identifies how the CEC's support will be recognized by the event organizers. ¤ A detailed history of previous conferences/projects undertaken by organization	Please send applications to: Clerk Civic Environmental Committee c/o City Clerk's Department Council Building 510 Main Street R3B 1B9 Fax: (204) 947-3452 E-mail: KKunz@winnipeg.ca