North Committee Room
Council Building, Winnipeg
December 19, 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 Bob Foster Michelle Kading Ken Klassen Ken MacKinnon Terri Willard 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

Rodney McDonald entered the meeting after roll call.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Terri Willard moved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

DELEGATIONS

125. Anna Weier, Masters Student, Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources, was heard with respect to M.O.D.E.L. House research proposal. File E-7

126. Dr. Ian Wight, Board of Directors, Manitoba Professional Planners Institute, was heard with respect to their request for funding under the CEC's Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program. File E-7

127. Roselle Miko, International Institute of Sustainable Development, was heard with respect to Environmental Improvements Zones (EZ zones) and submitted documentation titled Environmental Improvement Zones (EAI): A Model for Engaging Winnipeg neighbourhoods in local action. File E-7

GENERAL BUSINESS

128. 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.

Moved by Terri Willard,

That the request for funding in the amount of $3,500.00 be denied.

Carried

129. 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 Ken Klassen,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

130. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/12/19

City Hall Reports

File E-7

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

- Agenda of the Council of the City of Winnipeg – December 14, 2005
  Report - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works - December 1, 2005 – Item No. 1 2006 Transit Fare Increase

Moved by Bob Foster,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

131. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/12/05

Action on Reports

File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, an extract of the November 30, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items, with respect to the CEC's recommendation of November 14, 2005, requesting that Civic Environmental Committee's mandate be extended until March 31, 2006 and further, that a new mandate be developed.

Extract of the Executive Policy Committee Disposition of Items – November 30, 2005

Minute	Subject/File	Recommendations	Action Required
52	Civic Environmental Committee – New Mandate Motion, CEC, 2005 11 14 E-7	The Executive Policy Committee received the November 14, 2005 recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee as information.	Nil

Minutes - Civic Environmental Committee – December 19, 2005

Submitting for Committee's information, an extract of the November 27, 2005 Council Disposition of Items, with respect to a motion proposed by Councillors Benham and Smith regarding the Civic Environmental Committee.

Extract of the Council Disposition of Items – November 27, 2005

Motion	Mover & Seconder	Subject	Disposition
3	Benham / Smith	That: 1. City Council reaffirm its support for the Civic Environmental Committee. 2. City Council extend the existing mandate, policy assistant, budget and membership of the Civic Environmental Committee. 3. City Council co-operatively develop, as soon as possible, a renewed mandate, budget and membership for the Civic Environmental Committee 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.	NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That Committee's Minutes include the disposition of the December 14, 2005 Council Meeting Notice of Motion regarding the Civic Environmental Committee, which motion was Lost, as follows:

> *Moved by Councillor Benham,*
> *Seconded by Councillor Smith,*
>
> *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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *City Council reaffirm its support for the Civic Environmental Committee.*

2. *City Council extend the existing mandate, policy assistant, budget and membership of the Civic Environmental Committee.*

3. *City Council co-operatively develop, as soon as possible, a renewed mandate, budget and membership for the Civic Environmental Committee 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.*

The motion for adoption of the item was put.

The Speaker advised that at the request of Councillor Lazarenko, each recommendation in the item would be considered separately.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1, that City Council reaffirm its support for the Civic Environmental Committee, was put.

Councillor Benham called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Swandel, Thomas and Wyatt. 8

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, and Eadie. 8

and Recommendation No. 1 was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2, that City Council extend the existing mandate, policy assistant, budget and membership of the Civic Environmental Committee, was put.

Councillor Benham called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Thomas and Wyatt. 6

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel and Eadie. 10

and Recommendation No. 2 was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3, that City Council co-operatively develop, as soon as possible, a renewed mandate, budget and membership for the Civic Environmental Committee 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, was put.

Councillor Benham called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Thomas and Wyatt. 7

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel and Eadie. 9

and Recommendation No. 3 was declared lost.

Carried

132. Anna Weier, Masters Student, Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources
Communication 2005/12/02

M.O.D.E.L. House Research Proposal

File E-7

Providing Committee with information on her M.O.D.E.L. House research proposal.

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

Carried

133. From Dr. Ian Wight, Board of Directors, Manitoba Professional Planners Institute
Communication 2005/12/15

Request for Funding – Manitoba Professional Planners Institute
File E-7

Submitting a request for funding in the amount of $2,000.00 under the Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program to invite David Johnston, author and President of What's Working, to Winnipeg for a public lecture titled 'Sustainable Urbanization: Building Green Capacity' taking place on January 10th, 2006.

Moved by Michelle Kading,
That $2,000.00 be approved from the Green Building Sub-Committee budget to co-sponsor a public lecture by David Johnston on Sustainable Urbanization – Building Green Capacity, being held January 10, 2006.

Carried

134. Roselle Miko, International Institute of Sustainable Development
Communication 2005/11/30

Environmental Improvement Zones
File E-7

Providing Committee with information on Environmental Improvements Zones (EZ zones).

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

Carried

135. From Michele Kading, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/12/05

Moratorium on Developing Flood-Sensitive Lands
File E-7

Requesting Committee to consider the matter of a moratorium on developing flood-sensitive lands until the City approves a sensitive lands plan.

Moved by Michelle Kading,
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 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 City continues to receive proposals to develop homes, apartments and other facilities on lands that clearly fit the definition of sensitive lands as outlined in Section 5 of Plan Winnipeg (flood-prone, erosion-sensitive, and/or containing pockets of unique flora and fauna);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

a) Effective immediately, all proposals to develop land that clearly fits the definition of sensitive lands be rejected in their current form and steps be taken immediately to acquire (at a fair market value) the affected sensitive lands for public purposes so that the balance of the projects may proceed in a timely manner;

b) All proposals that include land identified as sensitive on Policy Plate D be "red-flagged" by the Administration, 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;

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

d) 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,

e) 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 (see Best Management Practices Handbook for activities in and around the city's waterways and watercourses – Nov. 2005);

and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

136. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/12/15

Civic Environmental Committee Mandate

File E-7

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

Moved by Terri Willard,

That the Mayor be provided with Committee's advice/comments, as approved by the Committee, with respect to the draft document titled "Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Environment".

Carried

Moved by Michelle Kading,

WHEREAS the Civic Environmental Committee's mandate expires on December 31, 2005 but the environmental issues facing the city do not expire;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg contains the largest concentration of people in the province and has a significant impact on the Manitoba's overall environmental health;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has decided not to renew the mandate of the Civic Environmental Committee,

AND WHEREAS Councillor Steeves has indicated his intention to resign as Chair of the CEC as of December 31, 2005 when the mandate expires;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has no other citizens' advisory committee that deals with the monumental and complex environmental issues that face the City on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS a single Environmental Coordinator within the entire administration cannot replace the extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise of a committed group of volunteer environmental experts drawn from the citizenry of Winnipeg, and will need input from beyond the city administration in order to be effective;

AND WHEREAS the role of the "Secretary of Urban Environmental Strategies" (Councillor Lubosch) is unclear;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Environment has identified issues that are not considered top priorities by the CEC and does not include involvement by private citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) The committee continue to meet according to the its regular schedule as of January 1, 2006 as an independent organization with a new name, revised mandate, a citizen member as Chair, to create innovative ways to involve the citizen's of Winnipeg in creating environmental policy, to provide continuity, and to fill the gap by addressing key priorities (such as land use planning, green buildings, pesticides, and climate change), until such time as an independent citizens' advisory group for the environment can be established and/or the Province of Manitoba establishes an improved mechanism to ensure that the City of Winnipeg fulfills its responsibility to the people of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba by taking due consideration of the environment in all of its policies and programs – as an integral component of the city's long-term environmental sustainability, and

2) The Policy Assistant be instructed to work with committee members until December 31st, 2005 to complete the CEC's annual report and/or final report (to be approved by the committee via e-mail in January) and to ensure the orderly transfer of Committee documents into an appropriate public domain.

Carried

137. From Bob Foster, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/12/15

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

138. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member, Civic Environmental Committee
Report 2005/12/15

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

Carried

139. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/12/15

Chairperson's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

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

Carried

140. From Alec Stuart, Environmental Coordinator, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/12/15

Environmental Coordinator's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

Moved by Ken Klassen,
That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

141. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee Report 2005/12 15

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 Manitoba Eco-Network be requested to host the CEC website for the period of at least 12 months starting January 1, 2006;

And That a copy of all website content be placed on a CD and transferred to the Manitoba Eco-Network;

And That the renewal of all domain names purchased by the CEC be transferred to the Manitoba Eco-Network;

And Further That the Manitoba Eco-Network be given funding in the amount of $1,000.00 for provision of these services.

Carried

Ken Klassen moved that the rule be suspended and that the following items be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

142. Ken Klassen, Committee Members, Civic Environmental Committee
Motion 2005/12/19

Winnipeg City Summit 2006

File E-7

Moved by Ken Klassen,

WHEREAS the Mayor has announced that a Winnipeg City Summit will take place in May 2006 to examine opportunities and key barriers to economic growth, development and the well being of its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Action Plan for a New Winnipeg pledged that his management style and approach to decision making would be one of the "Triple Bottom Line" - not only must our decisions make good economic sense, but they must also protect our environment and enhance our quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the Summit's web site and objectives do not appear to include the integration of environmental issues as a priority;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has made a commitment to sustainable economic development through Plan Winnipeg Policy 2B-01;

AND WHEREAS this commitment to sustainable governance and corporate management was reaffirmed by adopting in principle, the Civic Environmental Committee's report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy and adopting the administration document Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg 2004 - 2006;

AND WHEREAS economic and job creation opportunity in environmental industries are growing much faster than the general economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The objectives of the Winnipeg City Summit 2006 be revised to clarify that the integration of environmental considerations with economic growth and social development (i.e. "Triple Bottom Line" principles) will be a major theme of the event consistent with Plan Winnipeg and the Mayor's Action Plan for a New Winnipeg; and*

2. *The Manitoba Environmental Industries be invited to join the Summit's organizing committee; and*

3. *A link to the Civic Environmental Committee's report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy be added to the Summit's website;*

and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

143. Ken Klassen, Committee Members, Civic Environmental Committee
Motion 2005/12/19

World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change

File E-7

Moved by Ken Klassen,

WHEREAS the Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change was held earlier this month in Montreal in parallel with the United Nations Climate Change Conference;

AND WHEREAS mayors and municipal leaders from around the world acknowledged that local governments play a critical role to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change;

AND WHEREAS these mayors and municipal leaders issued a declaration (attached) in support of taking further action to reduce these emissions beyond the 20% reduction by 2010 already recommended for local governments;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Plan Winnipeg Policy 2B-02;

AND WHEREAS this commitment was reaffirmed by adopting in principle the Civic Environmental Committee's report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy and adopting the administration document Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg 2004 - 2006;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is in the process of developing a climate change strategy for its own operations but still lacks a community-wide goal or strategy to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions that Winnipeg competes with already have community-wide climate change action plans that also enhance their economic competitiveness and quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change made on December 7, 2005 at the fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change be endorsed in principle;*

2. *The administration be directed to begin facilitating a community dialogue and consultation as soon as possible that establishes a proposed community-wide goal and strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emission in Winnipeg that is consistent with the Declaration namely a 30% reduction by 2020 and an 80% reduction 2050;*

and forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Benham,

That pursuant to The City of Winnipeg Charter and By-law No. 5288/89, Committee go In Camera for the following reason:

the matter comes under Category "A" of said by-law in that it deals with personnel related matters.

Carried

Moved by Terri Willard,
That the Committee return to Open Session.

Carried

On motion of Terri Willard, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

R. Kachur, City Clerk

G. Steeves, Chairperson