AGENDA OF THE

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

LOCATION:	North Committee Room Council Building
DATE:	**Monday, January 10, 2005**
TIME:	**4:00 p.m**
MEMBERS:	Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson Councillor Donald Benham Councillor Harvey Smith Annitta Stenning, Chief Administrative Officer Bob Foster Michele Kading Ken Klassen Rodney McDonald Ken MacKinnon Shannon Stunden Bower Terri Willard Tony Zienkiewicz
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:	James Allum, Interim Environmental Coordinator Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee
CLERK	Krista Kunz

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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

moves that the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2004 be taken as read and confirmed.

DELEGATIONS

1. Barry Evenson, Manager of Building Services, Building Services Division, Public Works Department and Monica Samuda Poitras, Maintenance Systems Engineer, Building Services Division, Public Works Department, to be heard with respect to the City's Power Smart Agreement. File E-7

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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. From Barry Evenson, Manager of Building Services, Building Services Division, Public Works Department and Monica Samuda Poitras, Maintenance Systems Engineer, Building Services Division, Public Works Department

Power Smart Agreement
File E-7

Providing Committee with information on the City's Power Smart Agreement.

2. From Terri Willard, Committee Member

Communications Strategy
File E-7

Submitting for information and discussion, the matter of forming a Communications Working Group to identify existing and proposed CEC communications vehicles and to map out how they can be used in combination to effectively target key audiences.

(Laid over from December 13, 2004)

3. 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 established July 19, 2004.

4. From Rodney McDonald, Committee Member

Progress Report - Green Building Sub-Committee

File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, a progress report of the Green Building Sub-Committee established July 19, 2004.

5. From Anne Lindsey, Executive Director, Manitoba Eco-Network
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Possible Partnership Opportunities with Local Not For Profit Environmental Organizations

File E-7

Submitting for consideration, a short list of some ongoing projects that the Manitoba Eco-Network is either involved in or coordinating, that the CEC may want to partner on.

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6. From the Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee

Chairperson's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

7. From the 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.

8. From the Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee

Policy Assistant's Monthly Report
File E-7

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

moves that the rule be suspended and that the following items be considered.

On motion of , the meeting adjourned at p.m.

Attachment - Item 5

POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CIVIC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Submitted by Manitoba Eco-Network, Tuesday December 20, 2004

1. **A Roundtable Session on Healthcare and the Environment**

(With Social Planning Council, Manitoba Eco-Network and Resource Conservation Manitoba)

This is a follow up project to **Exposed for Life**, the Conference on Children's Health and the Environment held in Winnipeg last June, and co-sponsored by the CEC. One clear result of the conference was an awareness of how little these issues have penetrated the healthcare professions, especially here in Manitoba. (There seems to be a greater awareness and more action in Ontario, and in the national organizations).

This Roundtable session will convene healthcare professionals WHO ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN, AND AWARE OF, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS A HEALTH DETERMINANT in a facilitated meeting to look at what the barriers are to inclusion of environmental health in the "toolbox", and what opportunities might exist to develop more awareness amongst healthcare professionals. We are very pleased that Dr. Brenda Maxwell, who currently chairs the Manitoba College of Family Physicians, is strongly behind this initiative, and will be one of the participants. Our focus as a committee is on children especially (and we have a particular interest in how environmental impacts are often magnified for those in disadvantaged communities, especially aboriginal, inner city and low income populations).
The date has been set for March 5, 2004, and it will be here in Winnipeg, at Crossways in Common.

Funding is being provided by the 3 partner organizations listed above. Expenses include co-ordination and write-up of the meeting, room bookings, and refreshments. The committee is seeking approximately $500 to complete the budget for this event.

2. **A Public Discussion of Watershed Planning for the City of Winnipeg**

(Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus – an umbrella for environmental groups working on water issues in Manitoba).

The caucus has met twice since its inception in October 2004, and consists of representatives from Manitoba environmental and citizens groups working on issues relating to water. The caucus is holding a series of workshops in various locations in Manitoba, and will be providing advice to the Minister of Water Stewardship for Manitoba on priority water topics. The basic funding for the caucus is through a contractual arrangement with the Province of Manitoba.

For the city of Winnipeg, the caucus has discussed sponsoring a public session on watershed planning for the watersheds that occur within the City's boundaries (Capital Region). The idea is to bring in the watershed planner responsible for this work in the city of Minneapolis, which has been undertaking such work for many years now, to do a public session to introduce the notion of urban watershed planning to a Winnipeg audience. This would be a fairly basic session to acquaint people with the notion that they live in watersheds, to look at how knowledge of watershed impacts and protection can be built and shared within the community, and what is necessary to carry out basic watershed planning. Invitations would be extended to provincial and civic beauracrats, politicians, conservation districts and grassroots water stewardship and environmental organizations, and interested members of the public will be welcome.

However the caucus does not currently have a budget available for this work. A partnership with the CEC would be an excellent opportunity to fund this workshop. The topic area fits well with Section 7-3 of the Environmental Strategy, and may be of assistance to the City as the Province's Water Stewardship Act rolls out.

Only very preliminary work has been done on this idea, since the Caucus is still in the process of finalizing its work plan for the coming months, but a date sometime in March is being considered.

A budget has not yet been developed, but it seems reasonable to expect expenses in the region of $2500 to cover travel, accommodation and honorarium costs for the speaker, booking of a space, and other logistical arrangements for the event. If budget permitted we would also like to explore the production of basic watershed maps for the city, as a resource for this event. (If such maps are not publicly available, we can generate them ourselves through our GIS Mapping Centre).

(City-based enviro. Groups involved in the caucus include Save Our Seine, Water Wisdom, Lower Assiniboine Watershed Group (consisting of the Bunn's, Truro and Omand's Creek Associations), Red River Basin Commission and the Provincial Council of Women).

3. Organic Lawn Care Education Project:

Manitoba Eco-Network has run this successful project for the past 4 summers. It consists of community-based public workshops in neighbourhoods around the city on organic lawn care techniques for the homeowner and small property owner. The project employs students who are trained to deliver the workshops, and to create opportunities for displays, media and other outreach opportunities to engage public interest.

Each year to date, the project has been partially funded through a grant from the Parks and Open Spaces Division of the City of Winnipeg, and through employment programs from the Province (Urban Green Team) and the federal government (HRSDC). We seek additional funding from other sources each year to ensure that we have adequate revenue to successfully run the project. (Additional funds in past years have been made available by Mountain Equipment Co-op, the Green Communities Association and by per capita grants from City Councillors).

Other community groups involved in the project on a consultative and partnership basis are the Campaign for Pesticide Reduction, and Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba.