AGENDA OF THE

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

LOCATION:	North Committee Room Council Building
DATE:	**Monday, February 21, 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:	Danielle Caron

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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

moves that the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed.

DELEGATIONS

1. Glen Koroluk, Water Caucus Coordinator, Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus, to be heard with respect to their request for funding under CEC's Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program. File E-7

(See Item No. 1 – page 2; Attachment: page 5)

2. Darren Swanson, Project Manager, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), to be heard with respect to a proposed collaborative project with IISD on climate change adaptation strategies as a planning tool for Winnipeg. File E-7

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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. From Glen Koroluk, Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus

Request for Funding – Manitoba Eco-Network's Water Caucus
File E-7

Submitting a request for funding in the amount of $2,500.00 under the Conference/Strategic Partnership Funding program to sponsor a public session on watershed planning for the watersheds that occur within the City's boundaries (Capital Region).

(See attachment – page 5)

2. From Darren Swanson, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Proposal on Climate Change Adaptation Strategies as a Planning Tool for Winnipeg

File E-7

Providing Committee with information on a proposed collaborative project with IISD on preparing the City of Winnipeg for climate change through adaptive policymaking.

(See Attachment – page 6)

3. From Councillor Steeves, Committee Chairperson

Kyoto Protocol

File E-7

Providing for information and discussion, the City's programs, policies, and initiatives for meeting the Kyoto Protocol's targets.

4. 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.

5. From Ken MacKinnon, 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.

6. From Councillor Steeves, Committee Chairperson

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 1 – Item 1

Winnipeg Civic Environment Committee Application information

Manitoba Eco-Network

2-70 Albert Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1E7
Executive Director: Anne Lindsey 947-6511

Mandate and Background of the Manitoba Eco-Network

Manitoba Eco-Network was incorporated in 1988 as an umbrella for non-profit, non-governmental environmental organizations in Manitoba. Currently, we have 50 member groups working on diverse issues in different parts of the province. We are an affiliate of the Canadian Environmental Network, and are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors nominated from amongst the member groups. As a network, our primary mandate is to be an environmental resource for our members and for the public. We facilitate communications between and amongst the groups, provide referrals, and carry out a range of educational programs and projects. MEN was granted registered charitable status in 1990.

Our regular and ongoing activities include publication of Eco-Journal – a vehicle for Manitoba environmental news and views -five times per year, since 1990; filling information requests from the public, media, businesses, schools and governments; provision of an environmental resource center/library which is open to the public and houses Manitoba's best collection of community-focused environmental information; matching new volunteers with the needs and issues of our members; facilitating projects and activities involving various member groups; and maintaining several topic-specific electronic list serves for interested organizations and individuals. Our website address is: www.mbeconetwork.org

Has MEN made previous applications for CEC project funding? No.
(Note: $500 was provided to the Eco-Network by the CEC in support of CEC's partnering in a Roundtable on Environmental Healthcare – a follow-up to the Social Planning Council's Conference on Children's Health and the Environment. This contribution was made directly by the Committee, and did not pass through the formal application process.)

MEN's previous involvement with the CEC

Manitoba Eco-Network hosted a meeting of environmental non-profits with Councillor Steeves and Molly Johnston, to discuss elements of the Civic Environmental Strategy, while the strategy was in the development stage. MEN encouraged our member groups to take an active role in contributing to the development of the Strategy. MEN also regularly circulates information about CEC events and efforts to the environmental community in Manitoba.

Attachment 2 – Item 2

Building Adaptive Capacity: Climate Change Adaptation Strategies for the City of Winnipeg

A proposed collaborative project between the City of Winnipeg and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Background - Adapting to Climate Change

Changes in temperature, rain and snowfall patterns, the occurrence and severity of extreme weather events and related factors are expected to occur as a result of the on-going process of climate change. These changes can have significant implications for the maintenance of physical infrastructure and the natural resources upon which cities depend, and therefore should influence future planning and urban design. For example, flood protection, water and wastewater treatment facility design and operation, pest management, snow removal, and parks management will all be affected by climate change. The City of Winnipeg can help minimize and manage the risk posed by these predicted impacts and take advantage of potential opportunities by identifying its sources of vulnerability and developing adaptive strategies.

Approaches

A number of approaches have recently been developed for helping organizations build adaptive capacity in the face of climate change. IISD has studied three in particular:

- ***Decision analysis/risk assessment framework*** developed by the United Kingdom Climate Impacts Program (http://www.ukcip.org.uk/resources/tools/risk.asp)
- An ***Adaptive Capacity Toolbox*** developed by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, also in the U.K. (http://www.tyndall.ac.uk/research/theme3/final_reports/it1_23.pdf)
- ***Adaptive Policymaking*** methods developed in the Netherlands to facilitate ongoing learning and adaptation in policy instruments[1]

These approaches together provide a set of tools whereby organizations can assess the vulnerability of policies, programs and projects to climate change, develop strategies to adapt to potential impacts, and begin building the means for policies to continually improve and adapt in light of new information and understanding.

Proposal

The application of climate change impact and adaptation assessment approaches in businesses and city governments, particularly public water utilities, is quickly expanding in North America and Europe.

IISD proposes to work with the city of Winnipeg to draw on the relevant features of the three approaches mentioned above in a pilot test designed to aid city managers and decision-makers in developing policies, programs and projects that are resilient to a range of potential climate futures.

[1] Walker, W.E., S.A. Rahman, and J. Cave 2001. Adaptive policies, policy analysis, and policy-making. European Journal of Operational Research 128: 282-289.