



To be confirmed

**ROUNDTABLE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES
MEETING 3**

Date of Meeting: June 8, 2005
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 2
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Members

<p>Present: Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Chair Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair Bob Blazeovski John Cartwright Robert Kerr Dr. Roger Keil Mark G. Mitchell Paul Muldoon Dr. Lambert Otten</p>	<p>Steven Peck Gord Perks Judy Simon Dr. Peter Victor Tim Woods</p> <p>Regrets: Susan Antler Kathy Kinnear Karen Sun</p>
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The meeting convened at 2:35 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Pantalone in the Chair.

There were no declarations of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Confirmation of Minutes – January 20, 2005

Confirmed, subject to Item (2) (b) (iii) being amended to read as follows:

“(2) (b) (iii) Evaluate the Chicago’s Renewable Energy Plan, the London, England and Greater Vancouver District plans with Lessons Learned for Toronto; and”.

Welcome and Introductions

The Members of the Roundtable on the Environment and staff members were welcomed and introduced. The Chair also welcomed Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin. The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Reports/Communications

1. Toronto Hydro's Fund for Energy Conservation

Minute 3.1

Richard Lu, Chief Conservation Officer, Vice President, EHS and Joyce McLean, Director, Strategic Issues, Toronto Hydro Corporation, made a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Toronto's access to funding for energy conservation.

Richard Morris, Manager, Energy Efficiency Office, Facilities and Real Estate Division, presented a listing of the City of Toronto Portfolio Submission Summary.

The Roundtable on the Environment requested the Chair to schedule a presentation from Richard Morris, Manager, Energy Efficiency Office, Facilities and Real Estate Division, at a future meeting of the Roundtable.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment:

- (1) received the PowerPoint presentation from Richard Lu, Chief Conservation Officer, Vice President, EHS, and Joyce McLean, Director, Strategic Issues, Toronto Hydro Corporation, with thanks; and*
- (2) requested Richard Morris, Manager, Energy Efficiency Office, Facilities and Real Estate Division, to present further details regarding the various projects and partnerships that the City of Toronto is involved in at a future meeting of the Roundtable on the Environment.*

2. International Best Practice in Municipal Sustainability

Minute 3.2

Robert Kerr, Director, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Canada (ICLEI), made a PowerPoint presentation on tools required for strengthening urban sustainability.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment:

- (1) *received the PowerPoint presentation from Robert Kerr, Director, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Canada (ICLEI), with thanks;*
- (2) *requested the Chair to request Policy and Finance Committee to direct Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to review the feasibility AND APPROPRIATENESS of implementing all or part of the following sustainability management tools and approaches, as presented by Robert Kerr, Director International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Canada (ICLEI) and in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Mayor Pantalone, establish a time frame for reporting back to the Roundtable on the Environment, sometime after the next meeting on September 22, 2005:*
 - (a) *ecoBUDGET;*
 - (b) *Triple Bottom Line; and*
 - (c) *Operationalizing the Melbourne Principles for Sustainable Cities.*

This report to be brought forward to the first Roundtable on the Environment meeting after the September 22, 2005 Roundtable meeting.

3. Green Economic Development in Toronto

The following documents from John Cartwright, President, Toronto and York Region Labour Council, were presented to the Roundtable on the Environment:

- (a) presentation slides for “Greening Economic Development in the City of Toronto”, June 8th Presentation by John Cartwright, Toronto and York Region Labour Council.
- (b) extract (1994) from D. Chenushenko report titled “ Greening Our Games, which provides practical examples of how to green operational and procurement activities;
- (c) report (January 2004) prepared by The Institute for America’s Future and The Centre on Wisconsin Strategy for The Apollo Alliance titled “New Energy for America - The Apollo Jobs Report: Good Jobs & Energy Independence”;
- (d) report (undated) from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority titled “Green Building Strategies for High-Rise Residential Development”; and
- (e) background paper (2003) from the Canadian Labour Congress titled “Green Job Creation Project”.

Minute 3.3

John Cartwright, President of Toronto and York Region Labour Council, made a Power Point presentation on Greening Economic Development in the City of Toronto.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment:

- (1) received the Power Point presentation from John Cartwright, President, Toronto and York Region Labour Council, with thanks;*
- (2) requested the Chair to request Policy and Finance Committee to direct Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to report to the Roundtable on the Environment meeting on September 22, 2005 on how to proceed on the following two recommendations, as presented by John Cartwright, President of Toronto and York Region Labour Council, together with a list of the top ten items (both short-term and long-term) that can be undertaken by the City of Toronto:*

“(1) request staff to bring forward a green economic development plan:

- (a) plan should include clear major goals and targets; and*
- (b) the Roundtable on the Environment will advise and oversee; and*

(2) request staff to bring forward a detailed Plan of Implementation for the Green Economic Development Plan, including:

- (a) roles and responsibilities, including a Green Auditor;*
- (b) resource requirements;*
- (c) timelines;*
- (d) monitoring process;*
- (e) potential partners; and*
- (f) public involvement.”*

(3) as part of this work, Roundtable support staff were also requested to report back on how to integrate a “green auditor” function into City management and operations.

4. Progress Report from the Chair on Roundtable on the Environment

Communication (May 30, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Pantalone, Chair, Roundtable on the Environment, regarding Roundtable on the Environment achievements in the first eight months.

Minute 3.4

The Chair thanked the Roundtable members for their valuable advice and continued dedication to environmental leadership in the City of Toronto, and their on-going contributions to the success of the Roundtable on the Environment.

Vice Chair Paula Fletcher expressed appreciation on behalf of the Roundtable for the efforts undertaken by the Toronto Environmental Volunteers thereby greatly assisting the City of Toronto in advancing the efforts to create a healthier environment for the citizens of Toronto.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment received the communication (May 30, 2005) from the Chair.

5. Discussion on information requests from previous Roundtable meetings

Status reports and reports for information from the Executive Director, Technical Services, which were requested by the Roundtable at its previous meetings, were presented to the Roundtable on the Environment:

Status Reports:

- (a) Air Quality;
- (b) Environmental Plan; and
- (c) Green Fleet Transition.

Reports for Information:

- (d) Emissions Trading; (Receive for information only; for discussion at September 2005 Roundtable on the Environment meeting.);
- (e) Legal Considerations Regarding Point Source Emissions (The document titled "Air Quality Policy and Legal Study" was prepared by consultants for the City of Toronto. Included in the document, after the Executive Summary, is a review and City staff comments on the study document which should also be reviewed.);
- (f) Funding Programs to Support Environmental Improvements;
- (g) Funding Required to Return to Original Toronto Bike Plan – Implementation Schedule (Note: Report will be made available at the commencement of the meeting.); and
- (h) Per Capita Spending on Air Quality.

Minute 4.5

The Roundtable on the Environment agreed to hold a discussion at a future meeting regarding road lane widths required for vehicles versus other uses, and requested support staff to provide background information on this subject in the form of a staff presentation.

The Roundtable on the Environment also agreed to hold a discussion on Item 6(d) – Emissions Trading, at its meeting on September 22, 2005.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment:

- (1) received the Status Reports and Reports for Information from the Executive Director, Technical Services;*
- (2) requested the Chair to request Policy and Finance Committee to direct Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to:
 - (a) report to the Roundtable on the Environment meeting on September 22, 2005 and to the Budget Advisory Committee on the level of:
 - (i) funding required to implement the Toronto Bike Plan on the original schedule;*
 - (ii) staffing requirements, both internal and external; and*
 - (iii) bring to the September meeting of the Roundtable a proposed policy for Council to consider which would speed the approval process for elements of the Toronto Bike Plan”.*;*
 - (b) continue to refine reporting on per capita spending on air quality, including rationale for items included in the formula, identification of the benefits of spending on air quality to City Council as part of its budget deliberations and present a revised formula to the Roundtable on the Environment meeting on September 22, 2005; and*
 - (c) provide a breakdown of how spending on air quality affects individual pollutants such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxides.**

6. Report on response to Roundtable advice on Green Roofs

Communication (May 30, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Pantalone providing an overview of the activities undertaken to-date and presenting a suggested timetable and activities listing, which will assist in advancing the green roof objectives for the City of Toronto, and submitting the following materials regarding Green Roofs:

- (a) communication (May 25, 2005) from the Manager, Zoning By-law Project and Environment, Policy and Research, City Planning Division, providing the following documents;
- (b) literature review – Draft Report (April 2005) from Ryerson University Green Roof Team, prepared for the City of Toronto titled “Municipal Benefits of Green Roofs for the City of Toronto”, a literature review of international work on cost benefit analysis of green roofs;
- (c) draft report (September 2004) from the University of Toronto co-op student and completed for the City of Toronto titled “Examination of International Green Roof Policies, Incentives and Regulations and Related Applicability to Toronto”;
- (d) draft survey (May 24, 2005) titled “Green Roof Survey”, survey questions for study underway by University of Toronto co-op student for the City of Toronto; and
- (e) communication (undated) from the City of Waterloo titled “Green Roof in Kitchener-Waterloo”.

Minute 4.6

Joe D’Abramo, Manager, Regional Growth, Economy and Environment, Policy and Research, City Planning Division and Hitesh Doshi, Ryerson Green Roof Team, Ryerson University, made a power point presentation regarding the activities undertaken in advancing the green roof objectives for the City of Toronto.

The Roundtable on the Environment endorsed the timelines and activities presented in the communication (May 30, 2005) from the Chair.

The Roundtable on the Environment requested that the draft report (April 2005) from Ryerson University Green Roof Team, prepared for the City of Toronto titled “Municipal Benefits of Green Roofs for the City of Toronto”, be circulated for peer review prior to its publication and distribution.

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment:

- (1) *received the presentation from Joe D’Abramo, Manager, Regional Growth, Economy and Environment, Policy and Research, City Planning Division and Hitesh Doshi, Ryerson Green Roof Team, Ryerson University, with thanks;*
- (2) *requested the Chair to:*
 - (a) *advise the Policy and Finance Committee that the Roundtable on the Environment has endorsed the following proposed schedule of timelines and activities, as outlined in the communication (May 30, 2005) from the Chair:*

Proposed Schedule of Timelines and Activities

September 2005

Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to identify:

- (i) resources needed to actualize green roof requirements/regulations; and
- (ii) strategy and set targets for achieving significantly more roofs in Toronto.

November 2005

- (i) hold a special Roundtable on the Environment meeting on Green Roofs for the City of Toronto, and invite approximately 200 members of the community including developers, builders, landscape architects, community groups, financial agencies and the Deputy City Manager coordinating environment; and
- (ii) at the November 2005 meeting, consider policies which could be recommended to establish a “roofs policy” for the City of Toronto.

January 2006

Roundtable on the Environment to submit an interdivisional report to the Policy and Finance Committee and City Council.

March 2006

Staff to produce information materials to support implementation of green roofs requirements/regulation across the City (e.g. how-to handbook including the use of native plants; case studies/examples; information for community planners; information on how to track wastewater benefits);

- (b) request the Policy and Finance Committee to request:
 - (i) Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to prepare the necessary reports for presentation to the Roundtable on the Environment as detailed in the proposed schedule of timelines and activities, such reports to also include a component on Green Buildings, as appropriate; and
 - (ii) the Executive Director, Technical Services, to coordinate the creation of a list of City buildings which could facilitate the construction of a green roof and report to the Roundtable on the Environment meeting on September 22, 2005.

7. Idling Control By-law: Improving Enforcement

Communication (June 7, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that the Board of Health on June 8, 2005, recommended that the report (May 25, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to the Roundtable on the Environment for its meeting on June 8, 2005.

Minute 4.7

Action:

The Roundtable on the Environment requested the Chair to:

- (1) advise the Policy and Finance Committee that the Roundtable on the Environment strongly recommends increased idling enforcement all year with particular attention on smog days; and*
- (2) request the Policy and Finance Committee to:*
 - (a) request the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to report on a business model detailing the expenditures required to enforce the Idling By-law and the revenues which would be generated; and*
 - (b) consider the development of an education/awareness campaign which will bring awareness to the health issues in relation to the pollutant emissions from idling vehicles.*

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2005, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Committee Room 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Chair