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**Project:** The City of Welland Conservation Committee  
**Subject:** Fall Meeting  
**Location:** Ante Room

## MEETING #15 – NOTES

### Present:

Councillor Paul Grenier  
Ric Harry  
Gary King  
Gulia Forsythe  
Erik Nickel

### Distribution:

Those Present                      Jeff Carl  
Sandra Kyle                        Lino Ventresca  
Councillor David Alexander

### Discussion:

#### 1. Approval of Notes from Meeting May 28, 2008

- Motion to approve: Gulia, Seconded by Gary.

#### 2. Review of 2009 Programs (as of Nov. 19)

##### *A: Replacement Incentives*

- Toilets – subsidy given for a total 484 (out of budgeted 500) so far in 2009.
- Washing Machines – subsidy given for a total of 240 washing machines (out of budgeted 280) so far in 2009.
- On pace for both toilet and washing machine incentives to exceed budgeted amounts by 10-20%.
- Last year incentives went over budget by \$14,000. This amount was offset by surplus of \$22,000 from prior years.

##### *B: Home Energy Audits*

- Total of 30 home energy audits (out of budgeted 50) have been conducted for City owned dwellings so far in 2009. Each audit will receive a \$100 cheque. Home energy audits are fully subsidized by Welland Hydro.

##### *C: Rain Barrels*

- Rain barrel pick-up day went very well this year. No overstock, damages, theft, or shipping issues this year.
- Total of 263, 315 L rain barrels sold.
- Total of 76, 500 L rain barrels sold.
- These totals are inline with budgeted numbers.
- Approximately 230 residents on waiting list for 2010.
- A new 250 L Norseman rain barrel was presented. Barrel is nestable and cheaper for shipping and easier for storage. Top of rain barrel is removable for easy cleaning and access by watering can. Cost is quoted at \$51.60 per barrel including shipping. It is proposed for the City to offer these without subsidy in order to lessen the finances needed by this program.

#### 3. Other Business

- **Climate Action / GreenSaver** representative shown interest in presenting information to the committee.
- **Green Communities Canada** – Committee still interested in continuing contact with this group to look at future endeavours. Erik handed attendees an info sheet on this subject. Of note is the requirement for a service population greater than 100,000.
- Erik to schedule meeting with Pete Wabshaw for tour of eco-house and meeting to discuss this in late December (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – leave at 1pm).

- **Energy/Water Efficient Dishwashers** – Natural Resources Canada is now setting targets for EnergyStar ratings of dishwashers. Erik to look at feasibility for including this in incentives for future years.
- **In-home Energy Meters** – Information was presented by the Councillor Grenier on in-home energy meters by Aztech. These meters wirelessly display realtime consumption as transmitted from the hydro meter. Gary interested for use at the school.
- **Financing** – Councillor Grenier presented information on financial programs from TD Canada Trust.
- **Brock Cares Day** – Gulia explained that volunteers from Brock University may be available to the City for assistance in February. She will send this information to the Erik.

#### 4. Meeting Adjourned

Notes taken and prepared by:

Erik Nickel