



	<p>public can learn how to incorporate environmental practices into their daily lives. Some sessions include; how to build a rain barrel, how to compost, how to dispose of hazardous waste material, and how to plant a tree. There will be different exhibits and entertainment as well as giveaways. Ted suggested that the committee have a safety plan such as special event signage and maybe incorporate the water fountain into an activity to keep children from climbing on it. Funding from BNRC and from Renaissance Brandon is confirmed.</p>		
6	<p><b>Elect a Vice Chair Person</b> Hope Switzer will be the Vice Chair of the committee and will take on Chair responsibilities in Len's absence.</p>	Len	10minutes
7	<p><b>Food Waste</b> Ryan explained that the Food Assessment program is now in phase 2 and has received funding. The Food Assessment program will have a coordinator who will conduct a study of where people go to get their food and food security. Ryan requested a letter of support from our committee. Larry/Tom moved that we supply a letter of support to this program. (cd).</p>	Doug	5 minutes
8	<p><b>Transit passes for high school students</b> Hope is looking for suggestions on how to get subsidized bus passes for high school students. She has spoken with Transit and the BSD but an agreement has not been worked out. Len and Ted will take this concern to their joint meeting they have with the BSD on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope will make contact with Len prior to the meeting.</p>	Hope	5 Minutes
9	<p><b>Share the Road</b> Lindsay has been working with the Recreation Development Manager and Director of Community Services on addressing active transportation in the community. An Across town route along Lorne Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> Street E to 26<sup>th</sup> street is the route of choice. This route is not wide enough to accommodate bicycling lanes so the compromise is to have a "Share the Road" concept. There will be signage both on the pavement and along the roadway indicating to motorists and cyclists that this is a designated Share the Road route. The signage that will be used is the same that is recognized across Canada.</p> <p>The city will be applying for funding through the Small Communities Active Transportation Fund provided through the Canada-Manitoba Gas Tax Funding Agreement. The program provides 50% cost-shared funding for eligible projects up to a maximum of \$50,000 per project. The City of Brandon will also look to other organizations for assistance in funding.</p> <p>Ryan/Sherry moved that the committee write a letter of support for this project.</p>	Lindsay	5 Minutes
10	<p><b>Environmental Strategic Plan</b> Lindsay is working on drafting the ESP; Ryan suggested that community gardens and food waste be a part of the plan. Dylan will send his comments to go into the plan via email to Lindsay. Once drafted Lindsay will send out a draft copy to the committee to review before going to senior administration.</p>	Lindsay/ALL	20 minutes
11	<p><b>Other</b></p>	ALL	5 minutes
12	<p><b>"Once around the table"</b></p> <p>Ryan: Ryan is working on funding applications for the YMCA's greenspace component to their new building and has requested a letter of support from our committee. The committee had concerns of supporting a project before seeing the designs. The designs would not be available until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ryan will forward the designs to Lindsay to draft a letter of support and have the committee approve it before it is signed. The committee would support a design that addresses urban runoff. Ted/Larry.</p> <p>Ted: AHCD is becoming more urban focused now that the City is a member. There may be funding opportunities for different water projects such as rain gardens in the future. Lindsay will send out a link with more info related to rain gardens.</p> <p>Hope: Ducks Unlimited Ladies Night is on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	ALL	10 minutes

	<p><b>CanadInns Roadhouse \$50/ticket includes supper and entertainment.</b></p> <p><b>Green TV: Hope has been talking to WCG TV and the idea of having a “Going Green Show” came up. Hope suggested this would be a good idea to get the message out on various environmental initiatives/programs. It was suggested that Allison Collins be consulted to for guidance with this initiative. Len suggested that this should be a committee initiative and not a City one. Lindsay will set up a meeting with Allison and Hope to discuss further. Members are requested to brainstorm 5 ideas each and send to Lindsay within the next week on what topics should be talked about.</b></p> <p><b>Tom: Tom and Lindsay are heading in to Winnipeg Feb.28<sup>th</sup> to the Legislative Building to give feedback on to give feedback to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship on a plan to improve upon the progress achieved through <i>the Sustainable Development Act</i> by developing new legislation. The new law is intended to outline priorities for achieving sustainability and enable government to establish new priorities as necessary. The new legislation also seeks to enhance industry and public awareness and increase participation in efforts to enhance sustainability in Manitoba.</b></p> <p><b>Electric School buses: Tom has been investigating the benefits of doing a pilot with electric school buses within the Brandon School Division as there is significant cost savings. Tom has passed it on to the transportation committee with the BSD.</b></p> <p><b>Lindsay: Attending a teleconference with the Planning Dept. on active transportation.</b></p>		
	<p align="center"><b>Brandon Environment Committee Web Page</b>  <a href="http://www.brandonenvironment.ca">www.brandonenvironment.ca</a></p>		

**Decisions/Actions From This Meeting**

Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Action Item Owner	Due Date
12	<b>Draft letter of support for YMCA Greenspace</b>	<b>Lindsay</b>	<b>March 27</b>
12	<b>Green TV: think of 5 green topics that the general public should be informed on</b>	ALL	March 8th

**Things to Add to Next Meeting’s Agenda**

<b>Pesticides for lawn and gardens - Len</b>
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**Next Meeting Takes Place...**

Date	March 27	Start Time	8:00am	End Time	9:30 am	Location	ACC North Hill Campus (Green House)
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