

TEAM MEETING RECORD

Meeting No. <u>9/2018</u>
Date <u>31/10/2018</u>
Time <u>8:30-10:00am</u>
Location <u>City Hall</u>


Meeting Name Brandon Environment Committee Meeting

Objective(s) October 2018 Monthly Meeting of the Brandon Environment Committee

Attendees	<u>Drew Collins</u> (X)	<u>Lacy Kontzie (MHHC)</u> (P)	S=Scribe
	<u>Juli Crosson (Hydro)</u> (X)	<u>Chris Heide (CAA)</u> (P)	P=Participant
	<u>Dave Barnes</u> (P)	<u>Roy Sobchuk</u> (P)	L=Leader
	<u>Kris Desjarlais (Councillor)</u> (X)	<u>Ken Wojnarski (Knox Church)</u> (P)	A=Process Advisor
	<u>Larry Bidlake</u> (X)	<u>Krista Kowaluk</u> (X)	T=Timekeeper
	<u>Kyla Maslaniec (Prov)</u> (P)	<u>Lindsay Hargreaves (City)</u> (P)	X=Absent
	<u>Hope Switzer (BNRC)</u> (L)	<u>Natasha Olekshy</u> (S)	I =Invitee
	<u>Sherry Punak-Murphy (Shilo)</u> (P)	<u>Stephen Clark (City)</u> (P)	
	<u>Mireille Saurette</u> (X)	<u>Tahera Yaesmin (City)</u> (X)	
	<u>()</u>	<u>Danielle McKinnon</u> (P)	

Item Sequence	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time Guideline
1	Introductions Recently Joined: Steve Clark – Arborist with the City Of Brandon & Danielle McKinnon – Riverbank Discovery Centre	All	5 Minutes
2	Highlights from last Meeting – Approved	Lindsay	5 Minutes
3	Correspondence – None	Lindsay	5 Minutes
4	Bat Houses – Request from City’s GM of Operations to implement a Bat House Program. City maintenance staff will create a prototype and install. Will explore partnerships with building supply businesses for bat house supplies and local youth groups (Girl Guides, Scouts, Youth Centre, etc.) to build future houses. Goal is to get program rolling by Spring 2019.	Lindsay	10 Minutes
5	Environmental Strategic Plan – Planning meetings with all City Departments continue to proceed, remaining: meet with Sanitation, Public Works, Building Maintenance, and Fleet. Will continue on into 2019.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
6	BEE City – Members attended conference call with Bee City Oregon – learned about programs to educate and work with pollinator-friendly home gardeners, signage program, and look at partnering with Community Development during their 2019 Open Garden Tours.	Sherry	5 Minutes
7	Fair Trade Update – Tabled until next meeting	Mireille	5 Minutes
8	Waste Reduction Month – 8th Annual Brandon Waste Reduction Schools Challenge, sponsored by Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba, has just concluded. 10 classrooms from BSD participated, performed waste reduction activities all month such as bringing litter-free lunches,	Tasha	5 Minutes



	mentoring other classes on waste reduction, cleaning their school grounds, and participating in the Plastics and Textiles Theme Days this year. Mayor Chrest will visit Green Acres School to congratulate the two winning classrooms on Friday. Explore offering the Waste Reduction Challenge every few years as opposed to annually.		
9	Urban Forestry – Community tree plantings were held at Kin Park and Canada Games Park, Parks department has met their tree planting goal for 2018, 99 trees planted last week to replenish our urban forest due to various necessary tree removals, Dutch Elm Disease tree removals are proceeding (1300 trees flagged for removal), all 40 Emerald Ash Borer monitoring traps showed no evidence of EAB infestations in Brandon for 2018!	Stephen/Kyla	5 Minutes
10	Carshare Workshop recap – Two presentations by facilitators from PegCity Car Co-Op and Kelowna CarShare program (OGO/Modo). Day 1: Workshop for stakeholders – lots of interest & well-attended. Day 2: Workshop for public – not very well-attended. Both days explored how carsharing programs work, logistics of implementing carshare in Brandon, challenges and success of other carshare programs, rental models and pricing schemes, impacts on community, prerequisites for implementation, critical features all successful carshare programs must have, etc. Stakeholders will meet again next week to discuss pros and cons of potentially working towards implementing a future carshare program in Brandon.	Hope/Lindsay	10 Minutes
11	Brandon Enviro Expo 2019 – BEC will proceed with this for 2019. Sub-Committee will meet sometime before Christmas 2018 to begin planning.	Lindsay	5 Minutes
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14	“Once around the table” Dave: Assiniboine Food Forest interpretive trails are open, guided walks on Sundays, AFFI 2018 AGM and Feast will take place on Nov. 20, tickets available. Roy: Brought the committee’s attention to an interesting article in the Winnipeg Free Press about environmental impacts of electric vehicles. EVs make sense in MB where we produce a vast amount of hydroelectricity. Sherry: “Leave the Leaves” seasonal campaign to leave fallen leaves undisturbed over winter as habitat for pollinators. Ken: To encourage composting explore possibility of distributing small ‘Kitchen Collector’ composting bins to residents, concern: How to implement commercial compost pick-up in Brandon? Logistics of where to store and how to process large amounts of commercial organic waste. Danielle: Requested that any members with info about environmental initiatives and programs in Brandon be sent to Lisa Noctor at the Riverbank for addition to the Brandon Tourism website, shared concept of Orange Bin Hazardous Waste Collection Bin program for possible implementation in Brandon. Kyla: Hosted a successful North Central Forest Pest Workshop in Winnipeg, topics: EAB, cottony ash psyllid, field tours with City of Winnipeg staff. Event featured on national news! Lindsay: Textile Diversion bins are now in location around town, media release and BEC website updating will happen soon (location maps, what’s accepted, etc). Rae Smith is looking into recycling & composting informational presentations for new immigrants at the Westman Immigrant Centre. Next meeting will be a Breakfast Potluck!	ALL	5 Minutes
15	Improvements to the meeting	ALL	5 Minutes
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Decisions/Actions From This Meeting

Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Action Item Owner	Due Date
	Research Orange Hazardous Waste Collection Bin Program in ON	Tasha	
	Send Brandon environmental programs/events/groups/initiatives to Lisa at the Riverbank for inclusion in the Brandon Tourism website	ALL	
	Set up informational presentation on bats and bat houses from Melanie Dubois for a future BEC meeting	Lindsay	

Things to Add to Next Meeting's Agenda

Keep Bat House Program on agenda for next meeting

Next Meeting Takes Place...

Date	Nov. 28, 2018	Start Time	8:30am	End Time	10:00am	Location	MHHC at 930 Victoria Ave. E
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