

**Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee On Sustainable Practices
Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2008**

Date: August 28, 2008 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Manager's Conference Room, City Hall	Present: Tom Rooney, Bert Cohen, Karina, Skye Maher, Gary Epler, Peter Britz Facilitator: Tom Rooney Recorder: Skye Maher	Next Meeting: September 25, 2008 Facilitator: Recorder:
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision	Key Person
1. Check-in & Updates			
2. Old Business	Peter Britz updated us on a proposal to find an intern to help work on the ICLE action plan.	Grant proposal	Peter Britz
3 Committee's Role in developing Municipal policy	<p>Several items were combined in this conversation: a 5-year plan, Councilor Spear's letter to us, and Skye's request to encourage Citizen Input Meetings.</p> <p>There was an active discussion regarding the future focus of the committee as all these items raised the need for additional direction on the committee's part. To this point in time, we have been focused on increasing municipal and public awareness of issues of sustainability. The time is right to develop specific agendas and it became clear during our discussion that we needed a <i>process</i> to develop specific project proposals, as in response to Councilor Spear's letter and for future items. It also became clear that we need to increase the community participation. Consequently there was an active discussion as to what form that process might take. It was suggested that at next month's meeting the major topic would be the formulation of the five year plan. Since there were some members absent tonight, the plan will be more complete with more input.</p>		Karina
4. Update on PSI Fall Meeting	Bert and Skye gave an update on the PSI Fall meeting and invited input. Gary Epler said he would be at the meeting to present his idea about a light bulb distribution	Meeting will be on 9/20/2008, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00	Bert/Skye

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	community program	noon.	
5. Sustainability in the Education System	Bert reported there is a group of 12 educators signed up to do an 8-week study circle on the Natural Step for Communities especially adapted for educators.	New study circle forming	Bert
6. Other Issues: Request from Council for review of activities	Discussion and prep for presentation to City council. Tom Rooney had developed a list of activities of the committee and a generic proposal that we will be presenting a five year plan to the Council. Tom and Bert were asked to make that presentation.	Monday, September 15, 2008; present to city council	Tom Rooney
7. Adjournment			