



Partners in Project Green Eco-Efficiency Team Meeting

Minutes – Thursday, April 8th, 2009

In attendance: *Chris Rickett (TRCA), Carmine DiRuscio (Enersource), Bill Scott (Toronto Hydro), Harold Hayashi (Enbridge), Bryan Nichol (Region of Peel), Kevin Jones (OCETA), Fred Granek (OCETA), Richard Janecky (NRCan), Kimberly Wright-Carballo (City of Toronto), Maria Klimas (GFTC), David Arkell (360 Energy), Phil Dick (OMAFRA), Craig Rock (GTAA), Allison Barrett (GTAA), Walter Kraus (Weston) and Raffaella Malfara (Weston).*

Regrets: *Bernie McIntyre (TRCA), Pete Mateja (CME), Ralph Williams (Hydro One Brampton), Doug Dittburner (Molson), John Marhong (Woodbine) and Tony Pardal (Toronto Hydro).*

1. Upcoming Events

- Chris Rickett provided an update on upcoming Partners in Project Green events, including:
 - April 15th – Hydro One Brampton is hosting an event to highlight programming to promote energy efficiency as well as identify barriers to project implementation.
 - April 23rd – 360 Energy will be delivering their Sustainable Energy Plan Program Workshop to area businesses looking to develop and implement an energy plan.
 - May 13th – this joint NRCan and Partners in Project Green workshop will focus on food processors in the area and provide them the tools to analyze their energy data and identify potential savings opportunities. In addition to utilizing their own data, a binder will be provided that highlights programming opportunities. Enbridge, Toronto Hydro, Enersource Hydro and Brampton Hydro One, will provide utility data (15 minute interval meter data for electricity and monthly for natural gas). The group thought things should be limited to 30 to 40 people max.

ACTION ITEMS:

TRCA to provide company names and contacts to utility partners on May 1st. Utility partners will provide data for identified companies in excel format by May 12th.

TRCA to collect and collate program information from various partners for distribution on May 13th.

- June 25th – Partners in Project Green will be hosting a full-day tour of businesses in the area on June 25th. Stops will include GTAA's FESTI Green Building, GTAA's Underground Stormwater System,

Large Transportation (Geo-Thermal System), Woodbine (energy management), Bayer (green roof and energy management) and Molson (energy management and production line).

- September 24th – a repeat of the May 13th workshop but targeted to logistics and warehouse facilities.

2. Review of Marketing Outcomes

- Chris Rickett noted that the incentive directory was being printed. Once complete, this would be distributed to members.
- Chris Rickett reviewed the Communication Plan and highlighted the elements the team would be working on.
- It was agreed that utility members would include a link to Partners in Project Green website and the same would be done for partners on the project website.

ACTION ITEMS:

TRCA to send out financial assistance directory to each of the partner utilities.

TRCA to send out logo and text for posting on partners websites.

3. Reporting Relationship

- It was agreed that project partners would aggregate their annual results together for the Pearson Eco-Business Zone. These results would be collected in January and February for release in partnership at the Partners in Project Green AGM in April of each year.

ACTION ITEMS:

TRCA to send out relevant postal code areas for the project area to make reporting easier.

4. Other Issues

- Walter Kraus inquired as to whether the tools utilized in the workshops could be made available on the project website.

ACTION ITEM:

TRCA to ensure tools utilized in the workshops are made available on the project website.

- Craig Rock raised the issue of whether a place could be developed for project members to share their energy projects so businesses could learn from each other.
 - It was felt there was value in this idea and that it should be further explored.
 - Walter Kraus noted that their facilities realized big savings from changes to their refrigeration system and that these stories could be of use to other businesses.
 - It was noted that Enbridge, OMAFRA and NRCAN already have a large body of work and that this could be centralized on the project website.

- Phil Dick suggested touching base with EMC around this issue to see if there was potential to work together.

ACTION ITEM:

TRCA to follow-up with OCETA and EMC around developing a repository for projects and to develop protocols around peer-to-peer information sharing.

- A discussion around Partners in Project Green's SME GHG Reduction Strategy Program took place, as Chris Rickett highlighted that funding has been received to develop a tool to help small businesses complete an inventory of their GHG emissions and develop a strategy for reductions.
 - Walter Kraus noted that the food sector has worked with Carbon Counted and recommended looking at their tool.

ACTION ITEM:

TRCA to bring a report on the project back to the next Eco-Efficiency Team meeting.

- A discussion around a set meeting date took place and it was agreed that the team would meet on a quarterly basis.

ACTION ITEM:

TRCA to set quarterly meeting dates.