



Partners in Project Green Job Team

Minutes – Monday, June 15th, 2009

In attendance: *Bill Humber (Seneca College), Chandra Sharma (TRCA), Chris Rickett (TRCA), Deb Martin-Downs (TRCA), Catherine MacEwen (TRCA), Janet May (Live Green), John Alderdice (Toronto), Kerry Johnston (Humber College), Lois Willson (Humber College), Mike Layton (Environmental Defense), Valerie Wilson (University of Waterloo), Whitney Crooks (Live Green), and Yves Danteu (TRCA).*

Regrets: *Eve Adams (Region of Peel), Grace Varrechia (Toronto Social Services), Ian Brown (Toronto), Irene Hawrylyshyn (GTAA), and Sarah Winterton (Environmental Defense).*

1. Stakeholder Presentations

- Presentations were given by the following partners
 - Green Jobs, Partners in Project Green & TRCA perspective – Chris Caldwell
 - TRCA programs – Yves Danteu
 - Humber College – Kerry Johnston
 - University of Waterloo – Valerie Wilson
 - Seneca College – Bill Humber
 - Environmental Defense – Mike Layton

The presentations highlighted the various programs offered by the educational institutions, the co-op programs and the support and obligations the intern can expect upon placement.

A 5-minute music video was shown that showed youth being engaged in building and assisting their communities with different projects ranging from solar installs to community gardens. It was shown to show the high energy and creativity around highlighting green jobs and the new economy.

2. Discussion

- Role of the Green Jobs Team - TRCA outlined that it saw the group as a place to share Partners in Project Green initiatives and identify whether there are opportunities to develop training and career opportunities with local youth and post-secondary students.
- Green Jobs Team Composition – it was felt by the group that the composition of the team should be kept manageable and that additional stakeholders should be added only if required for specific projects. The team felt that it wanted to stay focused on realizing green job opportunities.

3. Opportunities

- Natural Resources Canada and Auto Parts Manufacturers Association partnership – these two organizations are working together to pilot a web-based energy management system with auto parts manufacturers across Ontario. They

have agreed to focus a number of these pilots in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone and are interested in engaging post-secondary students in assisting companies in collecting the baseline data required for the web-based system.

ACTION ITEM:

- ***TRCA to collect job requirements from NRCAN and APMA for their energy management program by end of July 2009.***
- Energy Management Internships – all of the post-secondary institutions in attendance have co-op programs and a focus around energy management. This presents an opportunity to coordinate marketing to businesses in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone to let them know the potential for engaging students to assist them in developing and implementing energy efficiency projects.

ACTION ITEM:

- ***TRCA to set-up discussion with post-secondary stakeholders (UW, Seneca and Humber) to develop a cooperative marketing campaign for energy management internships by end of July 2009.***
- Cool Rexdale Project – this program will be a model for engaging young people in neighbourhoods surrounding the Pearson Eco-Business Zone in the construction of green infrastructure projects. As a pilot, this project will focus on promoting green and cool roofs to industrial and commercial property owners in Rexdale, while employing young people from Rexdale to do the work.

ACTION ITEM:

- ***TRCA to complete framework for Cool Rexdale Project and set-up meeting with stakeholders to review by end of July 2009.***

4. Next Meeting - TBD