



Green Jobs Team Meeting

Conference Call, July 7, 2011

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Dennis Braun (TRCA), Grace Varrecchia (Toronto Employment and Social Services), Ian Brown (Toronto Economic Development), Kerry Johnston (Humber College), Sarah Winterton (Environmental Defence)

Regrets: Janice Wojcik (Humber College), Wendy Loiselle (WEG), Valerie Wilson (University of Waterloo)

1. Introductions

2. Update on Green Jobs Programming

- Staff provided an update on current Green Jobs programming.
- It was suggested that Humber College students may be able to supply some of the engineering skills (such as SWM modeling) for the Green Parking Lot Program.
- It was noted that so far in 2011, no youth have been hired by the participating roofing companies as part of Cool Rexdale. All have expressed their intention to hire, but this has not happened yet.
- The team identified an opportunity to develop a program to engage local businesses to support graduating high school students with an internship and/or post-secondary bursary to enter into a program related to environmental sustainability.

ACTION ITEM: TRCA staff will contact Humber College to determine opportunity to partner and access applied research funding as part of the Green Parking Lot Program.

ACTION ITEM: Cool Rexdale Project Team to continue to work to get local youth hired over the summer, and to complete a program evaluation in autumn 2011.

ACTION ITEM: TESS and TRCA to explore opportunity to connect this program to TRCA's existing business-sponsored elementary school program.

3. Green Jobs Employer Recognition Program

- TRCA staff provided an overview of the Green Jobs Employer Recognition Program. The project team members supported the implementation of the program.

ACTION ITEM: TRCA staff will develop an employer assessment form and create a webpage on the Partners in Project Green website to display participating employers' and partners' logos.

4. Restructuring the Green Jobs Team

- The team discussed the need to have both champions of local green job creation and current practitioners together to identify opportunities. The team will meet approximately twice per year, with one brainstorming event to include regular team members and a variety of practitioners and representatives from industry.

ACTION ITEM: TRCA staff will plan a brainstorming session for November 2011.