



**Attendees:** Doug Dickerson, City Councillor, Ward 2 (Chair)  
 Jennifer O’Connell, City Councillor, Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)  
 Bonnie Littley, Regional Councillor, Ward 1  
 Tom Melymuk, Director, Office of Sustainability  
 Neil Carroll, Director, Planning & Development  
 Shawna Mutton, Coordinator, Community Sustainability  
 Lynda Taylor, Manager, Development Review  
 Tim Moore, Chief Building Official  
 Ross Pym, Principal Planner – Development Review  
 Tyler Barnet, Senior Planner - Site Planning  
 Hena Kabir, Planner II – Site Planning  
 Jack McGinnis - Durham Sustain Ability  
 Marla Shim, Executive Assistant, Council (Recording Secretary)

**Guests:** Craig Cassarino - Leonardo Technologies Inc.  
 Ron Engelman - Leonardo Technologies Inc.  
 Chris Gates, Manager, Sustainable Energy - Enbridge Gas (Pickering resident)  
 Peter Ostrowski, Section Manager Civil Design & Analysis - OPG (Pickering resident)  
 Jiri Skopek, Director - ECD Energy and Environment  
 Stephen Fagyas - Commercial Focus Advisory Services Inc.

**Absent:** David Pickles, City Councillor, Ward 3

<b>Item / Ref #</b>	<b>Details &amp; Discussion &amp; Conclusion</b> <i>(summary of discussion)</i>	<b>Action Items / Status</b> <i>(include deadline as appropriate)</i>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	Councillor Dickerson welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave regrets for the Mayor who was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Sustainable Pickering Challenge</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom gave a detailed background of the Sustainable Pickering program and explained that it started with a Council resolution, which has since developed into three phases:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building Local Understanding and Capacity</li> <li>2. Developing a Solid Foundation and Framework</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">3. Creating the Sustainable City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently in phase three of the journey</li> <li>• Three calculators: idling, energy and water are being developed by an outside agency to be displayed on <a href="http://sustainablepickering.com">sustainablepickering.com</a>. These calculators will give residents the opportunity to see, first hand, the effects of their consumption.</li> <li>• Behavioral and educational awareness is crucial</li> <li>• Transportation should be a big focus for Durham</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Green Globes</b>	
	<p>Jiri gave a detailed description of the Green Globes program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- online assessment protocol, rating system and guidance for green building design, operation and management</li> <li>- 500 buildings have been IDD certified</li> <li>- report prepared with documented data</li> <li>- if new buildings are not managed in a green way, they will not stay green</li> <li>- need continuity for design and maintenance in order to stay green</li> <li>- studies being done on green buildings in Toronto</li> <li>- currently working with Lisa King of the City of Toronto's Planning Department</li> <li>- online report being generated and verification being done by reviewing preliminary drawings and specifications</li> <li>- review of environmental impacts can be tied to project delivery and development process</li> <li>- move right into existing building process and engage in the continuing improvement by having a regular review program</li> <li>- more information can be obtained by visiting <a href="http://www.greenglobes.com">www.greenglobes.com</a></li> <li>• Question raised as to how much authority the City has to require internal assessments for new development</li> <li>• Neil advised that under policies, we do not have the authority, but that there is new authority provided to the City through Bill 51 to address sustainable elements</li> <li>• Building code recently changed, but has not leaped into major energy conservation initiatives</li> <li>• It was noted that until the City develops policies, we do not have authority and are currently in the transition phase, but are open to exploring other standards</li> <li>• Staff need to get more education and experience in these conservation techniques and in the interim would need consulting assistance to bring this expertise to the City</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question raised as to what the difference is between Green Globes and LEED</li> <li>• Jiri advised that LEED certification requires a lot more administration / paperwork and takes a long time, whereas the emphasis of Green Globes is to have a more efficient and less bureaucratic process that does not produce a great deal of paperwork</li> <li>• The proof is not in fancy designs, but in building operations</li> <li>• Need appropriate education for architects and engineers and less green consultants</li> <li>• Developers could take the Sustainable Pickering Challenge by using a tool such as Green Globes and partnering with the City – the City could offer incentives (fast tracking etc.)</li> <li>• When the challenge idea was established, they were looking for simplicity and LEED is very complicated</li> <li>• If user friendly, people are more apt to get on board and do not need a great deal of information</li> <li>• Peter explained that the process of building code development is very lengthy and that in order to see results, we would need to be ten years ahead . If implemented today, we will not see results until 2015</li> <li>• Would need educational code to drive the process</li> <li>• Blair Feltmate is the new OPG Director of Sustainability</li> <li>• OPG holding a conference next Friday for industry to share ideas and look at the bottom line</li> <li>• We cannot afford to price ourselves out of the market</li> <li>• Research shows that clients are willing to pay a premium for green upgrades in their new home</li> <li>• Link to bottom line and best bang for buck is educating the public and paying consultants for reports that are user friendly</li> <li>• Our biggest challenge is finding what is needed in Pickering, as opposed to Toronto</li> <li>• Tremendous opportunities for building R2000 standard homes</li> <li>• Retrofitting is more expensive, but can be a major challenge, unless individuals know how to do it properly</li> <li>• Need to have a central “green” database in Canada that the average person can easily access</li> </ul>	<p>Tom M. to attend OPG conference</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Measuring Sustainability – Plenary Session</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack reported that the plenary session were successful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The five working groups came up with 230 indicators</li> <li>- Really good discussion which resulted with feedback on 30 to 35 priority items</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Look at developing a “dashboard” approach to organizing and promoting the indicators</li> <li>- Town Hall meetings will be held in the beginning of May</li> <li>• OPG has a process where they use red, yellow and green as a way to report on progress each quarter</li> </ul>	Shawna to coordinate
<b>5.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor O’Connell advised that as a Library Board member, she would like to look into the Library having a linkage opportunity with Sustainable Pickering</li> <li>• Look at how they can improve library services and provide information to residents that will assist in achieving our goal in sustainability</li> <li>• It was suggested that the CEO of the Library or a designated senior staff member attend a future meeting</li> <li>• Councillor O’Connell advised that volunteers are needed for the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure Ride on July 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Councillor Dickerson suggested that perhaps Enbridge and OPG can look into ways that their companies can fit into our sustainable program</li> <li>• It was suggested that if attendees would like to be on the agenda for future meetings, they should contact Shawna</li> </ul>	<p>Shawna will action</p> <p>Marla will circulate agendas and minutes to committee attendees in future</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	To be determined.	

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 pm.

Copy: All Members  
 Chief Administrative Officer  
 Directors  
 City Clerk

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