

**Notes made at a General Meeting of the Harmony Residents Group Inc. on  
Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Virgil Arena Mary Snider Room.**

This meeting began at 7:02 PM with 16 people present, including 5 Board members.

C.James made a 15 minute presentation about the Nixon Environmental Education Centre near York, Pennsylvania. He distributed diagrams of the site plan and answered a few questions about it.

R.Busbridge spoke about development of the Group Eco Park concept, indicating a need by Parks Canada for a comprehensive proposal comparable to that provided by Project Niagara. He mentioned talks with people at Niagara College, Brock University and others, seeking their help but that if such was not forthcoming Group members must do the work, including estimates of both capital and operating costs. D.Eke suggested that the Town might contribute to the latter as it does for some other local organizations. R.Busbridge referred to the questionnaire to be given for the work, 1 page of general questions about tourism and 6 pages of specific questions about a park that volunteers would investigate, about heritage and nature oriented tourists, their numbers, origin and spending habits, about specific parks, the number of their staff and volunteers, operating costs, number of visitors, etc. He suggested that, given a sufficient number of volunteers, this work might be completed within 6 months.

There were a number of questions, in reply to which R.Busbridge advised that the Group does not have an inventory of Parks Canada assets and attributes, on their Lakeshore Property, that Group strategy is to oppose Project Niagara locating on that site and to have an alternative available if the Project Niagara proposal is not implemented, that the Group has its Mission and Vision statements posted on its computer website, that many letters have been sent to the media and a number of presentations made to Town council opposing Project Niagara on that site. He said that if it is suspected that the federal government has funds available for Project Niagara but that the provincial government does not. Regarding the sewage lagoons he said that Regional Chair Partington has asked the Province for millions of dollars in addition to the \$100,000 needed for a traffic survey and has circumvented due process with respect to the unfinished Environments Assessment required and the finalization of sewage plant effluent criteria. D.Eke observed that the Town traffic committee established task is only to set terms of reference which does not require money but that committee chair Collard has not convened it because of the need for a professional facilitator.

A suggestion was that the questionnaire be sent by e-mail to all Group members not present at this meeting.

Cliff James, Secretary