

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Membership of the Harmony Residents Group Inc. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 7 PM in the Virgil Arena Mary Snider room.

Present: 17 people including R.Busbridge, D.Hennessey, C.James, F.Madsen, K.Morrison.

This meeting began at 7:10 PM when R.Busbridge advised members of the Board activities since last July. They met with 6 conservation organizations, are actively cooperating with 3, met with Project Niagara (PN) promoters and supporters for several 2 hour sessions without obtaining answers to questions asked about the progress of PN plans for the Parks Canada (PC) Lakeshore property, met with PC personnel about their requirements to consider the Group EcoPark proposal and were told that it is a feasibility study, toured the PC site with several Regional councillors and made a deputation to town council in August.

D.Hennesey spoke of the status of plans to upgrade and expand the local sewage plant. The public information meeting planned by Hatch, Mott McDonald Engineers has not been held and his contact with their people and Regional government produced no definite reason for the delay, but a possibility that the federal government legal requirement for an environmental assessment (EA) of the PC site and the means to fund it may be the reason. D.Eke suggested that it is not possible to circumvent or shorten this process.

Several members commented about the sewage lagoons but without factual info.

Elizabeth Oliver Malone circulated her e-mail of October 26, opposing PN, sent to provincial minister Smitherman. A PC representative, who spoke recently at Willowbanks, said that their interest in PN is because they see no other means to obtain the funds they want for reenactment of the US army invasion on May 27, 1813, and to build an interpretive centre, because the PC budget for all Canada is \$5 Million only.

K.Morrison said that 250 people have paid their membership dues to the Group and that the \$20 renewal is due early in 2010. Over 1000 have signed the petition.

R.Busbridge told members of the Niagara Sustainability Network request for members to write to various levels of government, expressing concern about global warming and urging them to act on it.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 9 at 7PM, at the Virgil Arena.

Adjournment: 8:26 PM