

GREN Minutes for Wednesday November 18, 7:15

St. John's Kitchen, 97 Victoria St N, Kitchener

Financial Status (Theo): \$1060.55 in bank

GREN Listserves (Theo): 7Gen forwarding is no longer available. 2 new mailing lists have been created: (a) GREN All; (b) GREN members. Lulu will use her website to disseminate information.

Website: The events calendar is in place. GREN is looking for someone to be in charge of updating it. Ideas for updating are welcome

Guest Speaker: Jason Hammon for Grand River Car Share

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"Access to vehicles without the cost and hassle of owning your own"

What is carsharing?

It is a nonprofit co-operative with 300 members, where one member=one vote. There are currently 3 full-time staff and a volunteer board of directors. The concept of sharing a car satisfies a market need for temporary or intermittent access to a vehicle. Sharing a care may save you money if you have a vehicle that is driven less than 12,000 km/yr.

Members

Associate members - 16yrs+

Driving members - 21yrs+

Corporate and non-profit members

Grand River Car Share currently has a fleet of 15 vehicles of different sizes and shapes to suit different needs. It is located primarily along the central corridor.

How does it work?

Self-serve: You are given a key from a lock box; enter security code inside car; do circle check; drive away; return to station with at least ½ tank of gas; complete trip log and secure vehicle keys; cancel any excess reservation time.

Rates:

Fixed costs

\$3.70/hr + 0.27/km weekday

\$14/month insurance

\$4.20/hr + 0.27/km weekend

\$25 application fee

24 hour rate - \$64 + .17/km

Reservations can be made 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

Fully refundable deposit of membership:

\$10 associate

\$400 driving membership
\$100 additional driver
\$500 non-profit member
\$700 corporate membership

Greenbelt & Waterloo Region ROP Committee

On Thursday November 19 there was a public meeting on ESL (Environmentally Sensitive Landscapes) at St. Clements community centre.

It was noted that farmers have not been supportive of ROPP due to a variety of issues: liability of people camping and skating on ponds; snowmobiling, hunting; citizens and pets trespassing; valuation of property may drop with ESL designation.

Pipeline Committee (Susan B & John J)

The committee met Friday, Nov 13. This will probably be a municipal election (Nov 2010) issue. Aggressive water conservation can halve water demand. Obstacles in perception to not having pipeline must be understood and addressed. GLU is looking for 2 communities to model water conservation and funding for an organizer. Waterloo Region is being considered as a model community. Strategy will include making contacts with the communities downstream to open dialogue, creating one page fact sheets, identifying allies, determining whether the permit for the pipeline can be challenged, determining the decision-making process for the pipeline.

GREN role during 2010 municipal elections

Susan Koswan will coordinate questionnaire for the municipal elections. Please forward ideas to her. A report card of candidates regarding environmental views will be compiled.

Light Rail Transit

This will probably be a municipal election issue. There are two central issues:

1. Is public transit an environmentally sound and sustainable concept that should be supported by GREN?
2. What form of public transit is best for Waterloo Region?

Politicians have made it clear that without federal or provincial money, there will be no light rail. GREN proposes to have a substantial discussion on this issue in January where the statement compiled by Susan Koswan will be discussed. GREN members need to determine the importance of this issue, and define environmental values which are consistent with public transit in general, and light rail transit in particular.

GREN Christmas Party: Dec 9, 7 pm, Susan and Darrol Bryant, 5 Park Avenue West, Elmira, ON N3B 1K9. Bring friends, bring finger foods, RSVP please.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 21, Cambridge. The location is yet to be determined.