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## LONDON CHAPTER

**London Chapter Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday March 8, 2011 7PM – 9PM  
Literacy Room – Floor 2 Central Library 251 Dundas Street**

### Minutes

#### 1. Introductions

Attendees: Richard Bird, Damian Piper, Matthew Paloza, George Crowell, Jean Johnston, Elaine Mahon, Bassam Lazar, Jane Pelton, Geoff Crealock, Robert (Rory) Cory, Don McLeod (Facilitator)

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2011. Moved by Jane, seconded by Rory to approve the minutes – passed.

#### 3. Chapter Positions:

- a. We still need a Chapter Secretary & Communications/Media Director – contact Don if you are interested.
- b. Logistics – Geoff has volunteered. Richard will sort through the Water Protection Committee items and get the tote box to Don for integration with the other box of materials.
- c. Peace & Social Justice – David Heap is ok with this position. Stopped in to tell us about Israeli Apartheid Week.

#### 4. Website report – Rory

- a. Lots of activity concerning water bottles
- b. Focus has been on Facebook and the blog
- c. Now will work on improving the esthetics of the website

#### 5. Video from May 2008 Water Forum – Maryanne MacDonald has the DVD. Don is working on getting it to show the group in the future.

#### 6. Directory of meeting dates for other organizations

- a. Still looking for input to complete the list
- b. Will put calendar on the website and try to arrange activities such that they don't conflict
- c. Collaboration opportunities – e.g. Cinema Politica is run by Ryan Craven

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- 7. Bank account
  - a. Signing authority is complete
  - b. Balance in the account of \$100.70 but spent more than that last month.
  - c. Don will prepare a financial report – still has a thumb drive to buy and another display board
  
- 8. Membership
  - a. 1,144 official members in the London area, 544 on our mailing list
  - b. When new members join, we get \$50 – we should all try to get people to join so we can get some money in the account.
  - c. Don will invite all City Council members to join.
  
- 9. World Water Day – Mar 22
  - a. Cinema Politica will be showing Water on the Table in the Wolfe Performance Hall on Mar. 28 at 7:00pm
  - b. CoC chapter will have a table with information and will have an opportunity to introduce ourselves prior to the film showing.
  
- 10. Town Hall Meeting
  - a. CoC phone conference with 20,000 attendees on February 27
  - b. Water issues were discussed among other things
  
- 11. Chapter Action Plans
  - a. Exercise to determine CoC gaps

WANT	DOING
Resources – campaigns \$, brochures, media kits – in advance of important dates	Public welfare – water, trade
Town Hall invitation in advance	Advise and coordinate groups
Public welfare – economic issues	Daily emails are good but need time to read and understand them
More information on nuclear waste being shipped through the Great Lakes	Represent water and trade
How does CoC decide what issues to take on	
Ultra-active, significant, pervasive	Passive, important, ad hoc
Youth, schools, campus	
Contact between chapters – regional organizations	Divest of issues that are not part of our focus
Contact with regional organizer	

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- b. Don will write a letter to Mark communicating what we would like to see for improvements.
- c. What actions do we want to see from the breakout groups
  - Presentations
  - Collaborate with similar groups
  - Attend City Hall meetings as issues arise
  - Take an issue and run with it

**13. Bottled water issue at City Hall**

- a. Don put together another package and sent it to City Council which included all correspondence from 2008/2009.
- b. On February 28, City Council deferred the issue for 4 weeks in which time Jay Stafford was directed to make a report on the status of several questions raised such as the health implication of people needing bottled water and contaminated water fountains. Contact your City Councillor to make sure that he/she knows how you feel about bottled water.

**14. Upcoming events:**

- a. Toronto Chapter Water Forum – Sunday March 20, 10am-4:30pm – Elaine volunteered to go – bus/train (for 2 members) or gas \$ will be paid for by CoC – advise Don if you are interested.
- b. Paul Jay "Who's telling the truth? Are we witnessing the end of Investigative Journalism?" Stevenso-Hunt Room, London Central Library, 251 Dundas Street, London, Ontario, Thursday March 17, 2011 at 7:30 PM, admission is \$5.00.
- c. Saturday March 12, Milverton – Jerry Brunetti – Day long seminar on 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Organics
- d. Friday March 11, 7PM – Energy – Post Petrol World – LPL
- e. Tuesday March 29, 6PM – Climate Change with Slobadon Simnovich and Goron McBean – Central Library

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 7PM – Venue TBA

Adjourn 8:59PM

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