

# DDDI School Programs Committee

Thursday, October 4, 200█ noon – 1:30 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, █

**Present:**

Gabrielle Harvey, Director, Community Relations, Environmental Management Branch

█, Project Manager, DDDI, Environmental Management Branch

█, Principal, █ Centre

█, Director, Office of the █

█, Contract Inspector

█, Project Assistant, DDDI, Environmental Management Branch

Regrets: █, Citizen at large

<b>1. Program Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• █ (retired school principal) will be asked to join the committee</li><li>• DDDI Residential and Business Block Captain Programs ended Aug 19 with 640 residential captains and 122 business and business supporting community participants</li><li>• Contact with the block captains over the campaign was maintained through the DDDI news letter</li><li>• River Cleanup pilot project created a lot of interest in keeping the river clean and will be assessed for continuation in 200█</li><li>• 200x Big Bin Events took in 1,270,000 kg compared to 770,000 kg in 200x</li><li>• 4,100 people participated in the river valley clean up events.</li></ul>
<b>2. Review of Recommendations for School Programs in 200█</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In order to have school participation a link must be found related to the curriculum in each of the three proposed programs in Attachment 1.</li></ul> <p><b>Elementary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand Parks School Yard Cleanup program. Parks currently advertises in community newsletters and supplies bags to the schools. A plaque is given to the best kept school.</li><li>• Develop school data base using Parks and the █ foundation list of schools.</li><li>• Waste characterization exercises could be linked to schoolyard cleanup</li><li>• An interactive litter component will be created on website</li></ul> <p><b>Junior High</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Package needs to be simplified and recycling component included. Possibly create a poster type brochure that gives</li></ul>

	<p>website address if more information is required. Any mail out should be addressed directly to the outdoor environmental education teachers at each school</p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill will determine if there is a link with the science curriculum as well</li> </ul> <p><b>High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send mail out/e-mail to drama, science, biology and communications teachers as well as student council</li> <li>• Stress the environmental and global impacts of litter</li> <li>• Students will submit a Public Service Announcement script and the winning script will be professionally produced. Possibility of music videos should be considered as well. End product could air on TV and YouTube. Look at attaching prize money to the winning entry as well</li> <li>• Provide 10 opportunities for free waste management centre tours with bus costs included</li> <li>• Encourage schools to get involved with Business Supporting Community as a fund raiser</li> <li>• Possibly provide disposable coveralls</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Discussion of Next Steps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Branch is planning to provide some recycling collection to schools in 200█</li> <li>• An informal survey found that 85% of schools are currently using paper recycle bins</li> <li>• Discussion ensued around initiatives such as the big bin event but on a more local level, i.e. possibly batteries or small electronics</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabrielle will see what extra level of service the Environmental Branch can provide to assist schools interested in recycling</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>November, 200█ TBD</b></p>