

# GREEN CHALLENGE 2009

MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM: EFCL Green Challenge 2009

RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_ Community League Accept the EFCL Green Challenge 2009  
and be part of the Green Solution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

20 Leagues participated in the Green Challenge 2008. They were asked to complete five simple tasks including some of but not limited to the following criteria:

## CRITERIA: Meet five or more of the following challenges

1. Complete an energy audit of your hall – EFCL has tips online
  2. Change all old light bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescent bulbs.
  3. Replace old appliances with new energy efficient appliances.
  4. Place “TURN OUT THE LIGHTS” stickers on all light switches.
  5. Sign your hall up with a Green Power provider i.e. Bullfrog Power
  6. Re-landscape all skating rinks and put rinks on a separate water meter with EPCOR.
  7. Install Programmable Thermostats.
  8. Your own innovative “green” ideas.
  9. Register with CORE- City of Edmonton Carbon Reduction Strategy [www.CO2RE.ca](http://www.CO2RE.ca)
- \* returning leagues from the 2008 Challenge must complete at least 3 new criteria in addition to last year’s to qualify for the draw.

We would also like to provide two educational challenges that leagues could carry out through their newsletters and websites.

1. Pesticide education on the health and environmental risks and alternatives
2. Vehicle Idling- Busting the Myths

For completing their tasks they not only lowered the Community League Hall Carbon footprint, they also increased awareness of the importance of conservation and caring for our planet. And one lucky league – Ottewell - won \$5000 toward an Eco retrofit of their choice. This prize will be offered again in 2009.

There are low cost, low effort changes to implement that will do our part. A programmable thermostat, light stickers, guide, & info have been provided by EFCL in partnership with CO2RE in the kit acquired at the EFCL AGM to give us a start. We will return it to EFCL if we do not accept the challenge. When one considers that if every Edmontonian replaced their porch light with an energy efficient low wattage light bulb it would be the equivalent of taking 55,000 cars off the road, it requires no thought to do the right thing. It all starts with changing a light bulb.