

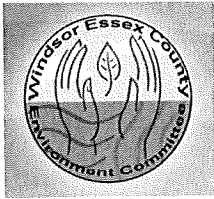
4.1 Budget

Green Speaker Series - Mitigating SAR Road Mortality

Oct 30 2019

Malden Park rental	\$ 380.07
Rick stipend	\$ 400.00
Kari stipend	\$ 500.00
Speaker gifts	\$ 200.00

TOTAL **\$ 1,480.07**



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Earth Day event

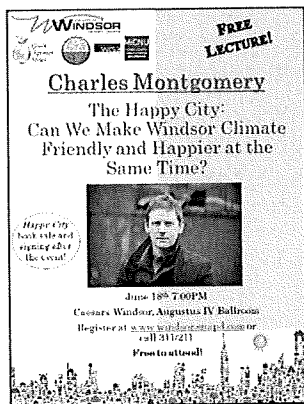
WECEC participated in the City of Windsor’s annual Earth Day event. The WECEC display was set up with information about the committee as well as some giveaways for event participants.

Pat on the Back Environmental Awards

The WECEC Pat on the Back Awards successfully awarded 4 applicants with \$500 prizes towards their environmental projects.

The following organizations were selected to receive Pat on the Back funding:

1. Greener Bins for their in-vessel composting pilot project;
2. Forest Glade Public School for trees for their outdoor classroom;
3. Glenwood Public School for a water bottle refill station; and
4. CommUnity Partnership for their community garden and culinary program.



Green Speaker Charles Montgomery

WECEC partnered with the City of Windsor, the Windsor Regional Society of Architects and the Michigan Chapter for New Urbanism to bring in Charles Montgomery, founder of *Happy City* (Vancouver B.C.), award-winning author, urbanist and leader of transformative experiments, research and interventions for well being in cities.

The event took place on June 18th at Caesars Windsor and drew a crowd of over 150 people. There were environmental booths set up, including the WECEC booth, and participants were given the opportunity to mingle before the event. Charles’ keynote was videotaped and posted on WECEC’s website and Facebook page.

Species at Risk Road Mortality Campaign

In addition to submitting a Report to City of Windsor council about Species at Risk Road Mortality in the Ojibway Prairie Complex, WECEC wanted to do a bit more to educate the people of Windsor and LaSalle about the issue. WECEC created a Public Service Announcement that aired on AM800 as well as Mix 96.7 during the morning and afternoon commute urging commuter traffic to avoid Matchette and Malden roads and consider the “route of their commute” to help protect Species at Risk. The PSA aired during the end of September and early October.

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Green Speaker Expert Panel – Mitigating Species at Risk Road Mortality

To further promote awareness of Species at Risk road mortality in the Ojibway Prairie Complex as well as along other roads in Windsor and Essex County, WECEC coordinated a Green Speaker Expert Panel on Mitigating Species at Risk Road Mortality.

The event was held on October 30th, 2019 and discussion included current measures taken to protect Species at Risk, as well as Eco Passage project examples and other options to decrease road mortality.

Panel experts included Jonathan Choquette, Lead Biologist – Ojibway Prairie Reptile Recovery from Wildlife Preservation Canada who is currently researching and implementing protection strategies in Windsor; Rick Levick, President of the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation which is home to Eco Passage projects; Kari Gunson, Principal Road Ecologist at Eco-Kare International and author of the “Wildlife on Roads: A Handbook”; as well as Dinu Filip, President of ACO Systems and installer of Eco Passages.

Over 60 people attended the event including CTV, Blackburn and CBC news outlets, City councillors, administrative staff and interested community members.

Green Speaker Series

Mitigating Species at Risk Road Mortality: Expert Panel

Join the Discussion!
Local and regional experts, Eco passage examples and opportunities

Wednesday, October 30th
7:00pm
Malden Park Visitor Centre
(4200 Malden Rd. Windsor)

To Register:
Call 311 or at
windsor.smpd.com

FREE TO ATTEND!

Brought to you by:
Windsor Essex County
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Jonathan Choquette
Lead Biologist - Ojibway
Prairie Reptile Recovery
Wildlife Preservation Canada

Rick Levick
President
Long Point World Biosphere
Reserve Foundation

Kari Gunson
Principal Road Ecologist
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WECEC BUSINESS

Meetings

WECEC held four meetings in 2019, in April, July, September and November. The Air Subcommittee also met during the year.

Website Hosting

City of Windsor administration maintains our website, www.wecec.org. Here we post news and events along with information about WECEC and our meeting agenda's and minutes. The website is an important part of our communication and advocacy strategy. We pay yearly website hosting fees as well as a domain renewal fee.

Facebook Page

WECEC has an active Facebook page where administration posts information about our events, campaigns and reports to Council, as well as other environmental information.

Promotional Supplies

WECEC often participates in community events such as Earth Day. At our booth we hand out promotional supplies such as WECEC customised pens or magnets to encourage members of the public to visit our website and learn more about what we do. Currently WECEC has water bottles, coffee cups, magnets, pens and brochures to give away to the public.

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REPORTS TO CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS

1) April 25, 2019 – Report 102 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by R. St. Denis,

That Administration from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) **BE REQUESTED** to provide a formal submission and/or for a representative to attend a future meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to provide their position on the 2013 tree planting on the airport lands and, on further actions if deemed necessary.

Carried.

This report was approved at the July 22 2019 City council meeting.

2) July 4, 2019 – Report 103 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by K. Kuker,

That the *attached* motion for “Temporary Road Closures at the Ojibway Prairie Complex’ submitted by the Save Ojibway group **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

Councillor McKenzie and R. St. Denis voting nay

After much debate at the September 9 2019 City Council meeting, the following motion was approved:

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Kusmierczyk

Decision Number: CR463/2019 CR411/2019 ETPS 684

That Report No. 103 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee – Temporary Road Closures at the Ojibway Prairie Complex – **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That administration **BE DIRECTED** to develop a capital project proposal to address road mortality through the Ojibway corridor for consideration for Council’s consideration in the 2020 capital budget, along with funding opportunities provincially, federally and from the Town of LaSalle; and further,

That administration **IDENTIFY** additional measures that may serve to address road mortality throughout the entire Ojibway prairie complex; and further,

That administration **DEVELOP** this project proposal in consultation with community stakeholders.

Carried.

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3) July 4, 2019 – Report 104 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded by Councillor McKenzie,

WHEREAS, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority has announced as part of its community benefits package seed money as a joint project with the City of Windsor for an Eco-Passage (bridge) for animals only spanning the Ojibway Parkway; and

WHEREAS, additional funding will be required to complete the structure,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider that the balance of the funding required **BE INCLUDED** in the City's 2020 Capital Budget.

Carried.

At the October 7 2019 City Council meeting the following motion was made:

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: CR524/2019 ETPS 701

That Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide two reports to Council for consideration related to funding for this eco-passage (background report SCM 352/2019 attached) at the same time as consideration of CR463/2019: *That administration **BE DIRECTED** to develop a capital project proposal to address road mortality through the Ojibway corridor for consideration for Council's consideration in the 2020 capital budget, along with funding opportunities provincially, federally and from the Town of LaSalle is brought forward to Council.*

Carried.

4) September 19, 2019 – Report 105 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by K. Banar,

That the following Climate Change Emergency Declaration prepared by the Air Subcommittee of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee **BE APPROVED**:

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC) has indicated that within less than 12 years, in order to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS based on current projections of the future impacts of human caused climate change, climate change will adversely impact Windsor-Essex's local economy, damage local infrastructure and property, put a strain on municipal budgets and result in significant economic and health burdens for the constituents of Windsor-Essex, particularly our vulnerable populations; and

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WHEREAS climate change will jeopardize the health and survival of many local plant and animal species as well as their natural environments and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS Windsor-Essex is already experiencing large and increase climate change impacts including but not limited to overland flooding, heavy rain event flooding, emergence of invasive species, an increased number of high heat days, the rise of vector borne diseases, the re-emergence of blue-green algae and harmful algal blooms in our lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are understood to produce and/or have regulatory jurisdiction over approximately 50% of carbon emissions in Canada; and

WHEREAS the County of Essex and the City of Windsor join the Government of Canada and 444 Canadian municipalities (including Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal, and 18 other Ontario municipalities, among them Chatham-Kent, Sudbury, Sarnia, Guelph, and Kingston) that have declared climate emergencies, some of which are also implementing strategic plans in order to help reduce global carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor, the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) are committed to and currently undertaking city and regional climate change planning, encompassing both mitigation and adaptation, in partnership with others; and

WHEREAS this emergency is an opportunity to bring together County, City and Town governments as well as regional stakeholders to work together on climate change planning and implementation with the aim of protecting our region and contributing to greater national and global climate change response; and

WHEREAS implementing climate action and making a transition to a low-carbon economy also represents a significant opportunity to stimulate economic growth, increase job opportunities and develop new technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that both the City of Windsor and the County of Essex declare a Climate Emergency in the knowledge that this is an emergency with no foreseeable conclusion which will require robust and permanent changes in how the City and County conduct their business; and further,

That in response to this emergency, the need to reduce overall emissions from the City of Windsor and the County of Essex as well as continue to prepare for Windsor-Essex County's climate future are deemed to be high priorities when considering budget direction and in all decisions of council; and further,

That the City of Windsor and County of Essex administrations **BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE REPORTS** for consideration by their respective Councils within 90 days containing recommendations for priority actions items, implementation measures and cost requirements to accelerate and urgently work towards the reduction of emissions and preparing for our climate future.

This report was approved at the October 23 2019 Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee. It will go to City Council November 18, 2019. It will also go forward at County Council on November 20, 2019.

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5) September 19, 2019 – Report 106 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by R. St. Denis,

That the REVISED Windsor Essex County Environment Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate – September 2019 including the following amendments as outlined in bold and italics **BE APPROVED:**

- WECEC is comprised of *twelve (12)* members
- Removal of the phrase – *“report annually on the state of the regional environment and provide the report to City and County Council”*
- The quorum of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee is 7 members.

Carried.

This report will be discussed at the November 20, 2019 Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and further at City Council and County Council.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WECEC annual budget: \$8,000.00. In 2019 WECEC carried over a surplus of \$5,256.13 from their 2018 budget that was dedicated to Green Speaker Charles Montgomery.

Total WECEC 2019 Budget: \$13,256.13.

WECEC 2019 Budget		
		Expense
Pat on the Back Awards	Cheques	\$2,000.00
	Ojibway Rental	\$189.11
	Plaques	\$124.15
Green Speaker Charles Montgomery	Speaker fee contribution	\$5,256.13
Radio Ad campaign SAR Road Mortality	Bell Media	\$1,000.00
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	Speaker gifts	\$200.00
Eliquid Media	Domain renewal	\$25.44
	Website hosting fee (estimate)	\$400.00
Earth Day	Participation Fee	\$35.00
TOTAL SPENT		\$11,527.50
TOTAL REMAINING		\$1,728.63

**This Budget is as of November 7th 2019.

WECEC 2020 Work Plan

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting	X		X		X		X		X		X	
Pat on the Back			Approval, team		Awards							
Green Speaker			Approval	X			Approval		X			
Climate Emergency - Campaign and/or comment on admin report	X											
SAR Road Mortality Campaign?			Approval	X	X		Approval		X	X		
Comment on Climate Change Adaptation Plan	X											
Earth Day			Approval, volunteers	X								

Priorities	Subcommittee Involved	Tasks
Public Engagement	Public Engagement sub committee	Green Speakers, Earth Day booth
Endangered species protection/education	Environmentally sensitive lands subcommittee	SAR road mortality campaign?
Sandpoint beach		
Single use plastics ban		
Climate Emergency follow up	Air subcommittee	Comment on City and County administration reports

6.4 WECEC 2019 Budget

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Green Speaker Series discusses eco passages and at-risk species



The Windsor Essex Environment Committee is hosting 'Green Speaker Series' at the Malden Park Visitor Centre in Windsor on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019. (Alana Hadadean / CTV Windsor)

Alana Hadadean, CTV Windsor Reporter

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WINDSOR - Issues surrounding species at-risk/road mortality was the topic of discussion as at the Malden Park Visitor Centre.

Close to 50 people were at the Green Speaker Series on Wednesday night, hosted by the Windsor Essex Environment Committee.

Various local and regional experts spoke on the issues involving species at risk and wildlife mortality, due to traffic within the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

Discussions included current measures taken to protect species at risk, as well as eco passage examples and other options to decrease road mortality like barrier fencing and traffic calming measures.

Committee member Kieran Mckenzie says eco-passages are expected to be discussed during 2020 city budget deliberations.

He feels the discussion will help to 'inform the process', moving forward.

EXPERT SAYS ECO PASSAGES ARE WORKING IN LONG POINT BAY

Zander Broeckel

Wednesday, October 30th 2019 - 11:37 pm



An eco passage seen in the Long Point Bay area (Photo courtesy of longpointcauseway.com)

The fight for eco passages in the Ojibway Prairie Complex continues.

While the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee has brought the issue to city council several times, it has never been able to secure funding for the passages which provide a safe route for animals under busy roadways.

But the President of the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation says Windsor is wasting time in protecting its species at risk.

Rick Levick says his group raised \$2.7-million for eco passages — resulting in an 80% drop in road mortalities.

"The people in the community just got fed up with seeing animals killed on the road. So we got together and decided to raise some money and put in fencing to keep the animals off the road and then tunnels under the road so they could move back and forth between Long Point Bay and the Big Creek March."



Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation President Rick Levick seen in Windsor on October 30, 2019 (Photo by AM800's Zander Broeckel)

Long Point Bay is located on the north shore of Lake Erie in Norfolk County.

Levick says it took 12 years to get the passages in place, but the effort was well worth it.

"I've been at Long Point since I was three years old. Some of my earliest memories are of seeing big turtles squashed on the road. So we just got tired of seeing that and thought there's got to be some way to deal with the problem. So we found out how to do it and we're happy to share that learning with other communities who want to tackle the same problem."



An eco passage seen in the Long Point Bay area (Photo courtesy of longpointcauseway.com)

He says where there's a will, there's a way.

"Any community prepared to recognize that this is an issue and it's a problem and that there are solutions, you can get it done. You just have to believe that you can. It really makes a difference when you drive to your cottage, as I do, and I don't see any animals killed on the road."

Levick spoke at the environment committee's green speakers series Wednesday night.

An eco passage proposal is expected to be discussed during the city's 2020 budget deliberations.

October 11, 2019

Averil Parent
Environment & Sustainability Coordinator, Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
4155 Ojibway Parkway
N9C 4A5

**RE: NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WYANDOTTE STREET EAST AND JARVIS AVENUE**

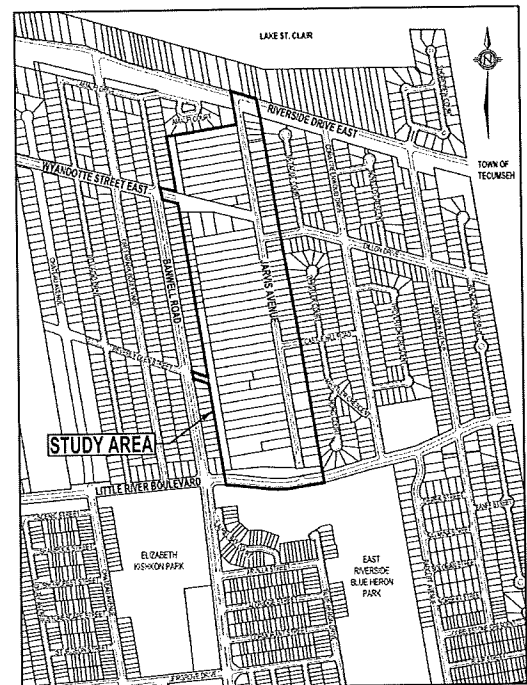
Dear Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

The City of Windsor has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to evaluate the extension of Wyandotte Street East to Jarvis Avenue to serve neighbourhood transportation and infrastructure needs for a 20-year period.

The study area is bounded by Riverside Drive (to the north), Jarvis Avenue (to the east), Little River Road (to the south) and Banwell Road (to the west), as shown on the key plan.

The study will consider the Wyandotte Street East extension for vehicular, pedestrian, transit, and bikeway connections, traffic calming, drainage, and sanitary sewage. In addition, the study will evaluate the servicing needs required to improve neighbourhood infrastructure to current municipal standards on Jarvis Avenue.

The study is being undertaken in accordance with the planning and design process for 'Schedule B' projects outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.



A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders. A Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned for this project. The PIC will be held to present and discuss the need and justification for improvements, existing study area conditions, and assessment of alternative solutions and design concepts.

Public Information Centre #1 will be hosted at:

**Thursday, October 24, 2019
4:00pm-7:00pm
Riverside Sportsmen's Club
10835 Riverside Dr E.
Windsor, ON N8P 1A5**

Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be placed in local newspapers to notify the public of further opportunities for public input.

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list, or have any questions about this project, please contact the undersigned at:

**1266 McDougall Avenue,
Windsor ON N8X 3M7
Tel: 519-255-6247 ext. 6005
E-mail: adowie@citywindsor.ca**

Sincerely,

Andrew Dowie, P.Eng., FEC
Executive Initiatives Coordinator

Good Afternoon,

In accordance with the approved procedures contained in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA), the Town of Tecumseh is proceeding with the **Oldcastle Stormwater Master Plan**.

We are presently contacting all private and public agencies that may have an interest in the project to solicit their comments and to confirm their interest in the EA process. The attached PDF contains the project Notice of Intent and Invitation for Public Comment. In order to simplify your initial response, **please reply to this e-mail to confirm your interest in the project by October 18, 2019.**

To aid in the dissemination of information, all project-related information will be available for review on the Town of Tecumseh's website: <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/town-hall/oldcastle-stormwater-master-plan.aspx>. The webpage will be updated periodically as the project progresses.

All of the display material from the first PIC (held Oct 17th) is now available to view online. <https://www.tecumseh.ca/en/town-hall/oldcastle-stormwater-master-plan.aspx>

If you have any questions or require further details, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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