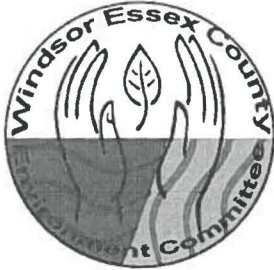




THE CITY OF WINDSOR
COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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CITY CLERK

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February 18, 2014

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

* The minutes of the Committee meeting held February 6, 2014 are attached.

The next meeting of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee is scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, March 6, 2014
5:30 o'clock p.m
Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant
4155 Ojibway Parkway**

Please notify the undersigned at 519-255-6222, ext. 6430, if you are unable to attend.

Yours very truly,

Karen Kadour
Committee Coordinator

KK/
Windsor, Ontario February 6, 2014

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room, Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, there being present the following members:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Frank Butler (alternate)
Eileen Chen (non-voting)
Derek Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Roger Dzugan
Paul Henshaw
John Miller
Mike Nelson
Lindita Prindi

Regrets received from:

Councillor Hilary Payne
Pauline Cheslock
Theresa Czerwinski
Tamara Stomp
Radwan Tamr

Guests in attendance:

Peter Fay
David Hanna

Also present are the following resource personnel:

James Bryant, County Engineering Department
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by R. Dzugan, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its
meeting held January 9, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Tree By-law Update**

No report.

5.2 **Green Speaker Series Update**

R. Dzugan indicates Chris Hadfield, former Astronaut has had to cancel his visit
to Windsor on June 5, 2014. Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair advises Chris Hadfield
will appear at the Capitol Theatre as part of a Windsor Symphony event to be held on
October 17-19, 2014.

A. Parent states she contacted Robert Krausz, PhD Environmental Policy and
Planning who has agreed to appear as a Green Speaker at a cost of \$800. J. Gardner
Costa suggests the Green Speaker Series be held at an Essex County Field Naturalists'
Club meeting.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$800.
for Robert Krausz, PhD Environmental Policy and Planning to appear as a Green Speaker
to be held at the Ojibway Nature Centre in the spring of 2014 as part of an Essex County
Field Naturalists' Club meeting on a date to be determined.
Carried.

6. **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

A. Parent reports the "draft" Smog Action Plan for the City of Windsor has been completed. She notes further meetings with the Operations Department and Human Resources will be convened.

A. Parent indicates the Earth Day celebration will be held on Sunday April 27, 2014 at Malden Park.

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by L. Prindi,
That the report of the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator for January 2014 **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 **Air**

Discussion ensues regarding the Review of the Report on the state of our environment 2013 as comments on the report are provided by the Air Quality Subcommittee.

Councillor Halberstadt states Councillor Payne at the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee requested a further report identifying potential projects to improve environmental "indicators" as it relates to the City of Windsor.

7.2 **Transportation**

The Transportation Subcommittee Report as provided by Frank Butler is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix "A". He indicates the City of Windsor will be purchasing buses that are approximately 11 years old for their fleet.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That the report of the Transportation Subcommittee dated January 18, 2014 **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

7.3 **Provincially Significant Wetlands**

No report.

7.4 Water Quality

A. Parent states the Water Quality Subcommittee recently met and it was suggested that the Subcommittee pursue a phosphorous campaign and rain garden project in conjunction with ERCA.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Confirm and Ratify E-mail Poll

It is generally agreed that the following e-mail poll conducted and approved on January 10, 2014 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$474.60 payable to EliquidMEDIA International Inc. (to be derived from the 2013 Operating Budget) for the annual hosting fee to cover the period from November 16, 2013 to November 15, 2014 for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee website (wecec.org).

Carried.

J. Gardner Costa expresses concern the cost to host the WECEC website is quite high.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by R. Dzugan,

That the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to investigate and report back with options and logistics relating to a new host company for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee website (wecec.org).

Carried.

8.2 New City Hall – Environmental Initiatives

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair advises City Council at its meeting held January 27, 2014 approved the construction of a new city hall.

In terms of a geo-thermal system at the new City Hall the following resolution was adopted at the January 27, 2014 Council meeting:

CR24/2014 *“That with regards to the proposed New City Hall Facility, that Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare a report on the cost and benefit long term of a geo-thermal system.”*

Councillor Halbersrtadt, Co-Chair states the new City Hall should exemplify a iconic LEED Green building. He suggests WECEC prepare recommendations to Council

on environmental building considerations for the new City Hall to ensure the building is indeed an iconic LEED Green building.

8.3 Greek Community Centre Rezoning Application – Clear-Cutting of their Woodlot

It is noted the Ministry of Natural Resources will be investigating following the clear cutting of a woodlot slated for heritage protection. The development was approved by City Council subject to the owners rezoning for natural protection on a two acre wooded section of the 12-acre property located northeast of Walker Road and the E.C. Row Expressway.

J. Miller suggests a letter be sent on behalf of WECEC to the representatives of the Greek Church/Hall regarding the clear-cutting of their woodlot and to provide a strategy on how to protect the habitat.

F. Butler indicates the Greek Church/Hall along with the company that cleared the trees should be fined.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair recommends City Administration be requested to investigate where the lumber from the clear-cutting went, and, if any profit was realized by the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor.

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,

That a letter **BE SENT** on behalf of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor (with a copy to the company that performed the clear cutting of the woodlot located northeast of Walker Road and the E.C. Row Expressway) requesting that a species at risk study **BE UNDERTAKEN** prior to any reforestation and to investigate if any profit was realized by the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor.

Carried.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,

That due to the clear-cutting of the woodlot on the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor lands (located northeast of Walker Road and the E. C. Row Expressway), that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider the implementation of a Tree By-law and further, that a permit process and the issuance of fines relating to the clear cutting of trees **BE CONSIDERED**.

Carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 The article from the Windsor Star dated January 14, 2014 entitled “City, province investigating after woodlot destroyed despite deal” is received for information. Refer to Item 8.3 for the discussion.
- 9.2 The Notice of study completion – Lauzon Parkway Environmental Assessment is received for information.
- 9.3 The response from Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport regarding bike lanes on the new bridge is received for information.
- 9.4 The document entitled “Waste Diversion Ontario announces 2012’s top municipalities for diverting residential waste” is received for information.
- 9.5 The letters from the Office of the Prime Minister regarding the resolution from Windsor City Council regarding the Deep Geologic Repository for nuclear waste” are received for information.
- 9.6 The e-mail from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance entitled “Congratulations Woodstock Hydro – Ontario’s leader in electricity conservation” is received for information.
Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair suggests representatives from Enwin and Essex Power be invited to attend a future meeting of WECEC.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2014 at 5:30 o’clock p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:15 o’clock p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Thursday, February 6th, 2014
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held January 9th, 2014 – *emailed separately.*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 Tree by-law update
- 5.2 Green Speaker Series update

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached*

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 Air – *attached.*
- 7.2 Transportation
- 7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands
- 7.4 Water Quality

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- 8.3 Greek Community Centre re-zoning application after the clear-cutting of their woodlot

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Transportation Subcommittee Report

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In attendance

Regrets

Bernie Drouillard, Rick Coronado, Frank Butler

Radwan Tamr, Roger Dzugan

Transit Windsor

The subcommittee continued the discussion on Transit Windsor budget submission for 2014. The bid for the London Transit buses seems to have been successful and will allow Transit Windsor to retire a number of its ageing fleet. However, this is only a stop gap measure at best. Briefly discussed the precariousness of the ability of Transit Windsor to continue the level of service given existing funding levels.

Reviewed letter of support to Transit Windsor Chair and concur on final draft to be sent. Bernie will be in contact with the chair.

Letter to Fire Services

Subcommittee discussed the need to connect with Fire Services regarding lack of budget to inspect recycling plants as identified by the Fire Marshal statements last year. The chair agreed to work on a draft letter to be reviewed at the next meeting of the subcommittee.

Next meeting will be Friday Feb. 7th @ noon.

Report submitted by the Chair,

Frank Butler