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June 27, 2013

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

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Windsor and Essex County Environment Committee is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, July 4, 2013
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant

The attached agenda will be considered. Please notify the undersigned at 519-255-6222, ext. 6430, if you are unable to attend.

Yours very truly,

Karen Kadour
Committee Coordinator



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Thursday, July 4th, 2013
Meeting at 5:30p.m. At the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant (4155 Ojibway)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held June 6th, 2013 – *emailed separately.*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 Smog alert action plans and strategies

5.2 Bike lanes on the new bridge – *attached.*

5.3 Draft Notice of Motion re. Ojibway Shores development proposal by the Port Authority

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 Air

7.2 Transportation

7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands – *attached.*

7.4 Water Quality

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Ojibway Nature Centre invoice for June WECEC meeting room rental: \$122.50 – *attached.*

8.2 Transit Windsor invoice for Humbug Marsh tour rental: \$793.23 – *attached.*

8.3 The Windsor Star invoice for promotion of the Energy Conservation Campaign: \$1693.87 – *attached.*

9. **COMMUNICATIONS**

9.1 In a city where car is king, pedestrians may soon rule – The Windsor Star, June 6th 2013 – *attached.*

9.2 Wyandotte Street full of opportunity – The Windsor Star, June 7th 2013 – *attached.*

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be September 5th, 2013 at Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**



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The Honourable Denis Lebel
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
Tower C - 330 Sparks Street
Ottawa Ontario
K1A 0N5

June 12th 2013

Re: Environmental Planning Process on the New International Trade Crossing

Dear Hon. Denis Lebel,

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) has recently read your response to the City of Windsor regarding their request for bike lanes on the New International Trade Crossing. We agree that bike lanes on the bridge would contribute to tourism, promote healthy living and sustainability in both Windsor Essex County as well as Michigan.

A requirement of the Environmental Assessment states that an Environmental Planning process must be complete on the new bridge plaza. WECEC would like to be informed of when this Environmental Planning process will begin and how interested stakeholders such as the City of Windsor, WECEC and the Windsor Bike Committee may participate.

If the process is already underway, when and how will the documents associated with the environmental management plans be distributed to stakeholders? When will the consultation and public engagement portion of this process begin and how can WECEC participate?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alan Halberstadt
WECEC Co-chair

Charlie Wright
WECEC Co-chair



– JUNE 2013 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Trip to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

The tour of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge on Friday June 14th was very successful. Nearly 20 people participated and attended a tour of Humbug Marsh along with a presentation by Refuge manager Dr. John Hartig. Participants included WECEC members, Essex County Field Naturalists, City of Windsor administration, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup as well as their Public Advisory Committee members. Dr. John Hartig discussed the process by which Humbug Marsh was saved from development as well as highlighted many ongoing Brownfield restoration and manmade wetlands sites.

2. Green Speaker Series: Dan Burden – Walkable and Livable Communities Institute

On Friday June 7th WECEC continued their Green Speaker Series with host Dan Burden, Co-Founder and Director of Innovation and Inspiration at the *Walkable and Livable Communities Institute*. Dan spoke to over 100 people about how creating more walkable streets can contribute to healthier, more vibrant communities with thriving economies.

Participants included many members of City of Windsor administration as well as county municipality administration, City Councillors, architects, students, St. Clair College professors, BIA members, the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, Tourism Windsor Essex, members of the public, the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation, non-profit organizations and the Greater Essex County District School Board.

During the walking audit, Dan pointed out many simple solutions to begin improving walkability. For instance, clearly viable crosswalks and signage were often missing from city streets. Dan suggested using bumpouts at intersections, diagonal parking along side streets and more greenery and places to sit. He also demonstrated that Wyandotte East is wide enough to accommodate bike lanes by lying on the street perpendicular to a parked car. A bike lane is one “Dan” wide, and there was plenty of space for cars to pass by.

After the walking audit, participants were split into small working group around aerial maps along Wyandotte. The groups brainstormed how to increase walkability. The diverse backgrounds of participants allowed for lively and passionate discussion while working towards a common goal.

There was a great media presence leading up to as well as during the workshop. Days before the event, the Windsor Star did an article with City Planner Thom Hunt highlighting areas in Windsor that are very walkable as well as areas that need improvement. Representatives from the Windsor Star, Blackburn media, AM800 and CBC attended the presentation. The Windsor Star and CTV accompanied the group on the walking audit and CBC radio hosted Dan on their show after the event. Positive media stories were released that day discussing walkability and the potential it has in Windsor.

Dan has provided all workshop participants with his presentation. Many valuable resources are on the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute page: www.walklive.org

3. Water Quality Subcommittee

The subcommittee has recruited two ERCA volunteers to continue work on our educational campaigns. One ERCA volunteer has created a lesson plan for blue green algae educational video "Overload". This lesson plan will be introduced to teachers so that they can incorporate it into their lessons.

Another ERCA volunteer has begun researching phosphorous content in detergents, fertilizers, soaps etc. as part of the background information for a phosphorous education campaign. This campaign would build on the blue green algae video by educating residents about how to read product labels such as fertilizer and laundry soap and compare the phosphorous content for various products. The group has talked of getting permission to use phosphorous free lawn signs on city parks as well as handing them out to homeowners to encourage and educate others. Another short video about how to read labels and make informed decisions would be of great benefit to this upcoming campaign.

4. WECEC Budget - Summary

2013 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00		
Website domain renewal		\$76.27	Spent
Website hosting fee		\$500.00	
Pat on the Back		\$2,446.46	Spent
Earth Day		\$40.00	Spent
Dan Burden		\$1,000.00	Spent
David Suzuki		\$1,000.00	Spent
Green Speaker 3		\$800.00	
WQ video		\$500.00	
Wildlife tour		\$793.23	Spent
Promotional Items		\$348.00	Spent
Conservation Campaign		\$596.00	Spent
June meeting at Ojibway		\$122.50	Spent
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$8,222.46	
TOTAL REMAINING		\$77.54	

PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

1. Ojibway Shores

a. Public Meeting

Members of the PSW subcommittee will attend and comment at the Port Authority's public meeting to discuss potential development plans on the Ojibway Shores property. The meeting is on Wednesday July 3rd at 6:30pm at Mackenzie Hall (3277 Sandwich Street West).

b. Letter to the Windsor Port Authority

A letter drafted by members of the PSW Subcommittee has been sent to the Windsor Port Authority asking that WECEC be informed of all undertakings and plans surrounding the Ojibway Shores property so that we can adequately participate in any public meetings.

2. Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

a. Invitation to Richard Wyma and John Hartig

A draft letter is in progress to invite Richard Wyma and John Hartig to a meeting in Windsor to discuss how best WECEC and our resources can be of help to move the International Wildlife Refuge forward on the Canadian side.

b. Green Speaker – John Hartig

John Hartig has inquired about WECEC's Green Speaker Series and is interested in speaking. We could potentially pair the session during the same week as the meeting between John and Richard.

c. Windsor land designation

The subcommittee is aware of an upcoming report to City of Windsor Council asking that Peche Island, McKee Park, Goose Bay Park, St. Rose Beach Park, Bridges Bay Park, Black Oak Heritage Park, Ojibway Park, Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park and Spring Garden Natural Area be designated as part of the International Wildlife Refuge. We would like to support this report with the following motion:

WHEREAS Windsor's unique natural resources could be seen as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge that would result in positive public relations and would help in marketing the City and region;

WHEREAS the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is a unique partnership with Canada and offers Windsor more opportunities to leverage human and financial resources for wildlife management, research, and education;

WHEREAS being part of the international wildlife refuge would help Windsor become part of major celebrations like International Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day, etc; and

WHEREAS there would be no costs associated with park designation, nor any loss of ownerships rights as part of the International Wildlife Refuge;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council designate the aforementioned parks as per the recommendations in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Designation Council Report.



Windsor Essex County

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Mr. David Cree
General Manager / CEO
Windsor Port Authority
502-251 Goyeau
Windsor ON N9A 4H9

June 12th 2013

Re: Information request regarding Windsor Port Authority Property: Ojibway Shores

Dear Mr. Cree

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) is a committee of both the City of Windsor and County of Essex. The committee reviews and makes recommendations to these two councils on environmental issues. It has come to the committee's attention that you have given notice of undertaking an environmental study with intention to develop the property locally known as Ojibway Shores.

This property has high environmental potential and interest, as well as development implications for the City of Windsor and County of Essex. As such, WECEC respectfully requests to be informed of all undertakings and plans surrounding this property so that we can adequately participate and prepare our respective environmental position.

Please send all information and notices of public input sessions to coordinator Averil Parent at aparent@city.windsor.on.ca, or the above WECEC address.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alan Halberstadt
WECEC Co-chair

Charlie Wright
WECEC Co-chair

OJIBWAY NATURE CENTRE

Receipt



Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee

Ojibway Nature Centre
5200 Matchette Road,
Windsor, Ontario N9C 4E8
(519) 966-5852
www.ojibway.ca

June 18, 2013
Invoice # wecec 06-06-13

Attn: Averil Parent

Description	Amount
Room Rental: Prairie Room Date: June 6, 2013 (5:00 pm – 7:30 pm)	2.5 hrs @ \$ 29.00/hr
Extra Fees: After Hours Booking	\$ 50.00
Balance Due:	\$122.50

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Please make all cheques and money orders payable to:
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Send cheque or money order to:
OJIBWAY NATURE CENTRE
5200 Matchette Road, Windsor, Ontario N9C 4E8

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at 519-966-5852.
Thank you!



3700 North Service Road East
 Windsor, Ontario N8W 5X2
 519-944-4111 Fax 519-944-5121

JE Number:

Date: June 18, 2013

Issued to: City of Windsor
 Attention: Averil Parent
 4155 Ojibway
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Amount: **\$793.23**

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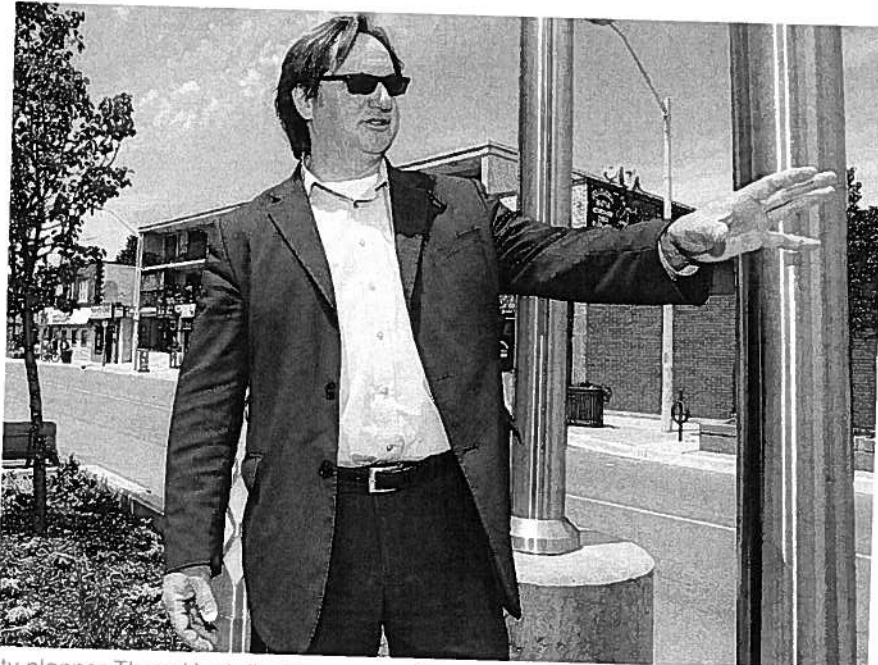
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The Windsor Star, July 6th, 2013

In a city where car is king, pedestrians may soon rule



U of W student Christina McFadden, 21, says she likes the improvements for pedestrians along Wyandotte Street West.



City planner Thom Hunt displays some of the improvements made to Wyandotte Street West on Wednesday.

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Doug Schmidt, The Windsor Star | Jun 06, 2013 | Last Updated: Jun 06, 2013 - 7:09 UTC

Windsor motorists beware - your undisputed rule over the road is being challenged.

The car may still be king of Windsor's streets, but its primacy - unquestioned over the past half-century in Canada's automotive capital - could soon be undermined by new thinking on how such public space is used. Windsor appears to be on the cusp of embracing a North American trend that recognizes other users.

Public rights-of-way are increasingly being eyed for other purposes, from cycling and walking to even surrendering part of that paved real estate for commercial and social purposes like sidewalk patios.

Go no farther than a recently converted stretch of Wyandotte Street West at the University of Windsor to see the change and the potential.

"It went from a zero to a 10," said resident Alan Malcolm, comparing the before-and-after of a million-dollar streetscape reno job still underway. "It's been a drastic change - it's beautiful."

"It's really pretty - it makes the city look nicer, and it's more people-friendly," said Christina McFadden, an industrial engineering student from Sarnia who has lived in the neighbourhood the past three years.

The most striking difference is the shrinking of four vehicle travel lanes to two. Raised planters along widened sidewalks not only provide space for trees and other plants, but provide a separation between foot and motorized traffic, and they're positioned to help funnel that foot traffic to the intersections.

At the intersections, pedestrian "bulb-outs" - portions of the sidewalk jutting into the former roadway - now mean those wanting to cross the street need only negotiate two lanes of traffic, increasing their safety. If a car is turning, it can no longer nudge into the pedestrian traffic, and the vehicles behind must wait, no longer able to impatiently speed around the obstacle.

"No one's flying through anymore," said Malcolm.

Benches and seats in seemingly random pattern offer places to lounge, and, in the evening, light columns known as luminaires bathe the sidewalks in a soft light. "People are sitting, hanging around a bit more - it's a big change for everyone here," said Malcolm.

"You feel really comfortable walking here," city planner Thom Hunt said Wednesday.

The new pedestrian-focused strip with its boulevard look and calmed-down traffic "links up the students who live in this area."

If Hunt and a growing number of others have their way, it's just the beginning.

On Friday, one of the globe's most sought-after authorities on "walkable communities" will be hitting the streets to conduct a "walking audit" of parts of the Walkerville and Wyandotte BIAs.

Described by Time magazine as "one of the six most important civic innovators in the world," Florida's Dan Burden has advised thousands of towns and cities worldwide on how to create more walkable streets that contribute to healthier, more vibrant and economically thriving communities.

"I think we're moving in that direction," said Ward 4 Coun. Alan Halberstadt.

The focus for Burden's Windsor visit will be on an eastern stretch of Wyandotte that is heavily populated by small retail and surrounded by residential, ideally suited to the type of conversion just being completed at the western end of the street, according to Hunt.

Burden's presentation and walking tour was originally intended to be open to anyone, but Halberstadt, the committee's co-chairman, said there was such a "tremendous" interest in the guests that registrations had to be cut off at 80.

Burden will be pointing out what the possibilities are and making recommendations on what to implement.

The work of his Walkable Communities Inc. and others is showing that slowing down traffic and opening up the street to other users increases economic activity for the businesses directly affected, increases foot traffic, makes neighbourhoods more desirable and increases property values.

The trade-off, of course, to "making pedestrians part of the public right-of-way" is the possibility of congestion, said Hunt.

A recent visit to Vancouver showed him two things - the West Coast city is one of the most congested in North America, but it's also considered one of the most walkable and livable.

"The planner there, his mantra is, 'congestion is your friend' - the traffic there is a nightmare, but the city is tops in livability," said Hunt.

Hunt points to the success of cities that embrace "walkable communities" in attracting the youthful, socially-connected and extremely mobile entrepreneurs who are creating new jobs but demanding infrastructure that allows them to access amenities and enjoy public spaces.

"The overarching goal was to move cars fast, but with the new economy, that might not be what we want to do for economic development," he said.

City hall, he added, is regularly fielding calls from outside developers and realtors asking what Windsor's "walkability scores" are. dschmidt@windsorstar.com

BABY STEPS

Walkability has taken some small steps in Windsor:

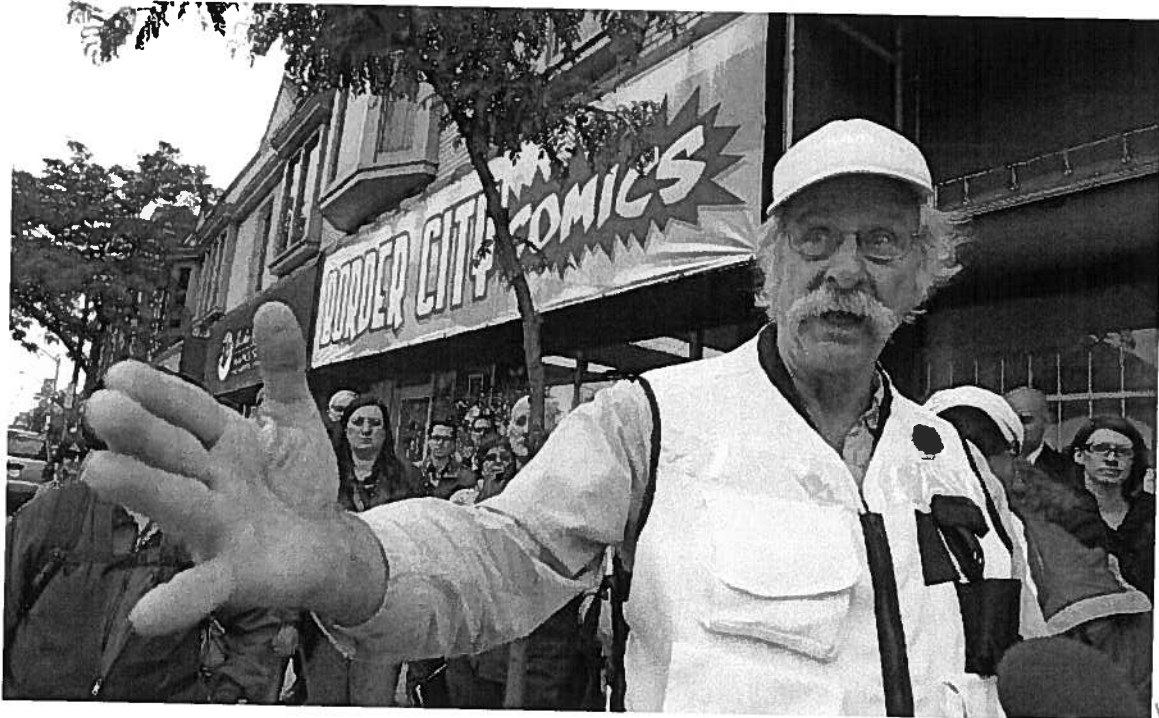
The downtown Pour House bar was the first to get approval to expand its sidewalk patio by taking over what had been on-street parking space. City council most recently agreed to turn a section of Victoria Avenue from a one-way into a two-way street.

"To planners, one-way streets are retail killers," said city planner Thom Hunt.

City council has discussed the desirability of at least a seasonal closure of parts of Ouellette Avenue in the downtown. City planning staff will be studying the viability of narrowing Pitt Street to two lanes of two-way traffic, the shaved-off parts dedicated to non-vehicle traffic along an expanded pedestrian corridor to the new aquatic complex and adjoining downtown cultural hub, as well as for college and university students.

The Windsor Star June 7th 2013

American expert says Wyandotte Street full of opportunity (With video)



Wearing

his bright green safety vest, Dan Burden, co-founder and director of Innovation and Inspiration, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, picks out some of the possible improvements on Wyandotte Street East in Walkerville, Friday June 7, 2013. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)

Jun 07, 2013 - 5:49 PM EDT

Last Updated: Jun 07, 2013 - 8:28 PM EDT

An American expert on street walkability toured the Walkerville stretch of Wyandotte Street Friday afternoon to give city officials pointers on how to redesign the aging roadway.

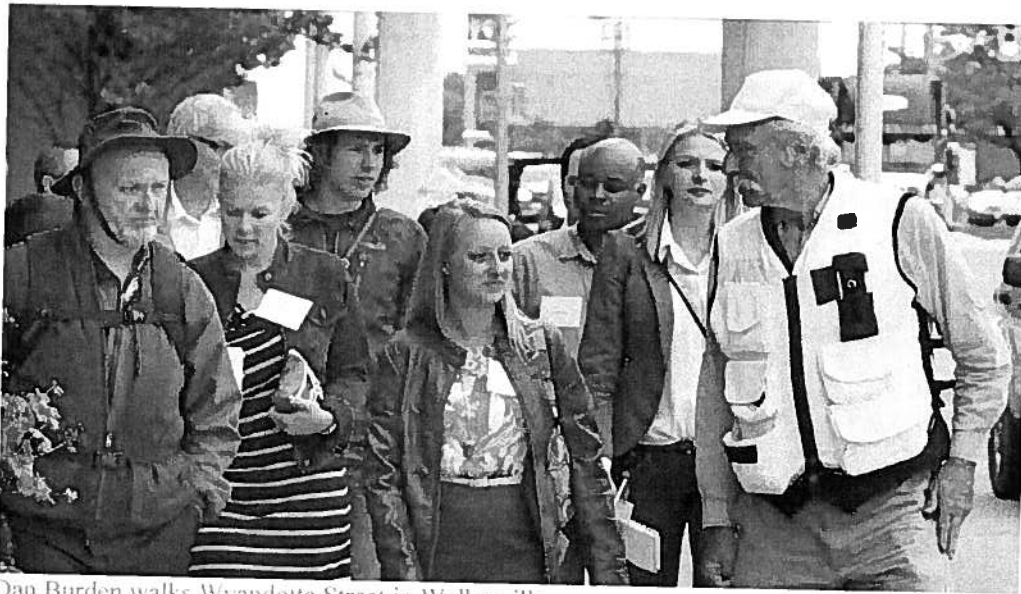
Dan Burden, co-founder of the Walkability and Livable Communities Institute, said the East Windsor neighborhood shows a lot of promise.

Outfitted in a lime green reflective vest and matching farmer's cap, he stopped at the intersections of Wyandotte Street and Chilver Road and decried to the about 90 people around him: "I just love your opportunity on Wyandotte!"

The walkability audit with Burden was organized by the city and local organizations, such as the Wyandotte and Walkerville BIAs. City official Averil Parent said the event was so popular that she had to limit registration.

Mike Palanacki heads city road maintenance and said Burden, named by TIME magazine in 2001 as one the six most important civic innovators in the world, was brought in as part of the plan to make Windsor's roads more "people friendly."

He said the city is taking a new approach in resurfacing Wyandotte over the next two years. He said moving cars efficiently and safely was the biggest concern in the past, but that things are changing.



Dan Burden walks Wyandotte Street in Walkerville

"I think we have to rethink that whole philosophy," he said.

Now other ways of getting around – such as walking and cycling – are getting their time in the spotlight. Palanacki said it's to help promote healthy lifestyles, but that it's also to address functionality.

Building highways isn't always the solution when dealing with traffic congestion, he said, giving Toronto as an example.

Burden echoed the point in his analysis of Wyandotte, currently two lanes wide on each side in some areas. He said smaller single car lanes – 10 feet wide being ideal – are actually safer, because it allows room for separate cycling lanes and larger sidewalks.

To illustrate his point, he stretched out on the busy road flat on his back, showing that bike lanes – which he said need to be marked with thick painted lines – can be as wide as he is tall, and still allow traffic to flow easily.

He said cars currently have more space than they need and that adding bike lanes makes motorists safer, “because they're not jockeying for space.”

The benefit of wider sidewalks is also commercial, Burden said. “Everybody wins,” he said, because if pedestrians have room to stroll, shops lining the streets will see more foot traffic.

Motorists are more likely to slow down when they approach intersections with extended curbs as well, he said, making it a safer area to walk.

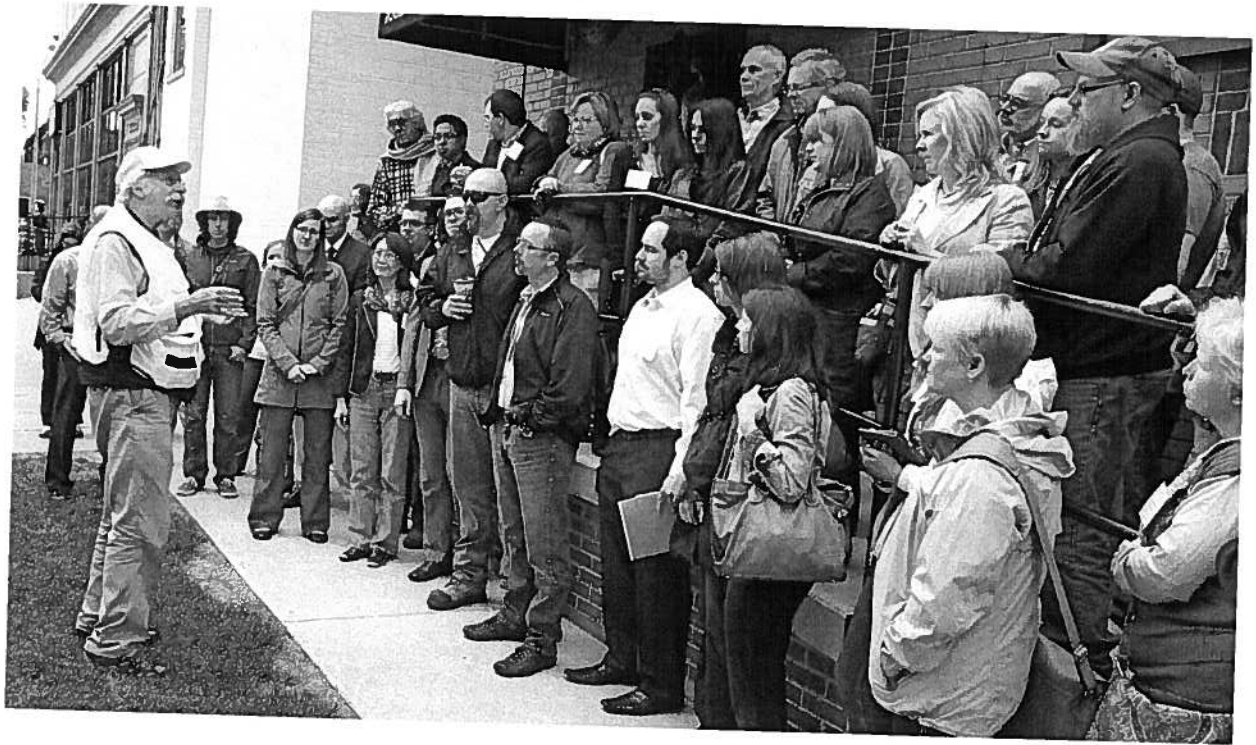
James Elliott, a 20-year-old architectural technology student at St. Clair College, was in the crowd with a friend. He said that as a student who's taught to design buildings with surroundings in mind, he liked what he was hearing from Burden.

“It's really simple stuff,” Elliott said, adding that small projects can still have a big impact.

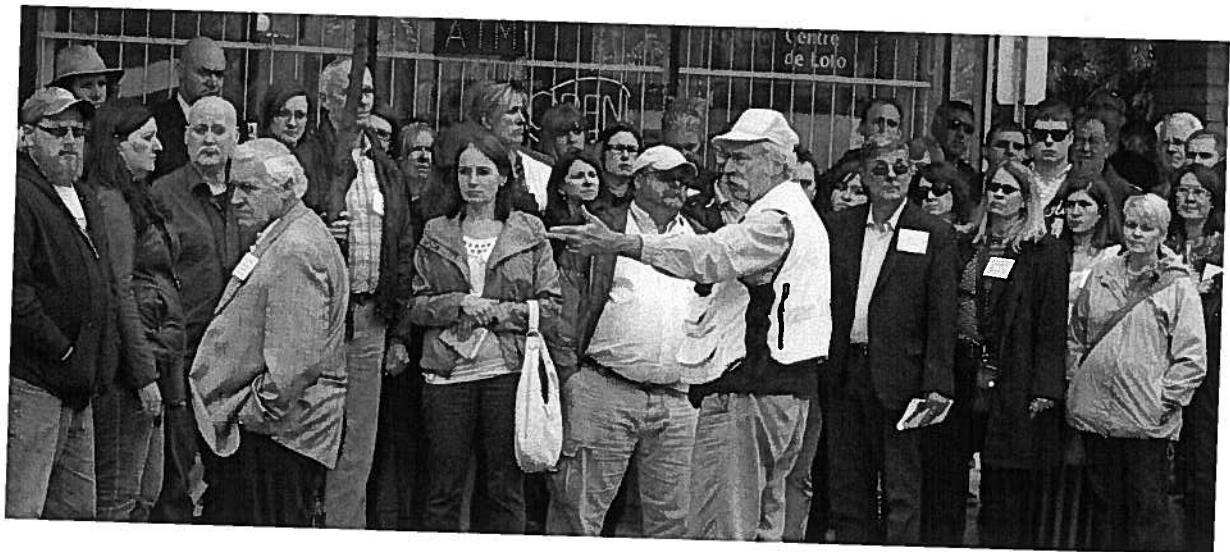
Palanacki said the goal in bringing Burden in to evaluate Wyandotte was to learn how to revamp the road while keeping spending to a minimum.

Parent said the cost to bring Burden to Windsor for the audit was about \$7,000, but that the groups involved in the event pitched in with funds.

Palanacki said the city will “look hard” at the suggestions made by Burden and implement as many as the budget can handle.

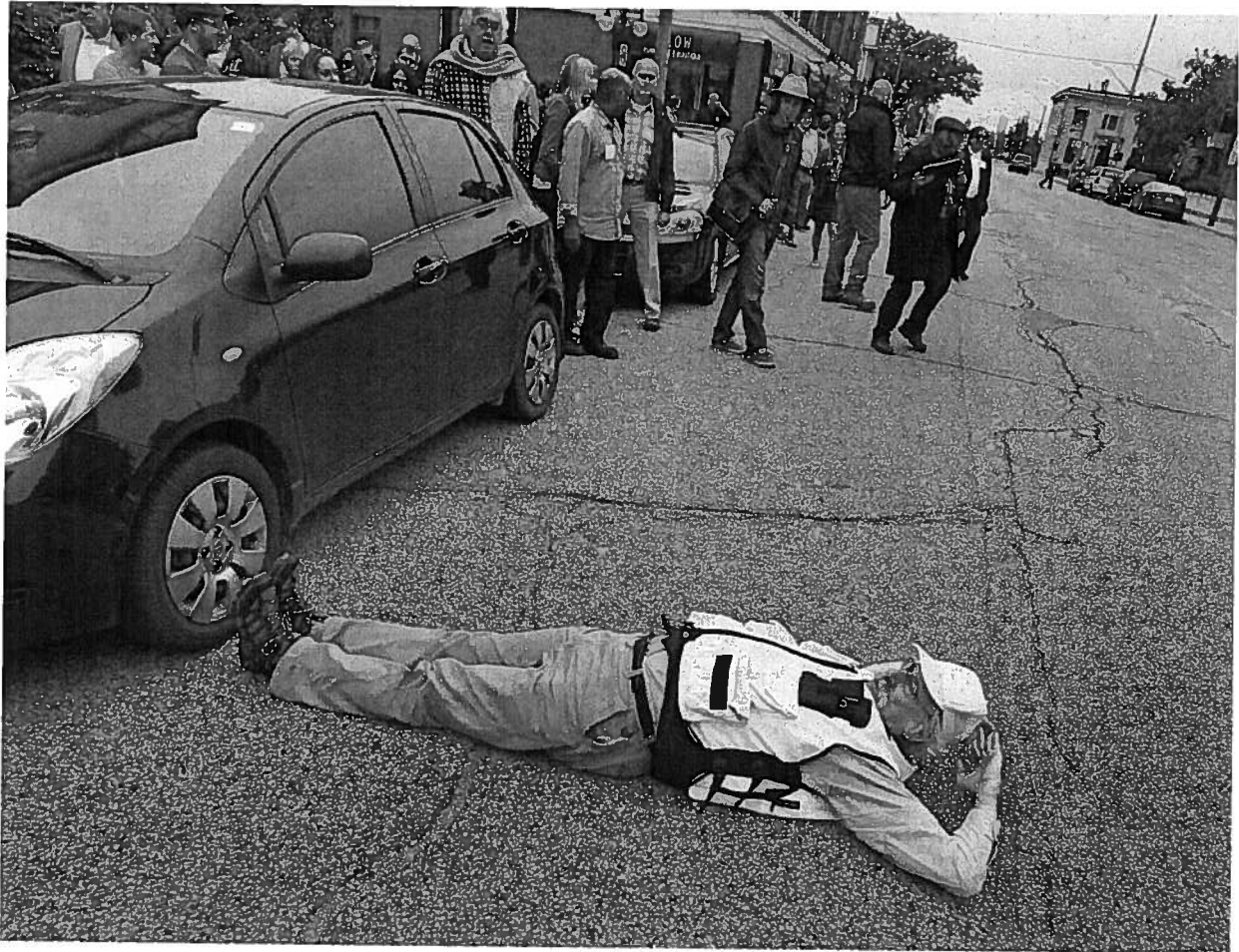


Dan Burden, left, co-founder and director of Innovation and Inspiration, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, begins his tour to point out possible improvements on Wyandotte Street East in Walkerville, Friday June 7, 2013. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)

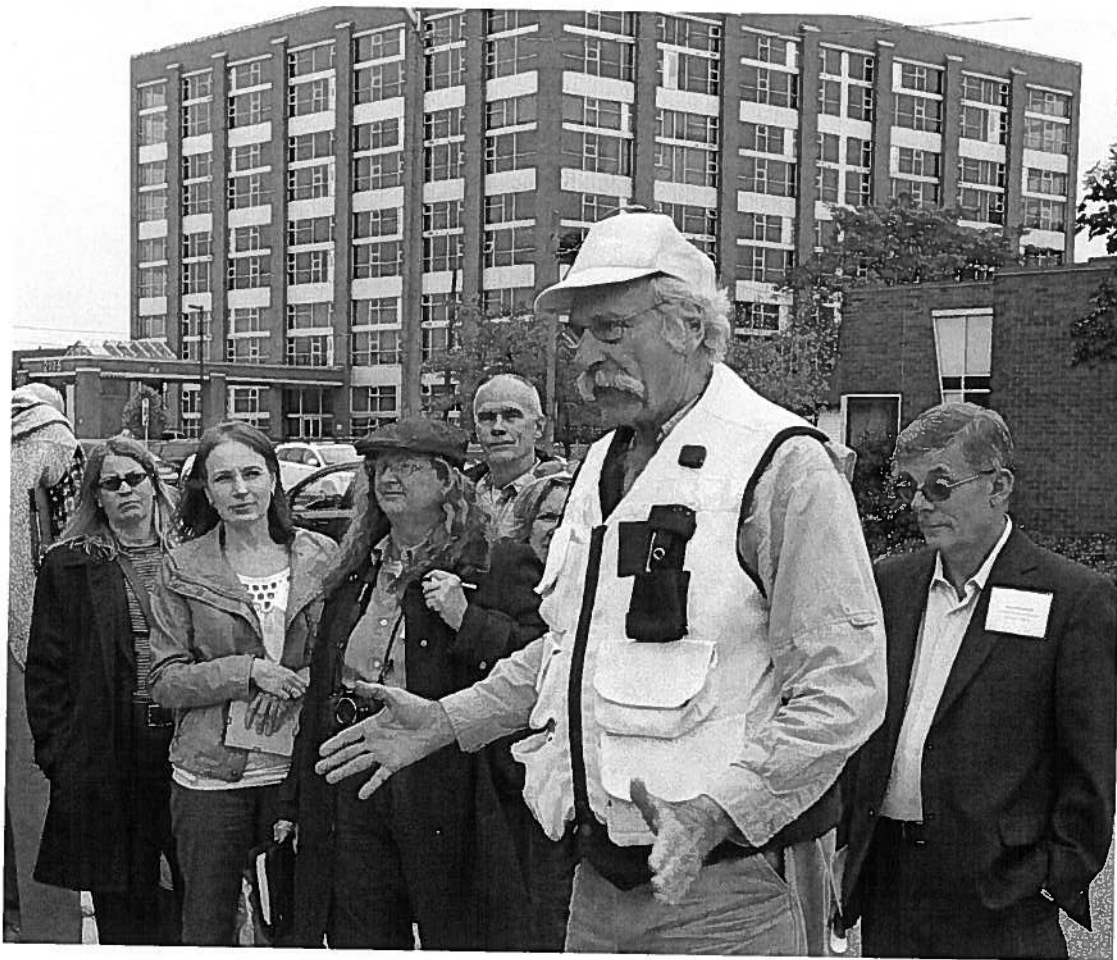


Dan Burden, centre, co-founder and director of Innovation and Inspiration, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, picks out some of the possible improvements on

Wyandotte Street East at Devonshire Road, Friday June 7, 2013. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)



Using his lanky frame as a measuring tool, Dan Burden, co-founder and director of Innovation and Inspiration, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, points out the size of bicycle lanes, one of many possible improvements on Wyandotte Street East in Walkerville, Friday June 7, 2013. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)



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