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February 13, 2012

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

* The minutes of the Committee meeting held February 2, 2012 are attached.

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

**Thursday, March 5, 2012
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Lou Romano 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 (A)

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Windsor, Ontario February 2, 2012

A meeting of the **Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the YQG Windsor International Airport Board Room, there being present the following members:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Mark Bartlett
Rebecca Belanger (alternate for Matthew Child)
Frank Butler (non-voting)
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Theresa Czerwinski (alternate for Dean Clevett)
Roger Dzigan (alternate for Mark Bartlett)
Karen Fallon
Paul Henshaw (arrives at 5:38 p.m.)
John Miller
Juliet Mohammed (arrives at 5:42 p.m.)
Phil Roberts
Tamara Stomp (arrives at 5:45 p.m.)
Radwan Tamr

Regrets received from:

Councillor Hilary Payne (attending the ERCA Board Meeting)
Pauline Cheslock
Dean Clevett

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Beau Wansbrough, Planner II
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Halberstadt, 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.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by J. Miller,

That the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held January 5, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Dan Bissonnette, The Naturalized Habitat Network is present to provide information relating to "Project Pawpaw". A brochure entitled "Project Pawpaw" is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix "A". Background information including coloured photographs of the Pawpaw tree is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix "B". He provides the following information relating to the Pawpaw tree

The Co-Chair leaves the meeting at 5:40 o'clock p.m. and C. Wright, Co-Chair assumes the Chair.

- The Pawpaw tree is a small slender tree found naturally throughout the eastern United States and portions of southern Ontario, including Essex County.
- The tree has large leaves and bears an edible sweet fruit which is yellow-green in colour.
- The fruit can be eaten raw or preserved
- Widespread deforestation across Windsor and Essex County, combined with the lack of awareness of the Pawpaw has severely impacted this species.
- The Pawpaw tree has site-sensitive requirements
- The species has been reduced to less than a dozen remnant sites in Windsor and Essex County.
- Training sessions for the Grower Training Program and the Consumer Education Program to be held in 2012 throughout Windsor and Essex County

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by T. Stomp,

That the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator **BE ENCOURAGED** to liaise with Dan Bissonnette, The Naturalized Habit Network regarding "Project PawPaw" and to report back.

Carried.

The Co-Chair thanks Dan Bissonnette for his Pawpaw Project presentation.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Renewable Energy Media Campaign

A. Parent advises that letters requesting support for the renewable energy campaign have been sent to various solar companies in Windsor as well as the Economic Development Corporation and the Regional Chamber of Commerce. M. Bartlett will convene individual meetings with the proponents to discuss the Energy Media Campaign.

The Co-Chair returns to the meeting at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

6.2 New WECEC Appointments

A. Parent indicates that the elected Student Government President from St. Clair College will be put forward to sit on WECEC. She notes that student government elections will be completed in March 2012 and shortly thereafter the application of the Student Government President will be processed.

A. Parent states that a similar request has been sent to the University of Windsor Environment Committee and student government, however, discussions have not commenced.

7. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report

A. Parent reports that over 125 Windsor-Essex residents attended the inaugural "Green Speaker Series" event featuring Green Party leader Elizabeth May. Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair states that the inaugural event was a great success.

Discussion ensues regarding a Windsor Star article authored by Chris Vander Doelen dated January 31, 2012 entitled "The sky is not falling", attached as Appendix "C". It is generally agreed that A. Parent will respond to Mr. Vander Dolen's article on behalf of WECEC. T. Stomp requests that the letter be vetted through the Committee before it is sent.

M. Bartlett states that the Dr. David Suzuki School was the "perfect venue" for the event, however, he suggests if the venue is utilized for the next speaker series, that highlights of this school be provided for attendees.

Moved by K. Fallon, seconded by J. Miller,
That the "WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – January 2012" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Moved by M. Bartlett, seconded by T. Czerwinski,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$500.61 payable to Allegra Marketing for the printing of WECEC brochures and further, that this amount **BE DERIVED** from the 2012 WECEC budget.
Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

D. Coronado refers to a document entitled "EPA Releases 2010 Toxics Release Inventory National Analysis", attached as Appendix "D". He states the 2012 Toxics Release Inventory shows that 3.93 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were released into the environment nationwide, a 16 percent increase from 2009. He indicates that the data relating to toxic releases in Canada has not been finalized.

D. Coronado reports that a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was held on January 5, 2012 regarding the cracked concrete shield building at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. An environmental coalition launched a new contention against FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company's proposal to extend the atomic reactor's operations from 2017 to 2037. A media release entitled "Beyond Nuclear Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, Don't Waste Michigan and Green Party of Ohio dated January 10, 2012 is attached as Appendix "E".

D. Coronado makes reference to an article released on February 2, 2012 from Joseph Mangano, Radiation and Public Health, Ed McArdle, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter and Michael J. Keegan, Don't Waste Michigan entitled "New Report shows Increase in Cancers And Mortalities Since Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant Start Up", attached as Appendix "F". As outlined in the document, the following is stated:

"One of the most shocking statistics shows that cancer death rates of young people (up to age 24) living in Monroe County exceeded the U.S. national rate by 28% from 1985 to 2008, a large shift from 1979-1984, when the country rate was 24% below the national average."

Moved by M. Bartlett, seconded by K. Fallon,
That the verbal report of Derek Coronado relating to the Air Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

8.2 Transportation

T. Czerwinski states that D. Clevett attended the Regional Emergency Response Planning Meeting held on January 31, 2012. She indicates that groups interested in participating either actively or as observers should contact Phil Berthume at Windsor Fire and Rescue Services. An e-mail from D. Clevett dated January 31, 2012 regarding the recent Regional Emergency Response Planning Meeting is attached as Appendix "G".

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

P. Roberts states that the Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee has not met in the month of January.

P. Roberts advises that the Environment & Transportation Standing Committee at its meeting held January 25, 2012 reviewed the following motion:

"That the City pursue further discussion/negotiation with the Federal Government regarding the environmental benefits and cost savings associated with the preservation of the Ojibway Shores lands as natural heritage."

P. Roberts provides an update relating to the St. Louis woodlot ash removal process. He notes that the trees were removed in one day with the stumps remaining.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by T. Stomp,
That the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to invite Dan Dufour from Carolinian Canada to make a presentation to WECEC regarding their Lake Erie Coastal Trail Project.
Carried.

10.3 St. Clair College – Woodlot

A document entitled "Site #49 – The St. Clair College Prairie" is distributed and attached as Appendix "H".

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair states that Dr. Strasser, President, St. Clair College has requested the City sell the woodlot to the College.

R. Tamr leaves the meeting at 7:02 o'clock p.m.

T. Stomp leaves the meeting at 7:05 o'clock p.m.

D. Coronado suggests that ERCA undertake a provincially significant wetland (PSW) assessment. R. Belanger reports that the assessment would cost approximately \$10,000.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by J. Miller,

That the City of Windsor **BE REQUESTED** to retain ownership of the woodlot (located on 0 Janisse Street) adjacent to St. Clair College; that an updated environmental audit **BE UNDERTAKEN** with the intention of looking at the highest degree of protection for the woodlot and further, that the woodlot **BE ASSESSED** for its Provincial significance.

Carried.

8.4 Nutrient Loading

A. Parent indicates that the newly formed Nutrient Loading Subcommittee has not met.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Earth Day 2012

A. Parent asks if WECEC is interested in renting a booth at the Windsor-Essex County Earth Day event to be held on May 1, 2012 at Mic Mac Park/Malden Park.

Moved by J. Mohammed, seconded by P. Henshaw,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$200. for a booth and other associated costs for the Windsor-Essex County Earth Day event to be held on May 1, 2012 at Mic Mac Park/Malden Park.

Carried.

9.2 WECEC Strategic Plan Review

A. Parent states that many of the Strategic Plan goals have been completed and can be removed from the plan. Those goals which are continuously ongoing will remain.

9.3 Clean Across Canada 2013

This item is deferred to the March 1, 2012 meeting.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 The congratulatory letter from "Prevent Cancer Now" regarding WECEC's letter submitted in support of the Zero Waste Detroit Petition is received for information.
- 10.2 The response letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding WECEC's letter in support of the Zero Waste Detroit Petition is received for information.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2011 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant (4155 Ojibway Parkway).

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 o'clock p.m.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair

Committee Coordinator



AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 2nd, 2011
Meeting at 5:30p.m.
At YQG WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held January 5th, 2011 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION:**

Dan Bissonnette, The Naturalized Habitat Network – Introduction to "Project Pawpaw".

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Renewable Energy Media Campaign

6.2 New WECEC Appointments

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

8.2 Transportation

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

8.4 Nutrient Loading

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Earth Day 2012
- 9.2 WECEC Strategic Plan Review – **attached.**
- 9.3 Clean Across Canada 2013 – **attached.**

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 10.1 Congratulatory letter from “Prevent Cancer Now” regarding our letter submitted in support of the Zero Waste Detroit Petition – **attached.**
- 10.2 Response letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding our letter submitted in support of the Zero Waste Detroit Petition – **attached.**
- 10.3 Report to the Executive Standing Committee, “Sale of Land to St. Clair College – Woodlot” – **attached.**

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1st, 2011 at the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**