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Windsor, Ontario January 28, 2016

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre, there being present the following members:

Joe Bachetti, Vice Chair, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh  
Councillor Fred Francis  
Derek Coronado  
Jesse Gardner Costa  
Debby Grant  
Mike Nelson  
Joe Passa  
Dr. Edwin Tam

**Absent:**

Councillor Bill Marra  
Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh  
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**Guests in Attendance:**

Tanya Basok  
Rick Coronado  
David Hanna  
Michael Schneider

**Also present are the following resource personnel:**

James Bryant, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, County of Essex  
Dustin Carey, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator (A)  
Phil Roberts, Executive Director, Parks  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:40 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

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Dr. Tam,  
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, 98-2011 **BE WAIVED** to add the following Agenda items:

- 8.3 ERCA Annual Report
- 8.4 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committees of Ontario (EAC) Symposia
- 8.5 Earth Day
- 8.6 Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee

Carried.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

## 4. MINUTES

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,  
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee held November 26, 2015 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

## 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 5.1 Green Speakers Selection for 2016

D. Carey provides an overview of possible speakers for the 2016 Green Speaker Series which includes the following:

- David Noble – Witness to Environmental Leadership, Founder of 2degreesC, Author
- Gianni Kovacevic – Realistic Environmentalist
- Peter Corbyn – Special Advisor for Climate Project Canada, Environmentalist
- Jason Thistlethwaite, Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo, Director, Climate Change Adaptation Project
- Chris Early – Interpretive Biologist & Education Coordinator, University of Guelph
- Rob Shirkey, Executive Director, Our Horizon
- Diane Saxe – Environmental Commissioner of Ontario
- Peter Garforth, - Principal, Garforth International llc
- Sarah Burch, Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo, Senior Fellow, CIGI
- John Howard, Chairman of the Board, Canadian Association for Physicians for the Environment

- Christopher Ragan, Professor of Economics, Chair of Canada's Ecofiscal Commission
- Glen Murray – Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,  
That Peter Garforth, Principal, Garforth International Inc and Jason Thistlethwaite, Associate Professor, University of Waterloo, Director, Climate Change Adaptation Project **BE SELECTED** as speakers for the 2016 Green Speakers Series.

Carried.

## **5.2 Confirm and Ratify the following motions approved by e-mail polls**

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,  
That the following motions **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

1. That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$28.25 payable to eliquidMEDIA for the Domain renewal annual fee.
2. That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to utilize \$1,250 received from sponsors (Windsor Essex County Health Unit - \$500, United Way - \$500 and Pathway to Potential - \$250) for costs associated with travel and accommodations for Sarah Elton, Green Speaker, and for the lease of the Capitol Theatre for the event to be held on October 20, 2015.

Carried.

## **6. COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **6.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report**

D. Carey indicates there are two outstanding biographies to be submitted by D. Coronado and D. Grant for the WECEC website.

D. Carey states the Overload informational commercial (to raise awareness of blooms of toxic blue-green algae in Lake Erie) is currently being aired at Leamington's Southpoint Cinemas.

D. Carey provides an overview of WECEC's 2016 operating budget and notes there is \$2,030 of uncommitted funds.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Gardner-Costa  
That the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – January 2016 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

## 7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.1 Air Subcommittee

D. Coronado reports the public comment period regarding the Marathon Oil Refinery expansion has been extended to January 29, 2016. He notes the proposed upgrades will cause an increase in air pollution and adds this facility has been cited as a significant transboundary source of air pollution under Article V of the Canada-U.S. Air Quality Agreement. He recommends the City/County Councils contact Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the proposed upgrades to the Marathon Petroleum facility.

Moved by D. Grant, seconded by J. Passa,

**WHEREAS**, the letter from Andrew J. Drury, Senior Environmental Engineer, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing, Michigan dated November 28, 2015 **BE RECEIVED**; and

**WHEREAS**, Marathon Petroleum Company LP has applied for Permits to Install (PTI) applications respectively, Application No. 118-15 for the proposed Tier 3 Fuels Project and Application No. 122-15 for the proposed LPG Storage and Transfer Project at 1300 South Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, this facility is identified as a major source of air pollution and due to the proximity to the Canadian border is a source of transboundary air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the upgrades to this facility may result in a further increase in air emissions

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that City/County Councils **BE REQUESTED** to send a letter to Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the proposed upgrades to the Marathon Petroleum facility.

Carried.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives

D. Carey provides the following City of Windsor environmental initiatives:

- The City of Windsor is proceeding with its Community Energy Plan, and is partnering with Enwin for community engagement programs
- Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island is launching a “bicycle passport program” at this year’s Earth Day festivities
- The Anti-Idling By-law is currently under revision and will be reviewed by the Environment Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee in March 2016.
- The City of Windsor will be submitting an application to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for an Electric Vehicles Chargers Grant (EVCO) for EV charging stations. EV Charging stations are currently located in Lot 10, Pelissier & Goyeau Street garages and throughout the Business Improvement Areas.

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## **8.2 Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives**

The Vice Chair states there are 3-4 municipalities providing EV charging stations. He notes two municipalities have applied for the Electric Vehicles Chargers Grant.

## **8.3 ERCA 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

M. Nelson distributes the Essex Region Conservation Authority Annual Report 2015, **attached** as Appendix "A". He provides an overview of the 2015 Annual Report as follows:

- ERCA is currently working on storm water management guidelines which will be completed by the year's end.
- A 10 year strategic plan is being developed which will reviewed by the ERCA Board in February 2016.
- A tree planting working shop will be held on February 25, 2016 at the Civic Centre in Essex.
- Working with the Field Naturalists Club regarding Ojibway Shores
- The Holiday Beach Master Plan is currently being circulated for public comment

The Vice Chair requests ERCA provide passes for WECEC members to visit County parks.

## **8.4 Environmental Advisory Committees (EAC) of Ontario Provincial EAC Symposia**

D. Carey distributes background information relating to the Provincial EAC Symposia, **attached** as Appendix "B". The Symposia will be held on May 14, 2016 in Ajax, Ontario.

Moved by Dr. Tam, seconded by M. Nelson,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for D. Grant and D. Carey to attend the Ontario Provincial Environmental Advisory Committees Symposia to be held on May 14, 2016 at the Greenwood Discovery Pavilion, Ajax, Ontario.

Carried.

## 8.5 Earth Day

It is generally agreed WECEC will participate in the Earth Day event to be held on April 24, 2016 at Malden Park.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,  
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the amount of \$35 for procurement of a booth at the Earth Day event to be held on April 24, 2016 at Malden Park.

Carried.

## 8.6 Establishment of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee

J. Gardner Costa requests the establishment of an “Environmental Sensitive Lands and Issues Ad Hoc Subcommittee” pertaining to issues such as the Ojibway Shores. He indicates he will Chair the subcommittee and requests members contact him if there is interest in sitting on the subcommittee.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by D. Coronado,  
That an Environmental Sensitive Lands and Issues Ad Hoc Subcommittee **BE ESTABLISHED with** J. Gardner Costa presiding as Chair.

Carried.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

The document entitled “News Release Ontario Releases New Climate Change Strategy – Province Charts Course to a Prosperous, Low-Carbon Future” is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “C”. This document will replace Item 9.3.

- Moved by Councillor F. Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,  
That the following Communications 9.1 to 9.7 **BE APPROVED**:
- 9.1 Bill 66: Proposed Great Lakes Protection Act
  - 9.2 Notice of Proposed Change – Belle River Wind Project
  - 9.3 Ontario Climate Change Strategy
  - 9.4 Cap and Trade Program Design Options
  - 9.6 US Steel Corp. Consent Order No. 33-2015
  - 9.7 Marathon Oil Refinery expansion

Carried.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2016 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:40 o'clock p.m.

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DEPUTY MAYOR JOE BACHETTI, VICE CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR