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Windsor, Ontario June 6, 2013

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, Ojibway Nature Centre, 5200 Matchette Road, there being present the following members:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair  
Councillor Hilary Payne  
Pauline Cheslock  
Derek Coronado  
Rick Coronado  
Roger Dzugan  
Evan Freeman-Gibb  
Paul Henshaw (arrives at 5:44 p.m.)  
Lindita Prendi  
Phil Roberts  
Tamara Stomp  
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 6:05 p.m.)

**Regrets received from:**

Councillor Alan Halberstadt  
Jesse Costa Gardner  
Karen Fallon  
John Miller  
Mike Nelson

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

James Bryant, County Engineering Department  
Paul Drca, Manager, Environmental Quality  
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Charlie Wright, Co-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 P. Roberts, seconded by R. Dzugan,  
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the *Procedure By-law 98-2011* be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

Personal matter about an identifiable individual – s. 239(2)(b) - Standard Performance Appraisal Process  
Carried.

**IN CAMERA**

**Verbal Motion is presented by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Roberts, to move In Camera at 5:47 o'clock p.m. for discussion of the following item:**

Subject	Section Pursuant to Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Standard Performance Appraisal Process	s. 239(2)(b)

**Motion Carried.**

Discussion on the item of business.

**Verbal Motion is presented by R. Dzugan, seconded by T. Stomp, to move back into public session at 6:10 o'clock p.m.**

Moved by P. Cheslock, seconded b T. Stomp,  
That the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to transmit the recommendation(s) contained in the verbal report discussed at the In Camera Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meeting held June 6, 2013 directly to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Roberts,  
That the confidential verbal report of the Windsor Essex County Advisory Committee about the personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees **BE RECEIVED** and further, that Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to proceed in accordance with the verbal direction of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.  
Carried.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by T. Stomp,  
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held May 2, 2013 **BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** to indicate Pauline Cheslock provided regrets prior to the meeting.

Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Strategic Plan Review**

A. Parent reviews the amendments to the Strategic Action Plan 2013.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Cheslock,  
That the amendments to the Strategic Action Plan 2013 provided by the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

5.2 **Green Speaker Series Update – Dan Burden**

A. Parent indicates 95 participants have registered for the walking audit to be conducted in the Wyandotte and Walkerville Business Improvement Areas on June 7, 2013. She notes Dan Burden, Co-Founder and Director of Innovation and Inspiration at the Walkable the Livable Communities Institute will discuss how creating more walkable streets can contribute to healthier, more vibrant communities with thriving economies.

5.3 **International Wildlife Reserve Tour**

A. Parent states a tour of the Detroit International Wildlife Reserve Tour will occur on June 14, 2013. She notes invitations have been extended to environmental groups, City of Windsor staff, City and County Councillors and the media.

P. Roberts commends the Detroit Wildlife Reserve in acquiring the wetlands. He indicates all participants viewing the Humbug Marsh, will recognize the urgency to protect the Ojibway Shores.

#### **5.4 Pat on the Back Awards**

A. Parent announces the four winners of the third annual Pat on the Back Awards as follows:

1. Together We Flourish, building a community garden
2. Sandwich Secondary – expansion of their native plant area
3. St. Jean Baptist School – building a vegetable garden
4. St. Jules School – improving outdoor green space

A. Parent reports each winner received an award of \$500.

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

A. Parent provides an overview of the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report dated May 2013.

#### **7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **7.1 Air**

D. Coronado advises the “2013 Report on Ontario’s progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions” was submitted to the Legislative Assembly by Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario on June 5, 2013.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **8.1 Smog Alert Action Plans and Strategies**

The salient points of discussion relating to the Smog Alert Action Plan/Strategies are as follows:

- The Smog Alert Action Plan was written approximately 10 years ago by the Great Lakes Institute. Suggestion to update the Plan.
- A Smog Action Plan was produced by the Windsor Airport in 2002.
- City of Windsor has a Climate Adaptation Plan.
- Suggestion to establish a subcommittee to revise and update the Smog Action Plan.
- Invite the County to provide input into the Plan.
- The Plan has extensive overlapping. Suggestion to tackle one or two initiatives.

T Stomp recommends the following two key issues be addressed – anti-idling and the passing of a by-law to increase the number of trees (Vancouver has 40% tree canopy).

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by P. Cheslock  
That the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to contact Iris Xu (former member of WECEC) to determine direction regarding the key top two air quality issues for WECEC to address.

Carried.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

### 9.1 Michigan DEQ Response to WECEC letter regarding Petroleum Coke

Discussion ensues regarding the letter dated April 17, 2013 from Dan Wyant, Director, State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Lansing. Mr. Wyant indicates several Michigan statutes are being administered at the storage sites which will require the petroleum coke to be properly managed while stored and during loading on the ships. Also requested by the DEQ is the submission of a Fugitive Dust Plan as well as a permit for coverage under the Industrial Storm Water Permit Program.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by D. Coronado,

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to respond to the April 17, 2013 letter from the Director, State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding petroleum coke along the Detroit River in the City of Detroit with the following questions/comments provided by the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC):

- To create a Fugitive Dust Plan and issue Industrial Storm Water Permits after the pet coke piles have been there for months seem to be futile. Why were there no Fugitive Dust Plan or Storm Water Permits in place before the pet coke was stored there?
- WECEC is requesting a copy of the Fugitive Dust Plan and Industrial Storm Water Permits upon completion. Please send these documents to Averil Parent at [aparent@city.windsor.on.ca](mailto:aparent@city.windsor.on.ca)
- Can you please advise as to how you will be monitoring the implementation of the Fugitive Dust Plan and the Storm Water Permits?
- Additionally, given that the storage occurred for months prior to DEQ investigating, will the DEQ conduct an investigation into possible runoff impacts on the Detroit River watershed?

Carried.

P. Cheslock leaves the meeting at 6:45 o'clock p.m.

### 7.2 Transportation

The letter from Dean Clevett, Chair Transportation Subcommittee to Sarah O'Keefe, Senior Advisor Environmental Assessment Transport Canada regarding the "Draft Environmental Assessment Screening Report for the proposed Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project in Windsor, Ontario" is received for information.

### **7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands**

P. Roberts reports children from Dr David Suzuki School participated in a tree planting event (151 trees) connecting two significant wetlands on the Windsor Airport lands.

P. Roberts refers to WECEC Report No. 72 as follows:

*"That the City of Windsor BE REQUESTED to engage the Port Authority to discuss their intentions for the activities occurring on the Ojibway Shores property, namely the hiring of a consultant to undertake a biological survey of the property."*

It is noted, Report No. 141 of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee at its meeting held June 17, 2013 RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION Report No. 72 of WECEC.

Councillor Payne suggests a letter be sent on behalf of WECEC to the Port Authority requesting notification of any steps of development on the Ojibway Shores property.

P. Roberts volunteers to draft the letter to the Port Authority. The "draft" letter will be circulated to WECEC and will be signed by the Co-Chairs.

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by D. Coronado,

That a letter **BE SENT** on behalf of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to the Port Authority requesting notification of any activities/developments occurring on the Ojibway Shores property.

Carried.

### **7.4 Water Quality**

A. Parent advises the Water Quality Subcommittee has recruited two ERCA volunteers to continue work on WECEC's educational campaigns. One volunteer has created a lesson plan for the blue green algae educational video "Overload". This lesson plan will be introduced to teachers so they can incorporate it into their lesson plans. 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 will 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.

**7.5 Surplus Parks Strategy**

Councillor Payne states the surplus parks issue may be incorporated into the Parks Master Plan.

**9.2 MTO Response to Windsor Bicycling Committee letter regarding Bike Lanes on the New Bridge**

Councillor Payne leaves the meeting at 7:15 o'clock p.m.

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by R. Tamr,

That the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator **BE DIRECTED** to respond to the letter from Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport requesting notification of the commencement of the environmental plan process on the new Detroit River International Crossing.

Carried.

**9.3 Pat on the Back Reports**

The Pat on the Back Reports are received for information.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on July 4, 2013 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 7:20 o'clock p.m.

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Charlie Wright, Co-Chair

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Committee Coordinator



**AGENDA**  
**WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Meeting at 5:30p.m. At the Ojibway Nature Centre (5200 Matchette)

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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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 – *emailed separately.*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 Strategic Plan review – *attached.*
- 5.2 Green Speaker Series Update – Dan Burden – *attached.*
- 5.3 International Wildlife Reserve Tour – *attached.*
- 5.4 Pat on the Back Awards – *attached.*

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Smog Alert Action Plans and Strategies – *attached.*

9. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 Michigan DEQ response to WECEC letter regarding pet coke – *attached.*
- 9.2 MTO response to Windsor Bike Committee letter regarding bike lanes on the new bridge – *attached.*
- 9.3 Pat on the Back Reports 2012 – *attached.*

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**