



**– JUNE 2017 –**

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## **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

### **1. Updates**

#### **A. Green Speaker Contest**

WECEC has proposed turning one of the Green Speakers into a contest for quality environmental research being conducted in Windsor Essex County. Students conducting research could apply to be part of the contest and deliver a brief presentation about their research. WECEC members would then award a winner with funding. The University of Windsor has been approached and is eager to partner with WECEC through hosting the ceremony, providing free advertising as well as providing judges for the competition. WECEC members helping to coordinate this event include Jesse and Edwin. This event could likely take place in September or October. A motion is needed to support this contest – estimated costs include \$1,000 in prize money and \$500 in incidentals – room rental (possibly sponsored by the university) for a total of \$1,500.

#### **B. Canada 150 and Windsor 125 Celebrations**

The Mayor's office has been contacted to see about WECEC participating in these celebrations. They will keep WECEC in mind for partnership on events or presentations as they develop. The 2015 and 2016 WECEC annual reports have been sent over to the coordinator so that she has a better understanding of WECEC initiatives.

#### **C. New County Council Appointments to WECEC**

The County Clerk's office has been approached about allowing the County Councilors to have alternates attend WECEC meetings when they are unavailable. The County Clerk prepared a report that went to the April 5th County Council meeting to instead appoint two new members of County Council to WECEC since Joe and Gary both have ongoing conflicts with the meeting time of WECEC meetings. The new members have been appointed by County Council and will be Town of Amherstburg Mayor Aldo DiCarlo and Town of Kingsville Mayor Nelson Santos.

#### **D. Pat on the Back Awards**

The WECEC Pat on the Back Awards successfully awarded 4 applicants with \$500 prizes towards their environmental projects. The awards were announced at the Pat on the Back ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ojibway Nature Centre. Project winners will be announced at the June 8<sup>th</sup> WECEC meeting. Thanks to Jesse and Mike for their help with the Pat on the Back Awards.

#### **E. Potential Green Speakers for 2017**

- Partnership with EnDesign currently offering a series of 7 talks about sustainable cities.
- Water Brothers.
- John Hartig – Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge has published a recent book titled Bringing Conservation to Cities: Lessons from Building the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.
- Alice Grgicak-Mannion – researcher and professor at GLIER has done some great mapping of contaminants and other information specific to Windsor/Essex.

**2. Reports to Council**

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Report 95 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

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

**WHEREAS** the Ojibway Prairie Complex is our most iconic green space in the city, and one of the most biodiverse areas in all of Canada as well as a hotspot for Species At Risk; and

**WHEREAS** despite the importance of the area and excellent stewardship by the City and its employees, the Complex is still under threat from roadways as a result of habitat fragmentation and road mortality; and

**WHEREAS** evidenced by the report in 2016 by local expert Jonathan Choquette of a one-day kill tally of 91 dead snakes around the Ojibway Complex and LaSalle woodlot;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider initiating an environmental assessment to explore solutions to species crossings on Matchette Road,

And further, that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider approving a pilot project to test the effectiveness of a seasonal road closure of Matchette Road between Titcombe Road and Sprucewood Road in May and June and in September and October of 2017 to coincide with turtle nesting and snake migration periods.

Carried. Councillor Francis voting nay.

This report was deferred to City Council at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. It then went to City Council on May 8<sup>th</sup>, where after many delegates and discussion it did not pass.

**WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY**

<b>2017 Budget</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>	<b>Status</b>
2017 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Pat on the Back		\$2,500	Committed, need motion
Green Speaker Research Competition		\$1,500	Proposed, need motion
Green Speaker		\$1,000	
Green Speaker		\$1,000	
Website Hosting Fee		\$400	Committed, need motion
Website Domain Renewal		\$50	Committed, need motion
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$8,000	\$6,450	
<b>NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING</b>		<b>\$1,550</b>	

**WECEC recommendation regarding the Essex Region Conservation Authority Outreach Coordinator position.**

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator position is currently vacant and the hiring process to replace the previous Outreach Coordinator is not currently scheduled; and

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator was responsible for various greening initiatives throughout Windsor and Essex County including but not limited to tree plantings, clean up events, native wildflower plantings and school greening projects; and

**WHEREAS** in 2016 in the Detroit River Watershed alone, this position was instrumental in the planting of 27,797 trees/shrubs/wildflowers/grasses, engaging 12,776 volunteers and coordinating 23 cleanups that resulted in 79 tonnes of debris being removed from the environment; and

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator was critical in managing all of the various "Friends of Watersheds" group activities and events; and

**WHEREAS** the importance of continued greening in Windsor Essex County is crucial as currently the natural coverage in the region is 8.5% compared to the ERCA goal of 12% by 2020; and

**WHEREAS** the loss of this position has been felt by numerous environmental organizations and school groups in the region;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that through City and County Council, the Essex Region Conservation Authority **BE REQUESTED** to maintain and fill the Outreach Coordinator position to ensure these important initiatives continue to improve the environment, human health and quality of life for all Windsor Essex residents.





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March 21, 2017

Dear Windsor-Essex Advisory Committee Members:

We have been circulated the agenda for your upcoming meeting of March 30, 2017, and wished for the opportunity to provide additional context to inform the discussion and consideration of Agenda Item 7.2.

First, thank you for your strong support and recognition of the work undertaken by Essex Region Conservation with respect to community outreach. Your agenda package highlights a few of our accomplishments in this regard, and our outreach program extends even much broader than those items identified. Outreach is and always has been very important to the work we do, and we continue to reach out across Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River watersheds to deliver our programs in a variety of ways.

It is true that as the Outreach Coordinator position was vacated at the beginning of November 2016, and in the context of our 2017 budget constraints, we have not yet taken action to fill the position, but instead, have sought alternative ways to deliver our outreach programs among competing demands for limited resources. Outreach has never been solely a responsibility of one position, and we have worked to continue to deliver on our outreach commitments with schools, corporate and other partners, and continued to support our Friends of Watersheds groups. Additionally, we continue to be aggressive in endeavouring to find the funds and other supports required to deliver our outreach programs.

Our current 'Sustainability Plan' ends in 2017; and has been very successful in dealing with specific issues we, as a corporation, were facing – infrastructure deficits and lack of capital and operational reserves, operational deficits, and organizational structures. As we develop our next 5-year Sustainability Plan, we are reviewing how to best deliver our outreach programs to meet the identified goals of our Strategic Plan which includes new focuses on climate adaptation, green infrastructure and low impact design, water quality and citizen science. We have responded to any questions about the future of this position with that in mind – that outreach is very important, and we want to find the best way of delivering outreach that meets our current commitments, and additionally ensures that our outreach programs respond to the needs of the region in a manner that is organizationally sustainable.

I would be pleased to attend the next WECEC meeting to discuss first-hand our outreach programs and respond directly to issues and concerns. Please allow this letter of request, copied directly to Ms. Averil Parent as identified by your delegation policy, to serve as such request.

Sincerely,

Richard Wyma  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

cc. Ms. Averil Parent  
via email to: [aparent@citywindsor.ca](mailto:aparent@citywindsor.ca)

## UPDATE ON ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

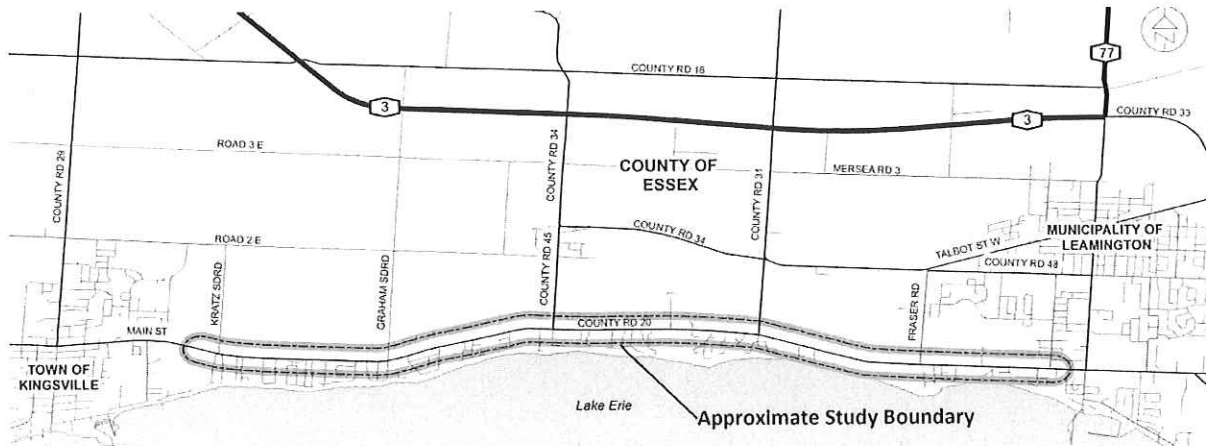
### DETROIT RIVER CANADIAN CLEANUP (DRCC)

In spring/summer 2017, DRCC partners will undertake monitoring for the Bird and Animal Deformities and Reproductive Problems beneficial use impairment using Tree Swallows and Snapping Turtles. Coastal wetlands along the river will be monitored again for water quality, birds, vegetation, and invertebrates. The DRCC is currently undertaking an assessment of the Degradation of Benthos beneficial use impairment. For more information about research and monitoring activities in the Detroit River Area of Concern, please visit [www.detroitriver.ca](http://www.detroitriver.ca).

In partnership with Caesar's Windsor CodeGreen and the City of Windsor, DRCC is undertaking one garbage clean up this spring at the new City park at Twin Oaks drive. DRCC is also assisting with two schoolyard native garden plantings projects in April.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

- **County Road 20** [Between Leamington and Kingsville]. [www.cr20.ca](http://www.cr20.ca). The County of Essex is reviewing options for corridor improvements four County Road 20 between Leamington and Kingsville. Improvements may include multi-use trails, operational improvements, and a consideration of active transportation facilities and connections.



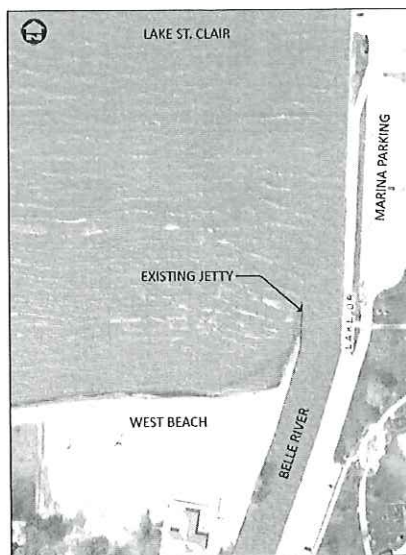
- **Bouffard & Howard Planning Districts Integrated Class EA Addendum** [LaSalle]. [www.lasalle.ca/en/town-hall/Bouffard---Howard-Planning-Districts.asp](http://www.lasalle.ca/en/town-hall/Bouffard---Howard-Planning-Districts.asp). The Town of LaSalle retained Dillon Consulting to prepare a Municipal Class EA for over 900 hectares of land in the municipality. The final opportunity for public consultation is at the Council meeting on March 28, 2017. The final report is available for review and comment. The purpose of the EA was to complete a review, and where necessary, make revisions to (1) the size and location of proposed stormwater management ponds, and their



corresponding drainage boundaries and truck storm sewers; and (2) the location (alignment) of all arterial and collector roads; and (3) the size and location of any additional required trunk sanitary sewers; and (4) corridors that need to be set aside for natural heritage, drainage, trails, parks and open space purposes.

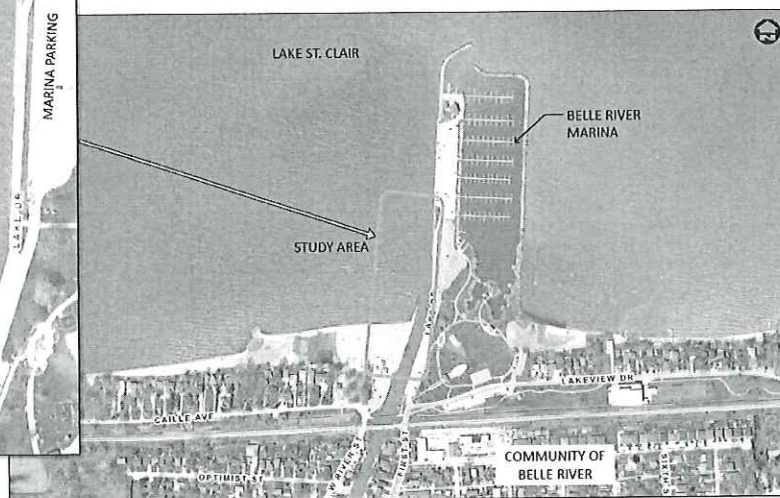


- **Lakeview Park Jetty Extension** [Belle River]. The Town of Lakeshore is planning to repair, replace and extend the steel sheet pile jetty that separates the Lakeview Park West Beach from the Belle River. The Notice of Completion was circulated for public review and the opportunity for public comment closed on March 16, 2017. An environmental consulting firm, Biologic, conducted an environmental study of the area and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry issued approval for the works. ERCA will be reviewing a permit application for the enhancements. A preferred solution has been identified and the project will proceed to final approvals and construction.  
<http://lakeshore.ca/lakeshore-2/community-input>



STUDY AREA: DETAIL

The jetty is located along the Belle River, adjacent to Lakeview Park and the Belle River Marina. The existing jetty separates the swimming beach (West Beach) from the mouth of the Belle River at Lake St. Clair.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRY NOTICES**

The following are select Environmental Registry ([www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca)) notices.

**Canada-Ontario Action Plan for Lake Erie** (EBR Registry Number 012-9971). With the assistance of many partners, the Ontario government and the Government of Canada have developed a Canada-Ontario draft action plan for Lake Erie to reduce algal blooms and phosphorus loads in Lake Erie. As well as meeting Ontario's commitments under the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health, 2014, the action plan being developed will meet commitments under the Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015; Western Basin of Lake Erie Collaborative Agreement between Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio; and the Great Lakes Commission's Lake Erie Joint Action Plan which included the participation of Ontario, Ohio, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Without reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lake, we will continue to see extensive algal growth and low oxygen conditions in Lake Erie. Ambitious and aggressive actions to reduce phosphorus loads are needed to restore and protect the lake's water quality and ecological health. As part of the action plan development process, Ontario posted Reducing Phosphorus to Minimize Algal Blooms in Lake Erie (EBR#: 012-8760) on October 6, 2016, which included proposed actions by Ontario for public comment. Comments received from this posting and from engagement with stakeholders, First Nations, and Métis in 2016 are being considered as part of this draft action plan. The Canada-Ontario draft action plan – *Partnering in Phosphorus Control: Achieving Phosphorus Reductions in Lake Erie from Canadian Sources* is being led by five federal and provincial government agencies: Environment and Climate Change Canada; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change; Ontario Ministry of



Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Achieving the 40 percent phosphorus reduction targets for Lake Erie will require widespread action and long-term commitment. Ontario and Canada invite input and actions from Great Lakes community partners for inclusion in the final action plan, which will be in place no later than February 2018. Comments are requested until May 9, 2017.

Visit [www.letstalklakeerie.ca](http://www.letstalklakeerie.ca) to read the draft action plan and submit comments.

### **EARTH DAY 2017 STUDENT CONTEST**

In recognition of Canada's 150th birthday, ERCA is asking students to envision what they want our environment to look like in the next 150 years. We're inviting students to tell us what they want for the future of our ecosystems. This contest asks students to dream big on what could or should be done! Whether it's solar panels on every home, or forests on every street, we want to hear their vision for the environment well into the future!

Submit entries digitally by email to [contest@erca.org](mailto:contest@erca.org) with the subject heading "Earth Day Contest" or via mail to: <http://erca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Contest-Info.pdf>  
Submissions must include the student's name, grade, school name, as well as their teacher's name and email address. Submission deadline is April 15, 2017 by 4pm.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 21, 2017: The IJC is requesting public input on the draft **Triennial Assessment of Progress (TAP) report** until April 15, 2017. All comments regarding the draft TAP report as well as the two countries' progress report can be sent to [ParticipateIJC@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:ParticipateIJC@ottawa.ijc.org) and online at [www.participateIJC.org](http://www.participateIJC.org).

March 22, 2017: The DRCC presents "**What Lies Below**" at Lakeshore Cinemas, Tecumseh. Doors open at 6:30pm and the film will begin at 7:00pm. Free Film Screening on World Water Day! What Lies Below is a Canadian documentary featuring Lawrence Gunther, a blind graduate from York University's master's program in environmental studies and a highly regarded speaker, writer and radio host on the subject of fishing and Canada's aquatic ecosystems. He is visiting and interviewing people across Canada to learn about their concerns and hopes for their local fisheries. The documentary explores what local people are doing to ensure the future sustainability of Canada's water and traditional fisheries. Lawrence Gunther draws on his perspective to explore and share what others aren't able to see taking place beneath the waves. Admission is free but registration is required because there is limited seating for this event. A



panel discussion with Lawrence Gunther and local experts will immediately follow the screening. Link to the film trailer: <https://vimeo.com/183354357>

April 23, 2017: **Earth Day**. Check local agency for events (ERCA – [www.erca.org](http://www.erca.org); City of Windsor [www.citywindsor.ca/residents/environment/Pages/Earth-Day-Windsor-Essex.aspx](http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/environment/Pages/Earth-Day-Windsor-Essex.aspx))

April 24-26, 2017: **Great Lakes Economic Forum**, Detroit and Windsor. The Council's third Great Lakes Economic Forum, presented this year by Toyota Canada, will bring together hundreds of industry executives, government officials, leading academics and members of the NGO community who have a stake in growing the economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region safely and sustainably while improving the well-being of the region's citizens. [www.greatlakeseconomicforum.com](http://www.greatlakeseconomicforum.com)

May 7, 2017 - **Big "O" Conservation Area** Birding Day-Comber

- Paul Pratt area naturalist to provide guided hike
- Lunch to follow at Iron Kettle Bed n Breakfast
- Live raptor demonstration
- Contact [Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca](mailto:Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca) for more info.

**Rowsom Conservation Area** - Lakeshore

- Community Tree planting event
- May TBD
- Contact [Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca](mailto:Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca) for more info.

**Paternoster Wetland Restoration**- Lighthouse Cove, Lakeshore

- PSW area, *Phragmites australis* removal
- Species At Risk work including: Blandings, Spiny Softshell Turtle
- Partners include: Carolinian Canada Coalition, MNRF
- Contact: [Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca](mailto:Randall.vanwagner@ltvca.ca) for more info.

May 15 to 19, 2017: **Conference on Great Lakes Research**, Detroit (Cobo Centre). <http://iaglr.org/iaglr2017>. 60th annual Conference on Great Lakes Research. A great program is in store with four days of scientific sessions and speakers focusing on our theme "From Cities to Farms: Shaping Great Lakes Ecosystems."

May 31 to June 2, 2017: **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Green Infrastructure Conference** at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan. This is the first conference to focus on using green infrastructure across the landscape with a primary goal of protecting the surface waters in the Great Lakes region. [www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1945821](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1945821)

**City Council  
Decision  
Monday, March 06, 2017**

Decision Number: CR118/2017

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 8, 2017 entitled "Report on the Performance of the Advisory Committees for the calendar years 2015 and 2016" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That the City Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to undertake a review of the committee structure with recommendations on how to perhaps streamline and improve the committee structure framework.

Carried.

Report Number: C 26/2017  
Clerk's File: ACO2017 7.6

*Steve Vlachodimos*

Deputy City Clerk/Senior Manager of Council Services  
March 17, 2017

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Karen Kadour	Committee Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli	Supervisor of Council Services
Steve Vlachodimos	Senior Manager of Council Services/Deputy City Clerk
Valerie Critchley	City Clerk

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**Council Services**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"Our City is built on relationships – between citizens and their government, businesses and public institutions, city and region – all interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together"*

<b>REPORT #: C 26/2017</b>	<b>Report Date: 2/8/2017</b>
<b>Author's Contact:</b> Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator (519) 255-6222, ext. 6430 kkadour@citywindsor.ca	<b>Date to Council: 3/06/2017</b>
	<b>Clerk's File #: ACO2017</b>
<b>Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services</b> (519) 255-6222, ext. 1837 aciacelli@citywindsor.ca	

**To: Mayor and Members of City Council**

**Subject: Report on the Performance of Advisory Committees for the calendar years 2015 and 2016**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report of the City Clerk dated February 8, 2017 entitled "Report on the Performance of the Advisory Committees for the calendar years 2015 and 2016" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

Part 27.1 (r) of the City of Windsor's Procedure By-law states the following::

*The Clerk shall prepare a report each year on the performance of the Advisory Committees. Reported measures should include:*

- i) Number of reports to Council or its Standing Committees*
- ii) Number of meetings held with quorum*
- iii) Length of Committee meetings*
- iv) Annual budget*

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v) *Number of recommendations endorsed by Council/Standing Committees*

**DISCUSSION:**

The "Summary of Advisory Committee Effectiveness Assessments" for the calendar years 2015 and 2016 are attached as Appendix A. The summaries are delineated to identify the advisory committees reporting to their respective Standing Committees as follows:

**Advisory Committees reporting to the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee are:**

- Windsor Bicycling Committee
- Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
- Town & Gown Committee
- Rail Issues Committee
- Court of Revision
- Windsor Licensing Commission
- Transit Windsor Advisory Committee

**Advisory Committees reporting to the Planning, Heritage and Economic Development Standing Committee are:**

- International Relations Committee
- Property Standards Committee
- Windsor BIA Advisory Committee

**Advisory Committees reporting to the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee are:**

- Community Public Art Advisory Committee
- Diversity Committee
- Seniors Advisory Committee
- Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Huron Lodge Committee of Management
- Housing Advisory Committee

The attached summaries detail the number of Advisory Committee Meetings held with quorum; the length of the meetings; the number of reports generated and ultimately endorsed by Council; and their annual budgets.



**RISK ANALYSIS:**

There are no significant risks identified as a result of the reporting of the Performance of the Advisory Committees for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years. This report meets the requirement prescribed in the City of Windsor's Procedure By-Law.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

N/A

**CONSULTATIONS:**

N/A

**CONCLUSION:**

The Report on the Performance of the Advisory Committees for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years as prescribed by Procedure By-law 98-2011 are provided for information.

**PLANNING ACT MATTERS:**

N/A

**APPROVALS:**

Name	Title
Anna Ciacelli	Supervisor of Council Services
Steve Vlachodimos	Senior Manager of Council Services/Deputy City Clerk
Valerie Critchley	City Clerk
Onorio Colucci	Chief Administrative Officer

**NOTIFICATIONS:**

Name	Address	Email

**APPENDICES:**

1 Appendix A—2015 and 2016 Summary of Advisory Committee Effectiveness Assessment



**Appendix A--Summary of Advisory Committee Effectiveness Assessment 2015 and 2016**

**Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee 2015**

<b>Advisory Committee Name</b>	<b>Number of Advisory Committee Meetings 2015</b>	<b>Length of Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Reports</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed By City Council</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed with Amendments</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Windsor Bicycling Committee	4	6 Hours	4	0	1	\$4,300
Windsor Essex County Environment Committee	5	8 Hours	3	2	0	\$4,000
Town & Gown Committee	2	2 Hours, 30 Minutes	0	0	0	\$4,500
Rail Issues Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court of Revision	2	1 Hour, 15 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0
Windsor Licensing Commission	9	3 Hours, 25 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0
Transit Windsor Advisory Committee	3	3 Hours, 20 Minutes	3	3	0	\$0

**Appendix A--Summary of Advisory Committee Effectiveness Assessment 2015 and 2016**

**Planning , Heritage & Economic Development Standing Committee 2015**

<b>Advisory Committee Name</b>	<b>Number of Advisory Committee Meetings 2015</b>	<b>Length of Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Reports</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed By City Council</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed with Amendments</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
International Relations Committee	2	3 Hours	3	3	0	\$15,000
Property Standards Committee	1	4 Hours	0	0	0	\$200
Windsor BIA Advisory Committee	1	2 Hours	0	0	0	\$0

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**Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee 2015**

<b>Advisory Committee Name</b>	<b>Number of Advisory Committee Meetings 2015</b>	<b>Length of Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Reports</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed By City Council</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed with Amendments</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Community Public Art Advisory Committee	1	1 Hour, 30 Minutes	4	4	0	\$0
Diversity Committee	4	6 Hours, 30 Minutes	0	0	0	\$3,870
Seniors Advisory Committee	4	8 Hours	3	2	0	\$4,000
Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee	4	7 Hours	5	5	0	\$6,250
Huron Lodge Committee of Management	4	2 Hours, 15 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0
Housing Advisory Committee	4	4 Hours	1	1	0	\$0



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**Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee 2016**

<b>Advisory Committee Name</b>	<b>Number of Advisory Committee Meetings 2016</b>	<b>Length of Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Reports</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed by City Council</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed with Amendments</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Windsor Bicycling Committee	3	4 Hours, 20 Minutes	1	1	0	\$4,300
Windsor Essex County Environment Committee	4	5 Hours, 40 Minutes	2	2	0	\$4,000
Town & Gown Committee	2	2 Hours	0	0	0	\$4,500
Rail Issues Committee	1	1 Hour, 20 Minutes	4	4	0	\$0
Court of Revision	1	20 Minutes	1*	0	0	\$0
Windsor Licensing Commission	8	2 Hours, 38 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0
Transit Windsor Advisory Committee	2	2 Hours, 40 Minutes	1	1	0	\$0

\*Court of Revision Reports do not require Standing Committee or City Council endorsement as mandated by Provincial Legislation

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**Planning, Heritage & Economic Development Standing Committee 2016**

<b>Advisory Committee Name</b>	<b>Number of Advisory Committee Meetings 2016</b>	<b>Length of Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Number of Reports</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed By City Council</b>	<b>Reports Endorsed with Amendments</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
International Relations Committee	2	2 Hours, 50 Minutes	0	0	0	\$15,000
Property Standards Committee	0	0	0	0	0	\$200
Windsor BIA Advisory Committee	2	3 Hours, 40 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0

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**Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee 2016**

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Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee	3	5 Hours, 30 Minutes	8	8	0	\$6,250
Huron Lodge Committee of Management	4	1 Hour, 40 Minutes	0	0	0	\$0
Housing Advisory Committee	3	4 Hours, 15 Minutes	1	0	0	\$0



# CTV News: Ontario city to close road for endangered salamander crossings



A Jefferson salamander is shown in this photo taken in the Dundas/Flamborough region on April 14, 2014. (David d'Entremont)

Liam Casey , The Canadian Press  
Published Wednesday, March 8, 2017 4:43PM EST

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The Jefferson salamander, an endangered amphibian found only in southern Ontario, has begun to emerge from the ground along a small stretch of the Niagara escarpment and has been dodging cars as it crosses the lone road on its annual march to breeding ponds.

Starting Thursday, the salamanders will not have to worry about traffic as the city of Burlington, Ont., will shut down about a kilometre of King Road for three weeks to allow for their safe passage, the fifth consecutive year the city has taken such measures.

"I'm certainly proud of the program," said Burlington's Mayor Rick Goldring. "As humans, it's the least we can do for these little guys."

The program has had success, according to Conservation Halton, which studies the rare amphibians that can live up to 30 years.

"We can say with 100 per cent certainty, that there has been no mortality of Jefferson salamanders during this period on the road as they cross," said Hassaan Basit, the chief administrative officer of Conservation Halton.

The organization's ecologists have been out looking for the rare salamanders -- which are 12 to 20 centimetres long, brown or grey in colour and move only at night -- as the sign that the annual breeding migration has begun.

Basit said they saw a few last week and notes that once the March rains begin to fall and warmer weather arrives, the salamanders wake up and head toward the temporary ponds that appear in the spring before drying up in mid-summer.

"It's amazing because they show a really strong fidelity to return to their birth pond and so they are quite determined to reach those ponds," Basit said.

The problem is that the ponds are on one side of King Road and the salamanders dig in for the winter on the other side.

"There's lots of 'why did the salamander cross the road jokes?'" Basit said with a sigh.

Before the city began its practice of closing the road, the salamanders were dying at a "significant" rate, he said.

While the group doesn't have a population number for the salamanders, Basit believes the program is working. In addition to the lack of dead amphibians on the road, ecologists have found Jefferson salamander eggs in the ponds, showing the creatures have at least made it across the road.

"I think the city has been fantastic," Basit said. "I think they can be a model for a lot of other municipalities -- they've been bold with their decision."

The mayor said Burlington's council voted unanimously to close the road back in 2011.

"We decided to go down this path and everyone on council, all of my colleagues, said 'yeah, let's do it,'" Goldring said. "It was a pretty simple decision."

Stephen Murphy, an ecology professor at the University of Waterloo, said road closures are an effective tool to help salamander population numbers bounce back.

"There's pretty good evidence over the years from southern Ontario that if you close off a busy road, the Jefferson salamander has a better survival rate," Murphy said.

Kitchener, Ont., closed a road for several years for the Jefferson salamander migration as an area was being developed, he said, until the city and developer agreed to shut down the road permanently and make a new one further from their habitat.

"I'm surprised that people haven't resisted this, it's an inconvenience to close a road, but people seem to be quite sympathetic to it," Murphy said. "It's really quite commendable."

The Jefferson salamander is protected at both the provincial and national levels and was added to Ontario's endangered species list in 2011.

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/ontario-city-to-close-road-for-endangered-salamander-crossings-1.3316672>

There has also been other work to help the salamander. York Region north of Toronto has built a series of tunnels under roads to help increase survival of the rare amphibian, although Murphy said those haven't been as effective as road closures because salamanders don't like dark tunnels.



**EBR Registry Number:** 012-9971

**Ministry:**

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

**Date Proposal loaded to the Registry:**

March 10, 2017

Comments may also be sent by e-mail to [Land.Water@ontario.ca](mailto:Land.Water@ontario.ca)

**Title:**

Canada-Ontario Action Plan for Lake Erie

**Keyword(s):** Nutrient Management | Water

Comment Period: 60 days:

submissions may be made between March 10, 2017 and May 09, 2017.

**Description of Policy:**

With the assistance of many partners, the Ontario government and the Government of Canada have developed a Canada-Ontario draft action plan for Lake Erie to reduce algal blooms and phosphorus loads in Lake Erie.

As well as meeting Ontario's commitments under the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health, 2014, the action plan being developed will meet commitments under the Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015; Western Basin of Lake Erie Collaborative Agreement between Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio; and the Great Lakes Commission's Lake Erie Joint Action Plan which included the participation of Ontario, Ohio, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

Without reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lake, we will continue to see extensive algal growth and low oxygen conditions in Lake Erie. Ambitious and aggressive actions to reduce phosphorus loads are needed to restore and protect the lake's water quality and ecological health.

As part of the action plan development process, Ontario posted Reducing Phosphorus to Minimize Algal Blooms in Lake Erie (EBR#: 012-8760) on October 6, 2016, which included proposed actions by Ontario for public comment. Comments received from this posting and from engagement with stakeholders, First Nations, and Métis in 2016 are being considered as part of this draft action plan.

The Canada-Ontario draft action plan – *Partnering in Phosphorus Control: Achieving Phosphorus Reductions in Lake Erie from Canadian Sources* is being led by five federal and provincial government agencies:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada;
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Achieving the 40 percent phosphorus reduction targets for Lake Erie will require widespread action and long-term commitment. Ontario and Canada invite input and actions from Great Lakes community partners for inclusion in the final action plan, which will be in place no later than February 2018.

### **Purpose of Policy:**

The Ontario government, the Government of Canada, and Great Lakes community partners must work together to take action on reducing phosphorus loads to Lake Erie. The province and the federal government are seeking feedback on how individuals, communities, industry sectors and organizations can contribute and commit to actions to reduce phosphorus loads to Lake Erie.

The governments are asking for input from stakeholders and community members based on the following questions:

1. Do you have any feedback or input on the proposed actions outlined in this document?
2. Many agencies, stakeholders and other partners have a role in reducing phosphorus loadings to Lake Erie. What actions does your organization/community plan to undertake as part of the action plan?
3. How do you see regional or local planning initiatives linking with or fitting into the implementation of this plan?
4. What do you see as the most significant barriers to reducing phosphorus loadings to Lake Erie? Do you have any suggestions for overcoming these barriers?
5. As all sectors and communities within the Lake Erie basin need to take action to reduce phosphorus loads, do you have any recommendations on how to encourage collaborative action?
6. Tracking progress and adaptive management will be essential for ensuring that actions are making a difference to the health of the Lake Erie basin. Do you have any specific ideas for measuring progress (i.e., performance measures) towards achieving Lake Erie phosphorus load reduction targets?
7. Do you have any other suggestions for reducing, managing or treating phosphorus run-off and discharges, including innovative approaches or technologies for phosphorus removal or recovery?

### **Public Consultation:**

This proposal has been posted for a 60 day public review and comment period starting March 10, 2017. If you have any questions, or would like to submit your comments, please do so by May 09, 2017 to the individual listed under "Contact". Additionally, you may submit your comments on-line.





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Mary S. Brennan, B.A., C.M.O.  
Director of Council Services/Clerk

April 6, 2017

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Attention: Averil Parent, Environment and Sustainability Coordinator  
[aparent@citywindsor.ca](mailto:aparent@citywindsor.ca)

Dear Ms. Parent,

**Re: Essex County Council Resolution RE Appointment to the  
Windsor Essex County Environment Committee**

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Please be advised that at their meeting of April 5, 2017, Essex County Council resolved the following:

**Moved By Mr. Bachetti**

**Seconded By Mr. Antaya**

**That** Essex County Council appoint Mayor Aldo DiCarlo and Mayor Nelson Santos to the Windsor Essex County Environment for the balance of the term of Council, in place of Mayor Gary McNamara and Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti. **Carried.**

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If you have any questions or concerns related to this, or another County matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

*Mary Brennan* (original signed by Mary Brennan)

Mary Brennan  
Director of Council Services/Clerk

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City Council  
Decision  
Monday, March 27, 2017

Decision Number: CR170/2017

That the correspondence from the President of Earth Day Network dated March 27, 2017 regarding "Earth Day Network's 2017 Global Day of Conversation" **BE RECEIVED**, and further, that this **BE REFERRED** to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) for further review and consideration.

Carried.

Report Number: CMC 5/2017

Clerk's File: EI/10822 7.1.17

*Steve Vlachodimos*

Deputy City Clerk/Senior Manager of Council Services

April 12, 2017

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WECEC

Greetings,

On behalf of Earth Day Network President Kathleen Rogers and Board Chair Emeritus Denis Hayes please see the letter below:

As President of Earth Day Network, I am honored to invite you to participate in Earth Day Network's 2017 Global Day of Conversation. Denis Hayes, organizer of the first Earth Day and Board Chair Emeritus of Earth Day Network, joins me in extending this invitation.

Local leaders and elected officials are on the frontlines of making our communities healthier, more prosperous, and more sustainable. To assist local leaders in these efforts, Earth Day Network presents the 8th Global Day of Conversation. Global Day of Conversation aims to create platforms for local leaders to engage with their constituents in a constructive dialogue about environmental issues, either on Earth Day (April 22) or around Earth Day and Climate Education Week (April 22-29).

This year, Earth Day's theme is "*Environmental and Climate Literacy*" – we need to build a global citizenry fluent in the concept of climate change and inspired by environmental education to act in defense of the planet.

In line with this theme, we ask that your city host a roundtable event organized around environmental education and issue a 2017 Earth Day Proclamation. By using Earth Day to call attention to this subject, Earth Day Network hopes to increase awareness about the importance of environmental education and spur progress towards global environmental and climate literacy. A worldwide discussion of environmental education could also shed light on successful local initiatives that are capable of replication in other cities, states, or countries.

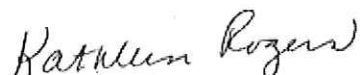
To support the planning and implementation of local government roundtables, we have provided this toolkit that contains further information about Global Day of Conversation, a draft Earth Day 2017 proclamation, and sample media to introduce and promote your event. In past years, more than a thousand elected officials have participated in Global Day of Conversation around the world. This year, we are excited to see it continue to expand and support efforts to drive environmental education globally.

Earth Day is the perfect day to engage your constituents and participate in an exchange of ideas about an important environmental topic. As a local government official, are you willing to support Earth Day and host a roundtable event on environmental education this April?

If you have any questions or would like to speak to us about planning your event, you can contact Orion Cruz directly at (202) 518-0044 (ext 24) or at [cruz@earthday.org](mailto:cruz@earthday.org).

Thank you for your continued support and leadership in the protection of our environment.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Rogers  
*President*



Denis Hayes  
*Founder and Board Chair Emeritus*