

AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on March 30th, 2017
Meeting at 5:30p.m at the Ojibway Nature Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held January 26th, 2017 - **emailed separately.**

5. **BUSINESS**

5.1 Environmental Master Plan update brainstorming session

5.2 Matchette Road Motion Update

5.3 Green Speaker Contest

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

6.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report - **attached.**

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 Air

7.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues - **attached.**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Update on City of Windsor environmental initiatives

8.2 Update on Essex County environmental initiatives - **attached.**

8.3 Notice of Council Decision re. Report on the Performance of the Advisory Committees for the calendar years 2015 and 2016- **attached.**

9. **COMMUNICATIONS**

9.1 CTV News: Ontario city to close road for endangered salamander crossing - **attached.**

9.2 EBR posting re. Canada-Ontario Action Plan for Lake Erie - **attached.**

9.3 Letter from Earth Day Network re. Global Day of Conversation - **attached.**

9.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - "Funding Now Available for municipalities to tackle greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change" - **attached.**

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held May 27, 2017 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**WECEC COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORT
AVERIL PARENT**

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ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Updates

A. Green Speaker Contest

WECEC has proposed turning one of the Green Speakers into a contest. Students or groups 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 going towards their research. WECEC members willing to coordinate this event must be selected as well as a date, time and location.

B. Canada 150 and Windsor 125 Celebrations

The Mayor's office has been contacted to see about WECEC participating in these celebrations. They have suggested participation in the Mayor's walk, happening on May 20th and will keep WECEC in mind for partnership on other 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. TOR update with County Council Alternates

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 is looking into seeing if this is possible, and noted that the WECEC Terms of Reference would likely have to be changed.

D. Earth Day Celebration

The City of Windsor's Earth Day Celebration is on Sunday April 23rd from 10am to 3pm at Malden Park. If interested in attending, WECEC needs to submit \$35 in payment and arrange for volunteers to be present at the booth during the event.

Regarding the letter from the Earth Day Network, if WECEC is interested in hosting a roundtable to discuss climate change as part of the Global Day of Conversation, we could see about partnering with other organizations to coordinate.

E. Pat on the Back Awards

If WECEC would like to continue with the annual Pat on the Back awards, a motion should be made at the March meeting. The event is generally advertised in late April, with the event occurring the last week in May. There are generally 4 WECEC members involved in this initiative.

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F. Potential Green Speakers for 2017

- 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.
- Contributing to the City of Windsor's movie night featuring a climate change or energy related documentary to promote the Community Energy Plan.

2. Reports to Council

January 26th 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 22nd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. It will be brought forward with *CR248/2014- Inquiry Regarding the Process Involved for the Closure of Matchette Rd. - Ward 1* when it goes forward to Council at a later date. WECEC will be notified when it is coming to Council.

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WECEC BUDGET - SUMMARY

2017 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2017 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Pat on the Back		\$2,500	
Green Speaker #1		\$1,000	
Green Speaker #2		\$1,000	
Green Speaker #3		\$1,000	
Website Hosting Fee		\$400	
Website Domain Renewal		\$50	
Earth Day		\$35	
TOTALS	\$8,000	\$5,985	
NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING		\$2,015	

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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City and County Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider hiring an Outreach Coordinator to ensure these important initiatives continue to improve the environment, human health and quality of life for all Windsor Essex residents.

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.

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. 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-PlanningcDistricts.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>

ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRY NOTICES

The following are select Environmental Registry (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 Metis 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 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 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 Participate!JC@ottawa.iic.org and online at www.participateUC.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; City of Windsor 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.greatlakeeconomicforum.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 for more info.

Rowsom Conservation Area - Lakeshore

- Community Tree planting event
- May TBD
- Contact 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 for more info.

May 15 to 19, 2017: **Conference on Great Lakes Research**, Detroit (Cobo Centre).
<http://iaqlr.org/iaqlr2017>. 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 "*Fram Cities ta 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

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

Decision Number: CRIIS/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

Department Director

Karen Kadour	Committee Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli	Supervisor of Council Services
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Valerie Critchley	City Clerk



Council Services

MISSION STATEMENT

Our City Is built on relationships -between citizens and their government businesses and publicinstitutions, city and region - all Interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together"

REPORT#: C 2612017	Reort Date: 21812017
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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:

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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 'lith quorum*
- iii) Length of Committee meetings*
- iv) Annual budget*

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:

APPENDICES:

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