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Windsor, Ontario November 13, 2014

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:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Ken Acton (Alternate for Lindita Prendi)
Pauline Cheslock
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Roger Dzugan
Jesse Gardner Costa
John Miller
Phil Roberts (alternate)
Radwan Tamr

Regrets:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Hilary Payne
Frank Butler
Eileen Chen
Paul Henshaw
Mike Nelson
Lindita Prendi

Guests in attendance:

Ken Grant and Deb Grant, Environmental representative, Ford Windsor Engine Plant

Also present are the following resource personnel:

James Bryant, County Engineering Department
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:50 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. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by R. Dzugan, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held October 2, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

The 2014 WECEC Annual Report is received for information.

A. Parent provides an entertaining visual presentation highlighting WECEC's accomplishments from 2010 to 2014 which includes fluoride removal from the water supply, Pat on the Back Awards and the Green Speaker Series.

C. Wright, Co-Chair thanks the WECEC Committee for their support and vision. He adds people in Windsor Essex County have benefitted from the work and contributions of WECEC.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 **Green Speaker Series Update**

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair states the Green Speakers Series featuring Paul Helm, who is a senior research scientist with the Great Lakes unit of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change was a great success. The event (free public lecture) was held on November 12, 2014 at the Ojibway Nature Centre. The topic of discussion was the danger of microplastics to the Great Lakes.

D. Coronado expresses concern that the Ministry has only just begun to research the danger of microplastics to the Great Lakes.

A. Parent states the Green Speaker Series regarding low impact development will most likely occur in 2015.

6.2 Response from Parsons regarding Public Consultation on the Bridge

The following is noted in the Response from Parsons as it relates to public consultation on the Bridge:

“The public consultation that Parsons is conducting relates to ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems and tolling systems for the new Detroit River International Crossing. As such, they will not be considering public comments as regards to allowing bicycles on the new bridge. The environmental assessment for the new bridge included provision for allowing bikes, however, the final determination will be made after consultation with border services on both sides of the border as well as the bridge concessionaire.”

6.3 Invoice from Eliquid for Website Hosting

Moved by R. Tamr, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$406.80 payable to eliquidMEDIA for the website hosting fee for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.
Carried.

7. COORDINATOR’S REPORT

A. Parent reports the Project Administrator for the construction of the New City Hall has indicated that some of the green features recommended by WECEC will be incorporated into the new build.

In terms of the balance of the WECEC Operating Budget, ERCA has suggested WECEC’s 30 second public service announcements relating to algae blooms in the Great Lakes be shown at local theatres.

R. Tamr suggests funding be appropriated to the purchase of promotional materials, i.e. pens and brochures.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by R. Dzugan,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,000 for WECEC’s Public Service Announcement relating to algae blooms in the Great Lakes to be shown in local theatres, and further that the balance of the WECEC Operating Budget **BE UTILIZED** for the purchase of promotional items to be provided as give-aways at events.
Carried.

Moved by R. Tamr, seconded by J. Miller,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$169.50 (funds to be derived from County funds) payable to Green Bean Cafe for catering services at the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meeting held November 13, 2014.

Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

D. Coronado thanks Jim Drummond, R. Coronado, P. Roberts and A. Parent for their contributions to the Air Subcommittee over the past four years.

8.2 Transportation

No report.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

J. Gardner Costa is hopeful the city will rezone the city owned property adjacent to Ojibway Shores.

8.4 Water Quality

P. Roberts states as the Water Quality Subcommittee has completed its role, the Subcommittee should be dissolved.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 The Save the Date Flyer – 2014 Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority meetings is received for information.

10.2 The Windsor Star: *Council rejects Windsor committees mega hospital* motion October 7, 2014 is received for information.

10.3 The Environment Commissioner's 2014 Fall Report released, News Release is received for information.

10.4 Mandate letters to Provincial Cabinet Ministers Made public, News Release is received for information.

10.5 The Great Lakes Commons Initiative is received for information.

10.6 The Highway 3 Public Information Centre Notice is received for information.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

CHARLIE WRIGHT, CO-CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR