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Windsor, Ontario September 4, 2014

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, Windsor International Airport, there being present the following members:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Councillor Hilary Payne
Frank Butler (arrives at 6:13 p.m.) (alternate)
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Roger Dzugan
Paul Henshaw
Mike Nelson
John Miller
Lindita Prendi
Phil Roberts (alternate)
Tamara Stomp (arrives at 5:42 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Radwan Tamr

Guest in attendance:

Nancy Pancheshan, Save Ojibway

Also present are the following resource personnel:

James Bryant, County Engineering Department
Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:38 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 Halberstadt, seconded by J. Miller,
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the *Procedure By-law 98-2011* be waived to add the following
addition to the Agenda:

5. **Presentation by Nancy Pancheshan, Save Ojibway Prairie Complex.**
Carried.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by L. Prendi,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting
held July 10, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Nancy Pancheshan, Save Ojibway Prairie Complex is present to provide information
relating to the proposed “Big Box” development. The PowerPoint presentation is **attached** as
Appendix “A”. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Over 1500 signatures have been received opposing the big box development
- The Ministry of Natural Resources received 411 signatures opposing Coco Paving’s permit application
- Concerns include:
 - Additional 16,000 additional vehicles/day on Matchette Road
 - Increase of nitrogen oxides
 - Effects on prescribed burns
 - Effects from garbage
 - Effects of road salting
 - Effects additional lighting
- Road mortality findings on the 600 metre section of Matchette between Titcombe and Sprucewood. Species include: Blanding’s Turtle, Butler’s Gartersnake, Eastern Foxsnake, Eastern Musk Turtle, Northern Map Turtle and Snapping Turtle.
- Requests City Council consider the deferral of the decision to allow for WECEC to determine what environmental issues are beyond the scope of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The report of the City Engineer dated August 28, 2014 entitled “Sprucewood/Matchette Road Development – OMB Hearing Species-at-Risk, Servicing Agreement & Settlement Agreement” is distributed and attached as Appendix “B”.

D. Coronado expresses concern that the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) result was provided on August 13, 2014 and was not published on the Register until August 27, 2014.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by F. Butler,

That Report No. 71 **BE REAFFIRMED** and further,

That City and County Councils **BE URGED** to decline the adoption of the report of the City Engineer dated August 28, 2014 entitled “Sprucewood/Matchette Road Development – OMB Hearing Species-at-Risk, Servicing Agreements & Settlement Agreement” (Item 16 – September 8, 2014 Council Agenda) due to:

- No change of information from the original information that resulted in Report No. 71
- That the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) result was provided on August 13, 2014 and not published on the Register until August 27, 2014.
- That the reasons for the approval of the permit by the Ministry of Natural Resources did not address key areas of concern for:
 - Additional 16,000 additional vehicles/day
 - Increase of nitrogen oxides
 - Changes in hydrogeology
 - Effects on prescribed burns
 - Effects from garbage
 - Effects of road salting
 - Effects additional lighting

And further, if the City of Windsor determines these issues are not required to be addressed in the MNR Permit, that the City **BE REQUESTED** to determine the foregoing issues before approving a development agreement or sending the issues forward to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Carried.

Councillor Payne abstains from voting on the matter.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7.1 **Green Speaker Series Update**

K. Richters reports that Averil Parent contacted Hugh McDiarmid from the International Joint Commission regarding the next WECEC Green Speaker event. Mr. McDiarmid suggested she speak to Paul Helm, Ministry of the Environment who has been widely cited in the media regarding the topic of micro plastics in the Great Lakes. Once a response is received, she will report back.

J. Gardner Costa suggests the next Green Speaker Series be held on November 12, 2014 at the Ojibway Nature Centre. He proposes a low impact development Green Speaker could also be included.

8. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

K. Richters provides the highlights of the July and August 2014 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report.

T Stomp provides an overview of what transpired at a recent meeting held with City Administration along with some members of WECEC regarding issues relating to governance of the Committee. A report will be forthcoming from Administration.

Discussion ensues regarding Report No. 83 of WECEC relating to the location of the new Megahospital. T. Stomp suggests members send letters as concerned citizens to the Local Health Integration Network and to the Citizens for an Accountable Megahospital Planning Process (CAMPP).

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by F. Butler,

That WECEC members **BE ENCOURAGED** to send letters to the Local Health Integration Network and the Citizens for an Accountable Megahospital Planning Process (CAMPP) regarding the location of the new Megahospital, and further, that it be noted that the letters do not represent the views of the City or County.

Carried.

Councillor Payne abstains from voting on the matter.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Henshaw,

That the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report dated July and August 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Air

D. Coronado provides the report of the Air Subcommittee dated September 2014, attached as Appendix "C". Highlights of the report include the following:

- The Air Subcommittee is reviewing the draft Windsor Smog Action Plan
- The Subcommittee will receive details of the Citizens Environment Alliance's efforts on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon releases into the Great Lakes Basin.
- Detroit Edison's application for a life extension for its Fermi 2 reactor in Monroe, Michigan has received public comments. The public comment period closed on August 18, 2014. Fermi 2's operating license will expire in 2015.

9.2 Transportation

The Transportation Subcommittee report dated July 4, 2014 is attached as Appendix “D”.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the decision by Windsor Fire Services and the City of Windsor to not sign any non-disclosure agreement and to continue to negotiate and press for a timely release of rail shipment inventory adequate for Windsor Fire Services purposes for emergency planning and response **BE SUPPORTED**.

Carried.

Councillor Halberstadt was not in the room when the vote was taken.

9.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

No report.

9.4 Water Quality

No report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Website Domain Renewal Invoice

Moved by Mike Nelson, seconded by J. Miller,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$28.25 payable to eliquidMEDIA for the WECEC Domain Renewal.

Carried.

Councillor Halberstadt was not in the room when the vote was taken.

10.2 Final WECEC Meeting of the Term

It is generally agreed the final WECEC meeting for 2014 will be held on November 6, 2014 at the Ojibway Nature Centre. A slide show highlighting the accomplishments of WECEC over the past four years will be presented.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 The Windsor Star article dated July 7, 2014 entitled “Push is on to make garden plants safer for bees is received for information.

11.2 The “Consultation on the Proposed Recovery Strategy for the Colicroot in Canada” is received for information.

- 11.3 The Windsor Star article dated July 29, 2014 entitled “Underpass and what else? City ponders riverfront development” is received for information.
- 11.4 The response from the Michigan DEQ re Permit to Install application submitted by Detroit Bulk Storage Inc. proposing bulk storage and handling of petroleum coke is received for information.
- 11.5 The Notice of Study Commencement Class Environmental Assessment – Central Box Study Area, City of Windsor is received for information.
- 11.6 The EV Fest to be held September 27-28, 2014 at the Windsor/Detroit Riverfront Festival Plaza is received for information.
- 11.7 The Detroit News article dated August 22, 2014 entitled “Metro Detroit treatment plants released 4.5 billion gallons of sewage into rivers after storm” is received for information.
- 11.8 The Windsor Star article dated August 25, 2014 entitled “Windsor City Council votes to build \$4.3 million bike lanes on Cabana Road” is received for information.

6. IN CAMERA

Verbal Motion is presented by M. Nelson, seconded by J. Miller, to move In Camera at 7:16 p.m. for discussion of the following item:

Item No.	Subject	Section – Pursuant to Municipal Act 2001, as amended
6.0	Personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees	s. 239(2)(b)

Motion Carried.

Discussion on the item of business.

Verbal Motion is presented by T. Stomp, seconded by R. Dzugan, to move back into public session at 7:26 o'clock p.m.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by J. Miller,

That the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to transmit the recommendation contained in the verbal report discussed at the In Camera Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meeting held September 4, 2014 directly to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by T. Stomp,

That the In Camera verbal report respecting a personal matter about an identifiable individual **BE RECEIVED** and further, that Administration **BE REQUESTED** to proceed with the verbal direction of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried.

It is generally agreed M. Nelson will send all Environmental Assessments to A. Parent for future discussion at WECEC meetings.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2014 at the Windsor International Airport at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:32 o'clock p.m.

CHARLIE WRIGHT, CO-CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR