

REPORT NO. 165 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held September 25, 2013

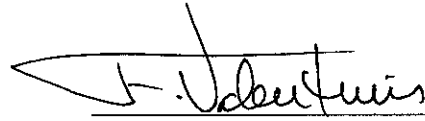
Present: Councillor J. Gignac
Councillor A. Halberstadt
Councillor R. Jones
Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair


Regrets: Councillor H. Payne

That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

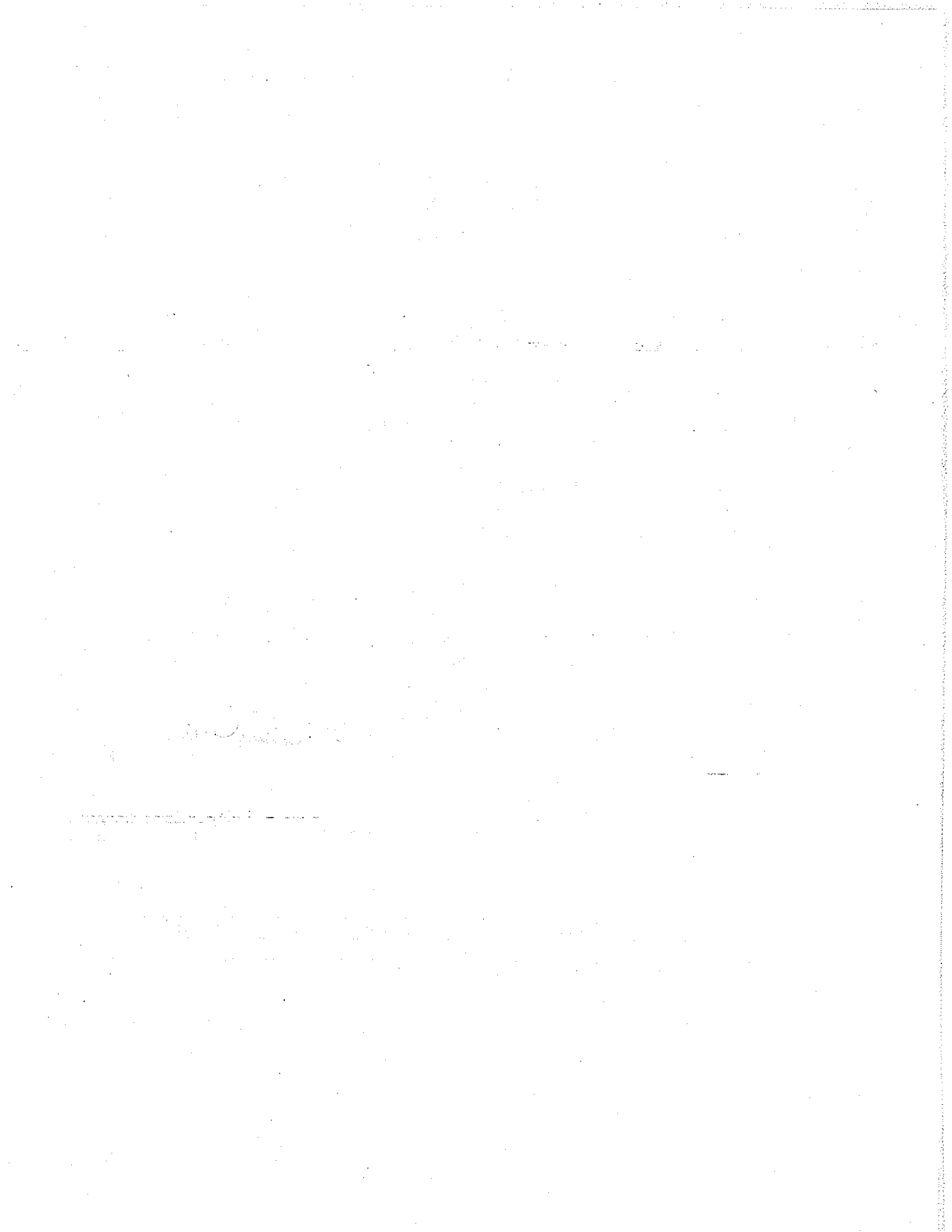
Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meeting held July 4, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: The minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meeting held July 4, 2013 are attached as background information.


CHAIRPERSON


DEPUTY CLERK

NOTIFICATION:				
Name	Address	Email Address	Phone	FAX



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Windsor, Ontario July 4, 2013

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, there being present the following members:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Charlie Wright, Co-Chair (arrives at 5:50 p.m.)
Councillor Hilary Payne
Pauline Cheslock
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Jesse Costa Gardner
Roger Dzugan
Evan Freeman-Gibb
Paul Henshaw
Mike Nelson
Phil Roberts
Tamara Stomp

Regrets received from:

Mark Bartlett
Dean Clevett
Karen Fallon
Radwan Tamr

Guests in attendance:

Giovanni Abati
Lloyd Burrige
Tom Henderson, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup

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**

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:30 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. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by R. Dzigan, seconded by P. Cheslock,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its
meeting held June 6, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Smog Alert Action Plans and Strategies**

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair requests the Smog Alert Action Plans and
Strategies be deferred to a future meeting to allow for sufficient time to review the
documents.

5.2 **Bike Lanes on the New Bridge**

A. Parent reports no response to date has been received relating to the letter sent
to the Honourable Denis Lebel on June 12, 2013 regarding bike lanes on the New
International Trade Crossing.

5.3 **Draft Notice of Motion – Ojibway Shores Development Proposal by the Port
Authority**

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by J. Costa Gardner,
That Rule 13.9 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 regarding business not already
before the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee **BE WAIVED** to permit the
introduction of a motion for consideration without prior notice regarding the Windsor
Port Authority and clear-cutting Ojibway Shores and accepting fill.
Carried.

An e-mail from Transport Canada Minister Lebel dated June 28, 2013 regarding the Draft Notice of Motion relating to the proposed development of Ojibway Shores is distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by T. Stomp,

WHEREAS the Windsor Port Authority is determined to proceed with clear-cutting Ojibway Shores for the purpose of storing fill on this Candidate Natural Heritage Site #37 which contains Carolinian flora and fauna species and which is the only river gateway providing ecological linkage to Windsor's environmentally sensitive sites stretching back to the Springarden ANSI. This action is in direct contradiction to the June 11, 2013 letter from Transport Canada Minister Lebel (attached) prohibiting such action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter **BE SENT** to the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure & Communities asking him to inform the Windsor Port Authority that they **CANNOT** proceed with the clear-cutting of Ojibway Shores **NOR** accept fill as they intend to start September 1, 2013.

Carried.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair requests the foregoing Notice of Motion be added to the July 8, 2013 City Council Communications package.

6. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Parent reports approximately 20 participants attended a tour of the Humbug Marsh along with a presentation by Dr. John Hartig, Refuge Manager. She states Dr. Hartig discussed the process by which Humbug Marsh was saved from development as well as highlighted many ongoing Brownfield restoration and manmade wetlands sites.

P. Roberts indicates there is a need to register properties on the Canadian side. He notes there are American dollars available to acquire and/or restore properties of significant ecological importance on the Canadian side of the Detroit River.

A. Parent advises on June 7, 2013 WECEC continued their Green Speaker Series with host Dan Burden, Co-Founder and Director of Innovation and Inspiration at the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute. Mr. Burden spoke to approximately 100 participants regarding how the creation of walkable streets can contribute to healthier, more vibrant communities with thriving economies. She notes the walking audit took place in the Walkerville and Wyandotte Street Business Improvement Areas. Mr. Burden pointed out many simple solutions to begin improving walkability which included clearly viable crosswalks and signage were often missing from city streets. He suggested using bumpouts at intersections, diagonal parking along side streets and more greenery and places to sit.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair indicates the Planning Department will meet with the Wyandotte and Walkerville Business Improvements Areas to discuss the possibility of implementing Mr. Burden's recommendations.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair advises Mr. Burden noted some city streets can be narrowed (to allow for bike lanes). However, in speaking with the Manager of Transportation Planning, it was relayed there is a federal standard to abide by in Canada and indicated the standards are different in the United States.

J. Bryant indicates the Federal Standard for road widths can be found in the Transportation Association of Canada Guidelines.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Air

No report.

7.2 Transportation

No report.

7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW)

P. Roberts states members of the PSW subcommittee attended the Windsor Port Authority's public meeting held July 3, 2013 at Mackenzie Hall regarding potential development on the Ojibway Shores property. He is interested in ascertaining the lease value the Port Authority can generate on these lands.

P. Roberts reports a letter is in progress to invite Richard Wyma, General Manager, ERCA and Dr. John Hartig, Refuge Manager, Detroit International Wildlife Refuge to a meeting in Windsor to discuss how best WECEC and resources can be of assistance to move the International Wildlife Refuge forward on the Canadian side.

P. Roberts advises a report will be forthcoming to City Council regarding a request to designate several parks in Windsor as part of the International Wildlife Refuge. A. Parent indicates the motion if passed (Committee Report) will accompany the report to Council.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by C. Wright,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor will be receiving a report regarding the designation of City of Windsor Park properties as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS Windsor's unique natural resources could be seen as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge that would result in positive public relations and would help in marking the City and region; and

WHEREAS the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is a unique partnership with Canada and offers Windsor more opportunities to leverage human and financial resources for wildlife management, research, and education; and

WHEREAS being part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge would help Windsor become part of major celebrations such as International Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day; and

WHEREAS there would be no costs associated with park designation of certain Windsor parks nor any loss of ownership rights as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council favourably consider designating the recommended parks as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Carried.

7.4 Water Quality

No report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ojibway Nature Centre Invoice for June WECEC Meeting Room Rental

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by T. Stomp,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$122.50 for the room rental for the Windsor Essex County Advisory Committee meeting held June 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Ojibway Nature Centre.

Carried.

8.2 Transit Windsor Invoice for Humbug Marsh Tour Rental

Moved by R. Dzugan, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$793.23 payable to Transit Windsor for the Charter Bus service to Humbug Marsh on June 14, 2013.

Carried.

8.3 Windsor Star Invoice for Promotion of Energy Conservation Campaign

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by P. Henshaw,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,693.87 payable to the Windsor Star for advertising costs associated with the Energy Conservation Campaign.

Carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 The article from the Windsor Star dated June 6, 2013 entitled "In a city where car is king, pedestrians may soon rule" is received for information.

9.2 The article from the Windsor Star dated June 7, 2013 entitled "Wyandotte Street full of opportunity" is received for information.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair

Committee Coordinator



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Thursday, July 4th, 2013
Meeting at 5:30p.m. At the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant (4155 Ojibway)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**
4. **MINUTES**
Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held June 6th, 2013 – *emailed separately.*
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1 Smog alert action plans and strategies
 - 5.2 Bike lanes on the new bridge – *attached.*
 - 5.3 Draft Notice of Motion re. Ojibway Shores development proposal by the Port Authority
6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**
WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 7.1 Air
 - 7.2 Transportation
 - 7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands – *attached.*
 - 7.4 Water Quality
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Ojibway Nature Centre invoice for June WECEC meeting room rental: \$122.50 – *attached.*
 - 8.2 Transit Windsor invoice for Humbug Marsh tour rental: \$793.23 – *attached.*
 - 8.3 The Windsor Star invoice for promotion of the Energy Conservation Campaign: \$1693.87 – *attached.*
9. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 9.1 In a city where car is king, pedestrians may soon rule – The Windsor Star, June 6th 2013 – *attached.*
 - 9.2 Wyandotte Street full of opportunity – The Windsor Star, June 7th 2013 – *attached.*
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The date of the next meeting will be September 5th, 2013 at Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Kadour, Karen

From: Parent, Averil
Sent: June 28, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Charlie Wright; Charlie Wright 2; Chitra Gowda; Dean Clevett; Derek Coronado; Evan Freeman-Gibb; Frank Butler; Halberstadt, Alan; Jesse Gardner Costa; John Miller; Karen Fallon; Ken Acton; Keri Bagley; Keri Bagley 2; Lindita Prendi; Mark Bartlett; Mike Nelson; P; Henshaw; Pauline Cheslock; Payne, Hilary; Phil Roberts; Radwan Tamr; Radwan Tamr 2; F Coronado; Roberts, Phil; Roger Dzugan; Shahbaz Ahmed; Tamara Stomp
Cc: Kadour, Karen
Subject: Ojibway Shores Notice of Motion
Attachments: Response from Lebel re. Ojibway Shores June 11 2013.docx; Ojibway Shores Letter to Der Lebel_June 28 2013.pdf

Hello All:

Please see below Notice of Motion which will be brought forward at WECEC on Thurs July 4th in relation to the proposed development of Ojibway Shores:

WHEREAS the Windsor Port Authority is determined to proceed with clear-cutting Ojibway Shores the purpose of storing fill on this Candidate Heritage Site which contains Carolinian flora and fauna species and which is the only river gateway providing ecological linkage to Windsor's environmental sensitive sites stretching back to Springarden ANSI. This action is in direct contradiction to a June 11th 2013 letter from Transport Canada Minister Lebel (attached) prohibiting such action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to Minister Lebel asking him to inform the Windsor Port Authority that they CANNOT proceed with the clear cutting of Ojibway Shores to place fill as they intend to starting Sept 1st 2013.

Also attached is a letter dated June 28th from many environmental groups to Minister Lebel asking that he support his previous statements and prohibit the Port Authority from clearing Ojibway Shores.

I cannot stress enough the importance of a large crowd at the upcoming public meeting Wednesday July at 6:30pm at Mackenzie Hall. It will be one of our greatest actions to fill the room and show all that Windsor cares about this property.

Thanks,

Averil

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