

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ECCAC)

Meeting held July 17, 2025

A meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Acting Chair
Maria Boada
Frank Butler
Mike Fisher
Sandra Janzen
Masoumeh Mazandarani
Jennifer Nantais
Michael Schneider

Regrets received from:

Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Guests in attendance:

Michael Janisse, Senior Manager Communications
Philippa von Zeigenweidt

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development, Climate Change and Development
Brana Cesljarov, Supervisor
Michelle Moxley-Peltier, CEP Project Administrator
Amy Nevills, Environmental and Sustainability Intern Student
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:31 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by Sandra Janzen, seconded by Mike Fisher,
That the minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held May 22, 2025, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 City of Windsor Bird Team Subcommittee

Jennifer Nantais, Chair, City of Windsor Bird Team Subcommittee provides the following highlights of her report:

- The Bird Team holds quarterly meetings – one meeting for every season (or as needed)
- The agenda for the meeting held recently included reflections on the World Migratory Bird Day Celebration.
- Suggests the Earth Day Committee take on the planning of the World Migratory Bird Day Celebration under the banner of a spring festival planning committee.
- How to incorporate zero waste events because plastic reduction is an important part of what Nature Canada measures toward our progress.
- Discussion was held regarding gathering data on where the wetlands are within the area. The City of Windsor does not have wording to protect wetlands in the Official Plan.
- Talked about the Canada Goose Management Plan as people have been questioning what is being done regarding the Canada Geese and how they are being managed.
- Bird friendly policies

Frank Butler expresses concern that aggressive female cardinals are smashing into his windows. Jennifer Nantais responds they are developing some resources to share this information as this is not just a problem for businesses and windows. She adds if there is tree coverage, the bird is seeing reflected in the window those trees and they also see their own reflection. So, territorial birds like cardinals will fight that other bird for territory. She indicates there are bird friendly window treatments which folks can get for free at Earth Day.

In response to a question asked by Maria Boada regarding if funding is needed by the Bird Team Subcommittee, Jennifer Nantais responds she will bring an ask for funding to the next meeting.

The Acting Chair reports with the closing of Sand Point Beach and the erection of a fence, he states that all the geese and swans and birds are now between the fence and the shoreline because of the protection by the fence. Jennifer Nantais responds that this shows that birds will use the space if they need it.

5.3 Public Education & Engagement

Maria Boada, Acting Chair provides the highlights of her report as follows:

- Had a successful engagement at Rock Bottom Bar & Grill with 30 to 40 people in attendance.
- It was a space for folks to network and information was provided relating to the climate stripes and how they are getting warmer and warmer. It is a visual representation of the temperature changes that we are experiencing with climate change.
- Had bingo cards to encourage people to think about ways they can green their own life.
- Information was provided relating to the role of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee.
- People were encouraged to write on a whiteboard what they would like the city to do in terms of the environment.
- An event entitled “A Climate Picnic” will be held at Optimist Park which will feature outdoor games which will include trivia regarding the Environmental Master Plan, the Adaptation Plan, and the SNAP Plan. It will be held on July 18, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Maria Boada remarks that the Subcommittee would like to continue holding these events on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. She asks if a budget can be provided for the remainder of the year to assist in costs associated with the events.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Sandra Janzen,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to providing an upset limit of \$400 to the Public Education and Engagement Subcommittee for expenses incurred at the upcoming events with a proviso not to exceed \$100 per event.
Carried.

5.5 Budget Subcommittee

Frank Butler, Chair provides the highlights of his report as follows:

- The Budget Subcommittee met twice on June 3 and July 4, 2025. The main discussions included the SNAP report as a whole and determining portion of the

full report to be reviewed & commented on. A draft report to ECCAC is targeted for mid-August & prior to a Sept full committee meeting.

- Several interrelated subjects such as the Hospital location and impact to report area and transportation considerations were discussed. There is a focus on the Green Initiatives component of SSNAP and is a focus of the subcommittee's review and future recommendations. These and other considerations will have financial consideration for the City's future budget & progress on the environmental front.
- In addition, he attended the following environmental meetings of importance to ECCAC:
 - Planning & Environment subcommittee, June 17th, 25
 - Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP), Social Services Committee July 2, 2025 (moved with recommendations prior to council referral)
 - Radio nuclides discussion, July 14, '2025, Can Nuclear Safety Commission, CELA & other environmental NGOs.
 - These subjects should be of interest to ECCAC given our mandate and the UFMP should be noted for input, if possible, prior to Council decision making.
 - Waiting for the Legal Department to provide comments on the Black Oak Heritage Park.
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Councillor Angelo Marignani, Acting Chair notes that Maria Boada asked the question "what would you like to see the city do", and questions what response was received from the participants at her event. Maria Boada responds the remarks included funding transit, implementing the action plans that the city has, kickstarting loans or incentives for getting rentals for solar panels on residences, working with stakeholders to expand Ojibway Natural Urban Park; be serious about public transportation; use cars less; building a nuclear power plant, commit to increasing the city's tree coverage, need more long term energy solutions; increase funding for climate projects.

Michelle Moxley-Peltier asks Maria Boada if the participant indicated which City Plan that they want the city to implement as there are several plans. Maria Boada responds it was plans in general.

4.1 Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP)

Matthew Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development, Climate Change and Development advises that SNAP refers to creating a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan for Sandwich South lands. In terms of follow-up from the May 22, 2025, ECCAC meeting, he is looking for any feedback or recommendations that came from the presentation that was provided. He indicates that Michael Janisse, Senior Manager Communications is present and states if there are events where they may be a potential link or sync with for example the Earth Day event, that assistance can be provided.

He remarks there are numerous materials in their storage locker which can be made available to Maria Boada for her events.

Moved by Michael Schneider, seconded by Frank Butler,
That the reports of the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

4.3 New ECCAC Logo

Michael Janisse advises that a question was asked whether the new logo or this Committee should follow the branding standards or visual identity standards for the City of Windsor. He responds that the City has a Corporate Visual Identify Standards Guide and the recommendation put forward is that we work together on the development of this logo so that it aligns well with some of our current visual identity standards.

The Acting Chair asks of the three options that were provided is there a “winner” that has been selected. Michael Janisse advises his assumption is that the options were concepts for the Committee’s consideration and indicates he would like an opportunity to review the logos with his Corporate Communications Team. He indicates there can be challenges depending on if the logo is vertical or horizontal and how does this blend in with the city logo. He remarks that a review of the logos will require two weeks to review the options. He adds that the new logo is subject to a review by the Chief Administrative Officer.

4.2 Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF)

Maria Boada remarks that the sponsorship for WIFF for 2025 has been provided through the 2025 Operating Budget.

6. New Business

Mike Fisher refers to the Parks Department Naturalization of City Parks and asks for information in order to provide education and support. The Chair remarks that one direction the city will be taking is QR codes that will be placed on signs to provides the reasoning behind naturalization. Another direction was to collaborate with the Health Unit as there is a concern with tick infestation and a count will be undertaken. Michelle Moxley-Peltier advises that this could be education for homeowners or could provide examples from neighbouring municipalities. Matthew Johnson Indicates if the ECCAC is in support of these areas, that a motion can be put forward. Mike Fisher asks if the Parks Department has information on this matter and if this information can be provided. The Acting Chair to contact James Chacko, Executive Director of Parks for this information.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in a room to be determined.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:39 o'clock p.m.