



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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May 1, 2012

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Windsor and Essex County Environment Committee is scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, May 3, 2012
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant
4155 Ojibway Parkway**

The attached agenda will be considered. Please notify the undersigned at 519-255-6222, ext. 6430, if you are unable to attend.

Yours very truly,

Karen Kadour
Committee Coordinator (A)



AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 3rd, 2012
Meeting at 5:30p.m.
At LOU ROMANO WATER RECLAMATION PLANT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held March 29th, 2012 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION**

Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator, City of Windsor – Environmental Attitude Survey

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Renewable Energy Media Campaign – *attached.*

6.2 Green Speaker Series – *attached.*

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

8.2 Transportation

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

8.4 Water Quality

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Provincial EAC Symposium

9.2 Pat on the Back

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7th, 2011 at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC)
Terms of Reference
May 2012

Purpose

The purpose of the WECEC is to provide advice on environmental issues to the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities.

Mandate

- WECEC was established as a volunteer advisory committee through resolutions of Windsor City Council and the County of Essex within the meaning of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2005, c.25 (the 'Act')
- WECEC receives referrals to address specific environmental concerns from the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities, as well as,
- WECEC is proactive and will advise on matters identified through its own initiative.

Scope of Activities

The scope of WECEC will include activities of primary responsibility for which an annual work plan will be developed, such as:

- developing policies for consideration by the City and County regarding ongoing environmental concerns,
- develop responses related to Federal and Provincial actions in public and private undertakings affecting the ecosystem to be forward to City and County Councils,
- identify and examine issues and new alternatives of an ecological nature that may affect the natural environment of the region and to advise City and County Councils on such matters,
- review and provide advice regarding the environmental implications of studies, plans, proposals and other documents as may be referred to the Committee,
- to advise on and recommend studies that could assist in increasing awareness of environmental concerns; solutions to environmental problems and/or enhance environmental conditions in the region,
- report annually on the state of the regional environment, and provide the report to City and County Council,
- liaise with other organizations, committees, and agencies with similar interest in protecting and preserving the natural environment of Windsor and the County of Essex,
- coordinate partnership funding by collecting funds from organizations, committees and agencies to further collaborative environmental projects for Windsor and Essex County,
- participate in other committees where WECEC is required or suggested by the City of Windsor and County of Essex and its area municipalities, and,
- conduct an annual performance evaluation of the WECEC Coordinator

The scope of WECEC may include activities of secondary responsibility that will be conducted in partnership with other organizations, committees and agencies, such as:

- identify and implement community outreach activities which support the growth of environmental awareness and appreciation,

- provide advice on regional environmental resources,
- provide advice on regional environmental data,

Composition and Selection of Members

WECEC will be comprised of nineteen (19) members of which two (2) members will be from County Council and two (2) members will be from City Council. The remaining 15 members will be from organizations within the following sectors:

Sectors	Number of Members
Health	2
Education	2
Post-secondary students	2
Labour	2
Industry	2
Environment (includes one position for ERCA)	3
Business	1
Agriculture	1

Operation of the Committee

- Meetings will be held monthly and are open to the public. Additional meetings can be called by the Chair.
- In camera discussions will only be held in strict compliance with procedural by-laws.
- Quorum will be established when 10 members are present (50% + 1).
- WECEC will see to achieve consensus on decisions. Recommendations are “carried” if supported by a majority. Only resolutions as they appear in the adopted minutes may be considered as officially representing the position of WECEC.
- WECEC will advise respective staff of the City of Windsor and County of Essex by resolution on matters that were referred to them.

Resources to the Committee

- The Committee will have an annual budget comprised of contributions from the City of Windsor and the County of Essex.
- Administrative Support will be assigned through the City of Windsor, Council Services.

Review

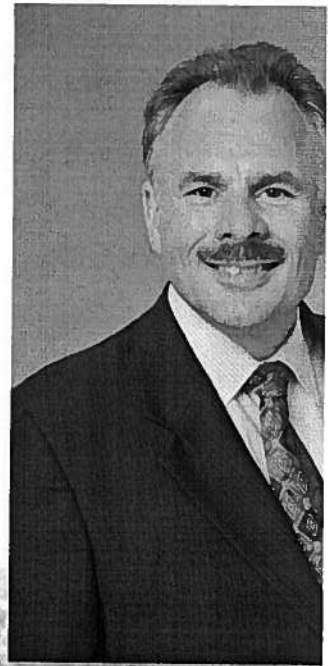
- The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the establishment of the annual work plan. Any changes will be put forward as recommendations to City and County Council for approval.

Speaker
Series

Environment

Commissioner of Ontario

Gord Miller



*"Climate Change and Bio Diversity
Challenges for Southwestern Ontario"*



Saturday, May 12th

Dr. David Suzuki Public School

6320 Raymond Ave

Light refreshments at 10:00a

Speaker begins at 10:30am

****This event is FREE****

**For a free tour of this LEED
Platinum school beginning
at 9:30am, you must
register by calling**

6.2



– APRIL, 2012 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

Supplemental information regarding CNHS 37 was brought forward at the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee meeting on April 25th. Members of the PSW subcommittee were in attendance, and Council members heard delegations from the Port Authority and ERCA. The Port Authority confirmed their position to develop the site in the future and encouraged the Standing Committee to refrain from changing the zoning on the adjacent City of Windsor property. ERCA suggested that there is high potential for endangered species on the site, and that any type of development would trigger a Federal Environmental Impact Assessment. The Committee decided not to re-zone the property but to begin talks with the Port Authority regarding the future of the property.

In regards to requesting evaluation of potential PSW or endangered species habitat properties within Windsor-Essex County, the subcommittee has decided to evaluate public land based on certain criteria (yet to be determined) and develop a list of prioritized lands. These top properties will then be brought forward to City and County Council with the recommendation to have them evaluated for significance.

2. Renewable Energy Media Campaign with Generator Design

The campaign launch date has been changed to June 18th, which is “Stand Up for Solar Day”. We are in the process of collecting input from our partners for the campaign advertisement. Information to be presented on our website is also being developed. An “Experts On Call” segment on AM800 has been scheduled for June 23rd.

Public Education Campaign Goal

To educate the public about how solar energy and technologies benefit the residents of Windsor-Essex County and improves our lives.

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of the innumerable benefits of solar energy and technologies
- Encourage access to solar energy technologies
- Demonstrate the value of solar energy and technologies, in a variety of modalities, to our region
- Through education, encourage the use of solar energy technologies and applications within our region
- Create a series of factoids to reduce the complexity of explanations, and dispel the myths surrounding solar concepts and technologies
- Raise awareness of solar energy technologies as a science, technology and engineering discipline

3. Water Quality Subcommittee

The subcommittee is interested in creating a video to highlight the impact of algae blooms on the Detroit River and Lake Erie. This video can be used as a PSA to help educate residents on this issue. The group would also like to look into conducting pilot projects on airport property to determine the effectiveness of buffer zones on decreasing nutrient load in drains due to erosion.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Black Oak Park Cleanup

The Black Oak Park Cleanup (organized in partnership with the City of Windsor, Port Authority, WECEC and the DRCC) was a great success. Over 50 volunteers helped remove 189 tires and approximately 5.5 tonnes of garbage from this City of Windsor Park.

2. Earth Day 2012

Earth Day 2012 was held at Malden Park this year and had a new theme – “I like my food naked, near and natural!” The event saw over 2,000 Windsor Essex residents attend and learn all about where to find local food and different ways to enjoy it.

The WECEC booth was a big hit – over 100 people stopped to answer a skill testing question to put their name in the draw for the new bike. The winner was Angel Renaud from Belle River who is very excited to have a new bike! This was a great way to draw attention to the Committee and interact with the public.

3. Green Speaker Series – Gord Miller

Gord Miller is confirmed to speak at the Dr. David Suzuki Public School (6320Raymond) at 10:30am on Saturday, May 12th. He will speak for about 45 minutes and then there will be a question and answer period. Doors will be open at 10am for a light breakfast. The Suzuki school has yet to confirm the possibility of a school tour before the event. Social media as well as poster advertising will be used to promote the event.