

July 4, 2011

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, July 7, 2011
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Windsor Airport Boardroom**

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,

Susan Vadori

Susan Vadori
Committee Coordinator (A)
Attachments



AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday July 7th, 2011
Meeting at 5:30p.m.
At YQG WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 **Workplace Violence and Harassment Presentation**

re: Respectful Workplace - PowerPoint Presentation by Health and Safety Advisor from Human Resources (as per Ministry of Labour requirement June 15, 2010).

2.2 **ABC Governance Structure – Implementation by Council Services – PowerPoint Presentation by the Committee Coordinator and Council Secretariat.**

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on June 2, 2011 – **previously emailed.**

5. **ADDITONS TO THE AGENDA**

6. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7.1 **EWSWA Master Plan consultation**

7.2 **Regional Cooperation and Coordination Report**

7.3 **Renewable Energy Notice of Motion**

8. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

8.1 **WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – attached.**

9. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 **Air**

As background information the following excerpt is provided from Councillor Halberstadt email:

- **Clerk's Note:** unsuccessful attempts to contact the author of the email below, therefore attendance by the author is uncertain – **see below.**

"Alan,

My street is one over from Parent on Elsmere ave between Hanna and Tecumseh Rd. I took this picture Sunday morning when I went for a walk. I'm facing west on Tecumseh rd which puts the smoke stack around Sandwich. The windsor star article identifiys this same sinister smoke stack shape as comming from Zug Island. So I don't know the exact location and can only assume, I turn to the elected officals for help. One thing is for certain, you can see it just about everyday around 5pm driving westbound on Tecumseh Rd in this same spot."

9.2 **Transportation – attached.**

9.3 **Provincially Significant Wetlands – attached.**

9.4 **Pat on the Back Awards**

10. **FINANCIAL**

10.1 **Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending May 31, 2011 – attached.**

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

11.1 **Inside the Bottle, The People's Campaign on the Bottled Water Industry - Bottled Water Free Zone – attached.**

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**



– JUNE, 2011 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

The PSW subcommittee was represented at a Carolinian Canada meeting this month regarding the Lake Erie Coastline Trail project. There is great potential for WECEC to become involved in this project in the future as the trail runs through Essex County as well as Windsor.

The subcommittee will have a meeting with County planner Jane Mustac regarding the Environmental Assessment that was completed on the Lauzon Parkway upgrade project. We are interested in making connections between woodlots on the airport and woodlots on Lauzon Parkway.

We are still eagerly awaiting a draft storyboard for our Black Oak video from Axxess Design.

2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

During a presentation from the Trillium Foundation, it was suggested that WECEC apply for grant money in order to hire a consultant to complete a Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. WECEC would have to apply in collaboration with a registered non-profit such as the Essex County Field Naturalists. This possibility will be discussed at the July committee meeting.

3. Renewable Energy Strategy and Local Purchasing Initiative

I plan to meet with City of Windsor purchasing representative Shelby Askin-Hager on July 7th to discuss opportunities for incorporating incentives for local purchasing into City of Windsor operations. This initiative stemmed from a Notice of Motion to encourage purchasing of local solar panels for City of Windsor projects.

4. EnviroExpo

Our space at the EnviroExpo has been booked in conjunction with the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup. I would like two volunteers from the committee to commit to being able to volunteer at the event on November 5th and 6th. The EnviroExpo will provide nametags (with free entry) for up to 2 volunteers.

5. Pat on the Back Awards

The "Pat on the Back Awards" program has been launched and I have received multiple application forms already. A press release has been written and will be released the week of July 4th. During the July meeting the committee must discuss the community event where we will announce the contest winners. The main expenses for this event will be facility rental and any food that the committee will provide.

The subcommittee originally created to determine the logistics for this program will be judging the applications. Any other WECEC members who would like to sit on this sub-committee are more than welcome.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Notices

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is holding a public comment period from June 15th until July 19th, 2011, and a public hearing also on July 19th, 2011 regarding the following three applications:

- Waterfront Petroleum Terminal Company's (Waterfront) proposed installation and operation of two loading racks and three storage tanks. The facility is located at 1071 Miller Road, Dearborn, Michigan. The Permit to Install (PTI) Application Number is 181-10.
- Marathon Petroleum Company LLC's (Marathon) proposed installation and operation of a truck loading rack for asphalt cement. The facility is located at 301 South Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan. The PTI Application Number is 197-10.
- McCoig Materials, LLC's (McCoig) proposed operation of their existing concrete batch plant above the exemption levels in Rule 336.1289. The facility is located at 1441 Springwells Court, Detroit, Michigan. The PTI Application Number is 242-10.

The public comment period and hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of the PTIs. It has been preliminarily determined that each of the proposed actions listed above will not violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

If you would like more information, please email me at aparent@city.windsor.on.ca.

2. Newspaper articles

a. Windsor Star June 30th – City 'bicycle friendly'

Windsor was one of four Ontario cities to be awarded with a "bicycle friendly" status at a provincial bicycle summit this week.

The Share the Road Cycling Coalition unveiled the winners of its first ever Bicycle Friendly Communities awards on Sunday at this week's Ontario Cycling Summit in Ottawa.

Windsor was awarded a bronze bicycle friendly status along with Ajax, while Ottawa and Waterloo each earned silver. The application process to become a bicycle friendly city is described as "rigorous" and cities can be awarded platinum, gold, silver or bronze ratings.

TASKS FOR NEXT MONTH

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

I will continue to work with Axxess Design to produce an educational video regarding the improper use of Black Oak Park. I will work with Axxess Design to produce a video script that WECEC approves of.

The subcommittee is set to speak with a County planner regarding the Lauzon Parkway Environmental Assessment at the beginning of July.

The subcommittee will be in contact with Carolinian Canada and will be available to assist with the Lake Erie costal trail. This may mean bringing forward recommendations to both City and County council.

2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

I will continue to await further direction from the committee as to how to proceed with this initiative. Applying for a Trillium grant is one way the committee could further this initiative as these funds could be used to hire a consultant to construct the plan.

3. Pat on the Back Awards

The committee has received many applications for our awards program. I will organize the community event in August where the sub-committee will select the successful candidates and present them with their awards.

4. Local Purchasing Initiative

I will work with Shelby Askin-Hager from the City of Windsor purchasing department to try and further this initiative.

Rick Coronado

Frank Butler

Windsor International Airport Master Plan 2010

The subcommittee discussed the above issue referencing the hard copy of the public information session of Mon. May 30th/'11. The master plan is divided into short (2010-2015), medium (2016-2020) and long term (2021-2031) planning goals. The subcommittee found the goals of the plan overly ambitious.

The projections seem unrealistic given the emerging impact of peak oil and airplane fuel costs, the uncertain future growth of air transport of commercial goods and related impacts to the industry. However, technology's response to future needs is also an unknown.

The recommendations on existing services seem reasonable however the subcommittee would like to see the noise exposure forecast (NEF) explained in more details given the diagram of the NEF and the reference to complaints and legal action for 40 NEF. *The subcommittee would like to have that component of the plan explained in more detail if possible.*

The subcommittee also noted the lack of recognition between airport and land transportation (buses, cars, taxis, shuttles). Certainly, if the projections of the plan are actually met, land transport access will increase significantly. However, given the scale of the plans this is not a great concern at this time.

The subcommittee was pleased to see the clear demarcation of the now confirmed PSW wood lots and the 125 meter buffer around the woodlots. Given the recommendations on existing services, the subcommittee feels an additional recommendation should be considered.

Recommendation

Whereas the airport wood lots are now recognized as provincially significant wetlands (PSWs) and there is general agreement for the 120 meter buffer surrounding and joining the woodlots

And whereas, it is probable that the St Louis woodlot will also be defined as a PSW which creates a greater opportunity to build/create significant interior forest link to the Little River ecological corridor

Be it resolved, that City Council and Corporation initiate a linkage project for the three airport woodlots with the identified 120 meter buffer as shown on pg. 8.1 of the airport master plan

Be it further resolved that the Lauzon Parkway environmental assessment (EA) recognizes and assesses the St Louis woodlot for PSW status

May 18, 2011

Hon. Sandra Pupatello
MPP Windsor West
1368 Ouellette Avenue
Windsor ON N8J9

Re: Windsor Essex Parkway – Provincially Significant Wetlands

Dear Honourable Sandra Pupatello,

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the concerns of the local environmental community regarding the compensation for Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs) that will be lost due to the construction of the Windsor-Essex Parkway. Our goal is to arrange a face-to-face meeting with representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to discuss the compensation strategy for PSWs.

The Public Advisory Council (PAC) is a grass roots organization associated with the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup (DRCC). PAC members represent Non-Governmental Organizations and private citizens. The PAC provides a route through which the public can provide input on the cleanup of the Detroit River and its watershed. The PAC has identified negative effects of the Windsor-Essex Parkway concerning two key beneficial use impairments (BUI) outlined in the Remedial Action Plan for the Detroit River. They are BUI #14 the loss of fish and wildlife habitat and BUI #3 the degradation of fish and wildlife populations.

We understand the Windsor-Essex Parkway will have significant social and economic benefits to Windsor and the Province of Ontario. The Windsor-Detroit border is the most important trade corridor between the United States and Canada accounting for 40% of trade between the countries. However, the construction of the Windsor-Essex Parkway will have significant impacts on the local environment. Many concerns have been addressed through permits issued to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR). However, a major issue not addressed through these permits is the loss of 8.9 hectares of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs) in the corridor.

Wetlands are among the most productive and diverse ecosystems in the world. Provincially Significant Wetlands have been evaluated by the OMNR using the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System and are considered to be especially valuable because they contain social, hydrological, biological and/or special features. Both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada have committed to preserving wetlands in the Great Lakes region through the Great Lakes Wetlands Conservation Action Plan. Additionally, the Ontario Planning Act Provincial Policy Statement reflects PSW importance in the following directive "development and site alteration shall not be permitted in significant wetlands". The Southern Ontario Wetland Conversion Analysis released by Ducks Unlimited Canada in 2010 indicates that 72% of wetlands in Southern Ontario have been lost.

Members of the PAC have reached out to members of the Windsor-Essex Mobility Group to discuss compensation strategies for the loss of PSWs at Public Consultation Sessions. Unfortunately, the Windsor-Essex Mobility Group is unable to answer our questions concerning compensation for loss of PSWs.

Specifically our questions regarding the amount and type of compensation required have not yet been addressed. We have explained potential strategies to compensate for lost wetlands to the Windsor-Essex Mobility Group, but unfortunately get the impression that our strategies are not being seriously considered. We wish to work with the Windsor-Essex Mobility Group and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to ensure that compensation requirements for PSWs are met.

It is our hope that you will facilitate a meeting between representatives of the Detroit River Canadian PAC and the Ministry of Transportation. Additionally, representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Windsor-Essex Mobility Group could be invited to attend to act as advisors. We are willing to present compensation strategies that would facilitate the development of the Windsor-Essex Parkway in an ecologically sound manner. The question we would like answered at the proposed meeting: If in fact compensation is required for loss of provincially significant wetlands, how many hectares of compensation lands are required to fulfill this obligation?

Please confirm that you will assist the Detroit River Canadian PAC by arranging a meeting for us with a representative of the Ministry of Transportation and the other parties. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Henderson
Chair, Public Advisory Council
Detroit River Canadian Cleanup

Phil Roberts
President
Essex County Field Naturalists' Club

Derek Coronado
Citizens Environment Alliance

David Munro,
Chair, Land Use Subcommittee
Little River Enhancement Group

Pete Thomas
Local 200
Canadian Auto Workers

Rick Coronado
Windsor and District Labour Council

*CC: Bruce Crozier, MPP Essex
Hon. Dwight Duncan, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh*

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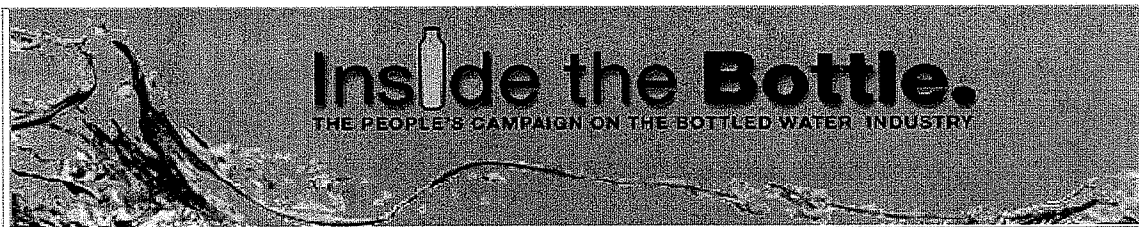
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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 7:32 AM

Subject: [Inside.the.Bottle] Manitoba to stop buying Bottled Water - Water Grabs in Africa!

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Dear Inside the Bottle member,

Cher membre de Inside the Bottle,

Manitoba becomes 2nd province to stop buying bottled water

Le Manitoba cessera de vendre de l'eau embouteillée



On June 7th, the government of Manitoba announced that its offices and departments would not be allowed to spend money on single-use bottled water where tap water is readily accessible. Over the last five years, the government had spent an estimated 700,000\$ on purchasing bottled water. With this newest initiative in the nation-wide push-back against the bottled water industry, Manitoba becomes the 2nd province to implement a similar policy, following in the footsteps of Nova Scotia.

[\[Read More\]](#)

It was also covered [HERE](#) in the Winnipeg Free Press.

Le 7 juin, le gouvernement du Manitoba a annoncé que ses départements et bureaux arrêteront de dépenser de l'argent pour acheter des bouteilles d'eau à utilisation unique lorsque l'eau du robinet est disponible. Au cours des cinq dernières années, le gouvernement a dépensé environ 700,000\$ pour acheter de l'eau embouteillée. Avec cette nouvelle initiative dans le mouvement national pour contrer l'industrie de l'eau embouteillée, le Manitoba devient la 2e province à implanter une politique similaire après la Nouvelle-Écosse.

[\[Suite\]](#)

Vous pouvez aussi lire des articles en français à ce sujet [ici](#) (Radio-Canada) et [ici](#) (Canoë/QMI).

Economic Burden of Bottled Water More Important on Poor and Minority Communities

"We've known for a long time that bottled water costs far more than safe, reliable, municipal tap water systems, with those costs falling on individuals, communities, and the environment. But there is new and growing evidence that the failure to provide safe drinking water, or the fear (or reality) of contamination in tap water that forces people to buy bottled water, imposes special financial burdens on poor and minority communities..."

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest of this Huffington Post article.

Water Grabs Accompany Huge Land Grabs

Earlier this week the California based Oakland Institute released a series of in-depth reports that uncover how large scale investments in land in Africa are resulting in food insecurity, the displacement of small farmers, conflict, environmental devastation, water loss, and the further impoverishment and political instability of

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African nations.

Polaris Institute Executive Director Tony Clarke, who is a member of the Oakland Institute's board of directors, prepared a statement for the launch of the special investigation that uncovers the massive water takings that accompany these troublesome land grabs in Africa. [Read Tony Clarke's statement.](#)

Visit the [Oakland Institute's website](#) to find out more about land grabs in Africa!

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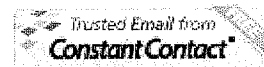
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