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January 31, 2014

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, February 6, 2014
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant

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



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Thursday, February 6th, 2014
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 January 9th, 2014 – *emailed separately.*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 Tree by-law update
- 5.2 Green Speaker Series update

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached*

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 Air – *attached.*
- 7.2 Transportation
- 7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands
- 7.4 Water Quality

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Confirm and Ratify the following motion:

That APPROVAL BE GIVEN to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$474.60 payable to EliquidMEDIA International Inc. (to be derived from the 2013 Operating Budget) for the annual hosting fee to cover the period from November 16, 2013 to November 15, 2014 for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee website (wecec.org).

- 8.2 New City hall environmental initiatives ideas
- 8.3 Greek Community Centre re-zoning application after the clear-cutting of their woodlot

9. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 *City, province investigating after woodlot destroyed despite deal.* The Windsor Star Jan. 14, 2014 – *attached.*
- 9.2 Notice of study completion – Lauzon Parkway Environmental Assessment – *attached.*
- 9.3 Response from Minister of Transport Lisa Raitt re. bike lanes on the new bridge – *attached.*
- 9.4 Waste Diversion Ontario announces 2012's top municipalities for diverting residential waste – *attached.*
- 9.5 Letters from the Office of the Prime Minister regarding the resolution from Windsor City Council regarding the Deep Geologic Repository for nuclear waste – *attached.*
- 9.6 E-mail from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance entitled "Congratulations Woodstock Hydro – Ontario's leader in electricity conservation – *attached.*

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **March 6th, 2014** at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**



– JANUARY 2014 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Smog Action Plan

The WECEC coordinator has completed a draft Smog Action Plan for the City of Windsor and has met with Parks & Facilities to discuss. Future meetings will be held with the Operations department, Human Resources and likely Local 82 CUPE for further discussion.

2. Tree by-law Discussions

Discussions have been had with members of the tree by-law subcommittee, City of Windsor administration and representatives from ERCA. A previously drafted by-law was reviewed and commented on.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2014 Budget		
Expense	Credit	Expenditure
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.32
Website hosting fee		\$427.10
Earth Day		\$40.00
Pat on the Back		\$2,500.00
Green Speaker - Hadfield		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #2		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #3		\$1,000.00
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$6,043.42
TOTAL REMAINING		\$2,256.58

Review of the Report On The State Of The Environment 2013 – WECEC
Air Quality Subcommittee (February 2014)

1. The explanation for the removal of the indicator, Illness Costs of Air Pollution (ICAP), is confusing (p.2). If local control over an indicator is a requirement for its inclusion in the report then there would be few indicators available for the report. ICAP is the only indicator that evaluates the correlation between environmental and economic performance. It is an independent indicator that is provided free of charge to Windsor – Essex.

Recommendation: retain ICAP as an indicator and expand the environmental health indicators in this section. Conduct an air quality study similar to those completed by other Ontario municipalities (See, for example Toronto-Etobicoke-Lakeshore; South Riverdale, Leslieville and Beaches; and, Air Quality Task Force for the Southwest Greater Toronto Area, Oakville-Clarkson)

2. The indicator for ground-level ozone used in the report is problematic and may not accurately reflect the overall trend for this air pollutant (p.6). Ozone annual means in Ontario have been increasing for many years. For example, the ten year trend 2002-2011 in Windsor showed a 28% increase in ground-level ozone! (Air Quality in Ontario 2011 Report, Ontario Ministry of the Environment)

Recommendation: use annual mean trends to accurately indicate the presence of ground-level ozone in Windsor

3. This section requires a specific reference to the most significant air and water quality issue of our time: climate change. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have a significant impact upon air and water quality yet are not specifically referenced until p. 34 in the report and not at all in the Air Quality section.

Recommendation: “Areas to Move Forward” (p.14) should include a specific activity regarding GHG reductions, for example, from a plan with targets and a timetable to reduce GHGs community-wide (Partners for Climate Protection). Evaluating activities based upon the amount of GHG reductions should be a measurement used to show improving environmental performance within the “Goal A” section specifically and throughout the report generally.

4. Goal D includes solid waste management as an environmental indicator (p. 32). Waste management also has an impact upon air quality. It is unclear whether this is a valid indicator for this goal as the policy now seems to be to increase the volume of materials going into the regional landfill (See EWSWA agendas, minutes and budget).

Recommendation: changes in City policy that may affect EMP implementation should be acknowledged in the ROSE.

Recommendation: consultation between author(s) of the the ROSE and WECEC should occur while the ROSE is in draft form and before its publication.

City, province investigating after woodlot destroyed despite deal



Trees cut down on Walker Road properties near E.C. Row January 14, 2014. (NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star)

Doug Schmidt

Jan 14, 2014 - 3:49 PM EST

Last Updated: Jan 15, 2014 - 7:12 AM EST

Windsor's Greek community is apologizing and the Ministry of Natural Resources has been called in to investigate after a city woodlot slated for heritage protection was bulldozed flat.

Mayor Eddie Francis said the destruction "throws into question" approval the city granted to permit a Greek community centre and church being built on what had been industrially zoned lands.

He said that development was approved by city council subject to the owners also agreeing to rezone for natural protection an approximately two-acre wooded section of the the 12-acre property northeast of Walker Road and E.C. Row Expressway.



The former industrial plant was purchased by the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor is pictured in Windsor on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. (TYLER BROWNBRIDGE / The Windsor Star)

"This was no accident; what happened was deliberate and contrary to a condition of rezoning," said Mayor Eddie Francis, adding the city learned of the destruction Monday.

That was also the first time newly elected Greek Orthodox Community president Pat Papadeas said she and her new board heard details of the woodlot clearing on land they own.

"I spoke with the mayor this morning and expressed, on my behalf and on behalf of the Greek community, how sorry we are," Papadeas told The Star Tuesday. "This is disturbing to me for many reasons."

But not everyone in the local Greek community is apologizing for the clearing of the forested land which abutted another woodlot ERCA had identified as a natural heritage site candidate.

"It was a mess there, we had to clean it up ... it was done to look nice for the city, nice for the community," said Tom Athanasopoulos, who was president of a Greek Community interim board from last March until December.

Papadeas said the work was undertaken in December, during a short period after she was elected president but before the new board had taken over.

"I'm deeply disappointed ... this should not have happened," she said. Asked why it happened, Papadeas replied: "Why? That I cannot tell you."

The woodlot destruction came at a time when some within Windsor's Greek community had hoped a period of turmoil was coming to an end. Almost all the members of the previously elected Greek Community board resigned last March after they failed to convince a majority to abandon the Walker Road property for the mayor's invitation to establish a Greektown-style community hub at the former Grace hospital site.

"We thought it was a very good idea to go downtown ... (but) they told us they had lost faith in us ... we quit," said Michael Margaritis, who was president at the time.

Both he and Papadeas said the community's religious leadership approved an interim board but gave it instructions not to make new spending decisions. Papadeas said the new board learned at its first formal meeting Monday night that the interim board had approved spending about \$25,000 on the clear-cutting.

Papadeas said Monday was also the first time she heard of the arrangement in which city council approved the overall rezoning subject to the two-acre wooded portion being designated as a "green district."



The city is now investigating.

Don Wilson, municipal manager of development applications, said that after council approved the rezoning early last year, the actual bylaw making it official first required a survey to be carried out and paid for by the property's owner. Wilson said the interim board of the Greek Community subsequently asked to have that survey delayed until the new board was in place in the new year, a request that city council dealt with in July.

City officials were planning on approaching the new Greek Community board this week to work on finalizing the bylaw when city hall was alerted to the clear-cutting, Wilson said

"It doesn't show good faith," said Wilson, adding the MNR enforcement branch has been asked to look into the matter.

Perhaps of greater concern now to the Greek community, both the mayor and city hall planning staff indicated Tuesday that bulldozing a woodlot the parties had agreed to protect could jeopardize the owner's current plans.

"This may entail a review of the whole project ... it (protecting the woodlot) was part of the proposal," said Wilson.

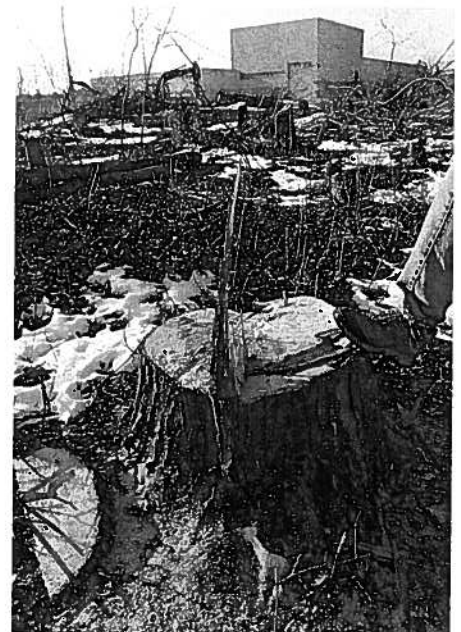
Because "they went in there and eradicated everything that was there," ERCA spokesman Tim Byrne said it's now up to the Ministry of Natural Resources, which has jurisdiction over matters of habitat protection, to decide whether to investigate and prosecute or order mitigation measures.

The Greek Community received \$14 million in compensation from the province in 2009 for their former 12-acre property home off Highway 3, needed for the Herb Gray Parkway. By 2011, they had paid \$4.3 million for the 12-acre industrially zoned property off Walker Road.

Two years later, an independent assessment in conjunction with the Grace site proposal pegged the Walker Road property's value at \$1.6 million.

"There was no reason whatsoever to clear that lot," said Margaritis. He said there was both anger and confusion expressed at Monday night's board meeting, with a lot of questions remaining.

"I'm shocked. I don't feel anything was done wrong," Athanasopoulos said. "We did this to make the place look a lot nicer."



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January 10, 2014

Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee
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Attention: Averil Parent and Sue Vadori

**RE: Lauzon Parkway Improvements Environmental Assessment
(Including Lauzon Parkway / County Road 42 / Future East-West Arterial)
Notice of Study Completion
Our File: W.O. 3211012**

Dear Sir [or Madam]:

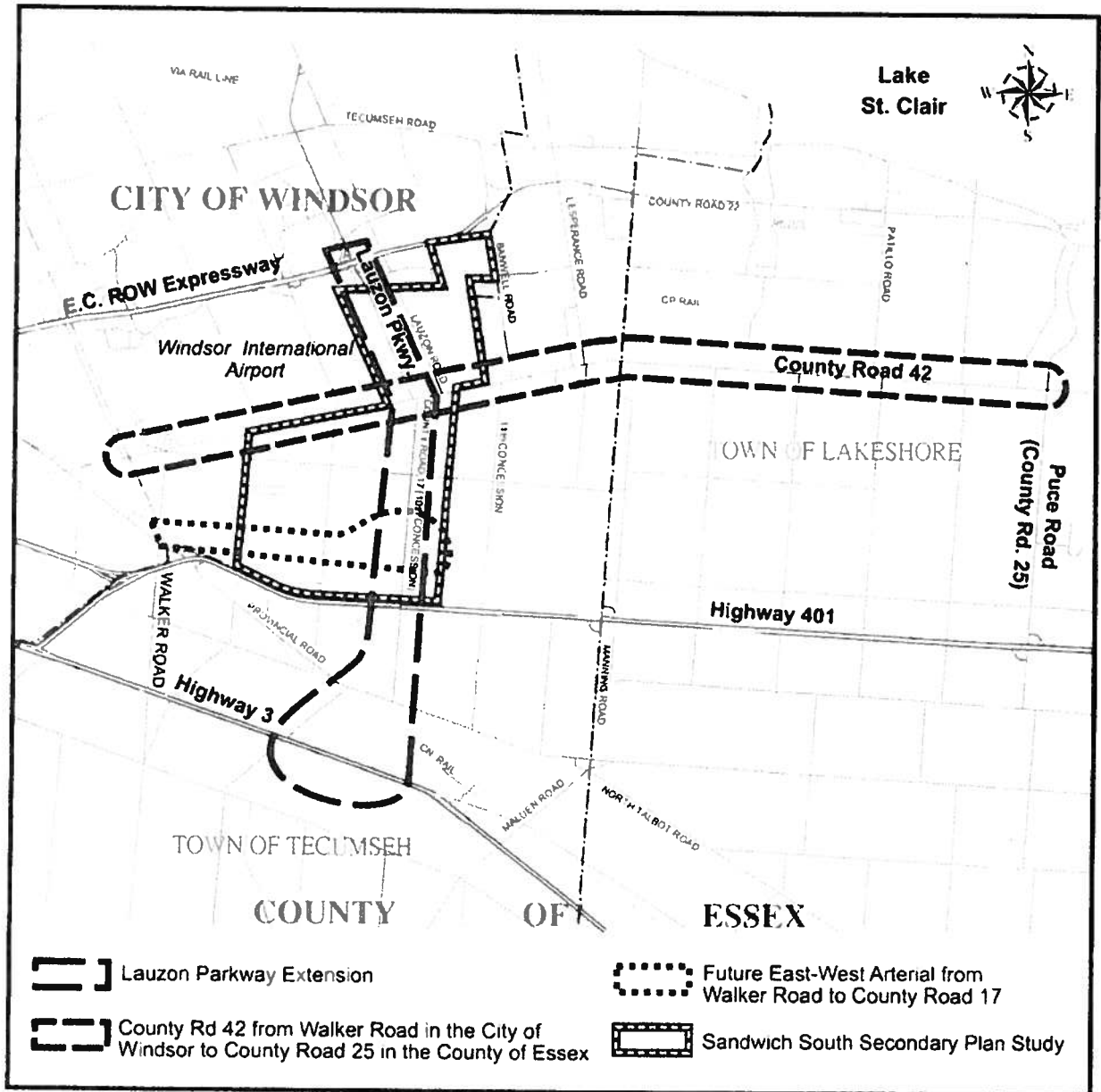
MRC, a member of MMM Group, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the City of Windsor and the County of Essex, is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to address the future requirements for Lauzon Parkway, County Road 42, and the future East-West Arterial. The study includes:

- Lauzon Parkway widening from a 2-lane rural to a 4-lane (interim) and 6-lane (ultimate) urban cross-section from E.C. Row Expressway to County Road 42;
- Lauzon Parkway's extension of a 4-lane (interim) and 6-lane (ultimate) urban cross-section to Highway 401;
- A new Lauzon Parkway Interchange with Highway 401;
- Lauzon Parkway's further extension to Highway 3 with a 4-lane rural cross-section;
- County Road 42 widening from a 2-lane rural to a 4-lane urban cross-section from Walker Road to County Road 25 (E. Puce Road);
- A new East-West Arterial roadway with a 2-lane urban cross-section with protection for an ultimate 4-lane cross-section;
- New proposed intersections and enhancement of existing intersections; and
- Active transportation facilities incorporated within the transportation corridors – sidewalk, multi-use path, bike lane, and paved shoulder.

A parallel study is being carried out for the preparation and approval of a Secondary Plan for the remainder of the lands transferred to the City of Windsor in 2003. The area of the draft Sandwich

South Secondary Plan is bounded, in general terms, by: Provincial Highway 401 to the south; the Windsor International Airport, CP Rail mainline, and E.C. Row Expressway to the north; 8th Concession Road to the west; and the Town of Tecumseh to the east.

The study area is shown on the key map.



The study has followed the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* through the application of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000 as amended in May 2007). As well, the basic requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (July 2000) were met. The preparation and approval of the Secondary Plan has followed the requirements of the *Ontario Planning Act*.

As part of the EA Study, two Public Information Centres (PIC's) were held on July 14, 2011 and October 22, 2012. Based on input received at these PIC's as well as input from technical agencies and other key stakeholders, the Project Team has prepared the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for this study.

By this notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for review in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000 as amended in May 2007) process. Subject to comments received as a result of this notice and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the project may proceed to the next phase of design.

The ESR will be available for a 45-day public and agency review period from January 20, 2014 to March 6, 2014 at the following locations:

Windsor City Hall City Clerk's Office 350 City Hall Square West Windsor, Ontario, N9A 6S1 Tel. 519-255-6222	County of Essex 360 Fairview Avenue West Essex, Ontario, N8M 1Y6 Tel: 519-776-6441	Ministry of Transportation 949 McDougall Avenue, Suite 200 Windsor, ON, N9A 1L9 Tel: 519-973-7367
Town of Tecumseh 917 Lesperance Road Tecumseh, Ontario, N8N 1W9 Tel. 519-735-2184	Town of Lakeshore 419 Notre Dame Street Belle River, Ontario, N0R 1A0 Tel: 519-728-2700	Ministry of the Environment Windsor Area Office 4510 Rhodes Drive, Unit 620 Windsor, Ontario, N8W 5K5 Tel: 519-948-1464

The ESR will also be available for viewing from **January 20, 2014** on the project website: www.lauzonparkwayea.ca.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **March 6, 2014**. If, after consulting with the staff of the MTO, the City of Windsor, the County of Essex, and their consultant, there are outstanding significant environmental issues, you have the right to make a written request that the Minister of the Environment (11th Floor Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5) issue a Part II Order ('bump-up') for this project. This may lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment or the imposition of conditions if the request is denied. A copy of a Part II Order request should be forwarded to the City of Windsor, the County of Essex, MTO, and MRC at the addresses listed below. If there are no outstanding concerns by **March 6, 2014**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.



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Yours very truly,
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Minister of Transport



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Mr. Alan Halberstadt
Co-chair
Mr. Charlie Wright
Co-chair
Windsor Essex County
Environment Committee
4155 Ojibway Parkway
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Dear Messrs. Halberstadt and Wright:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 9, 2013, regarding the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC). Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

The DRIC project is of great importance to the Government of Canada. I am familiar with the project from my previous roles, and I am aware of the issues associated with it. I appreciate your interest in and engagement on this matter, and I would like to address the concerns raised in your letter.

As my predecessor noted, Transport Canada has made provisions in the conceptual bridge design for a sidewalk. However, at this time, there has been no final determination regarding whether or not bicycles and pedestrians will be allowed on the new DRIC bridge. That decision will be informed by discussions with border inspection agencies in both countries.

As stated in my previous correspondence, comprehensive and coordinated environmental assessments for the DRIC were completed in 2009 by both Canada and the United States. Transport Canada is nearing completion of an Environmental Management Plan for the Canadian plaza and bridge portions of the DRIC project, and the Department will share these documents with stakeholders, including the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.

Again, thank you for writing and informing me of your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LRaitt".

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

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Waste Diversion Ontario Announces 2012's Top 20 Municipalities for Diverting Residential Waste

TORONTO, Jan. 22, 2014 /CNW/ - Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) today announced the 20 municipalities in Ontario with the highest residential waste diversion rates in 2012, ranging from 52.00 to 67.72 per cent (chart on page 2).

The residential waste diversion rate is the percentage of Blue Box and other residential garbage reported to WDO that is kept out of landfill. Reports with amounts of these materials were submitted in 2012 under WDO's annual Municipal Datacall by 230 municipalities or municipal groups, recycling associations and First Nations, representing over 400 municipalities.

In 2012, the overall residential diversion rate for Ontario increased to 47.2 per cent from 46.5 per cent in 2011. Over the past five-year period, the total residential diversion rate has grown by nearly eight per cent, which equals an average annual increase of 1.6 per cent since 2007.

"While there is much more work to do, I congratulate all municipalities for helping Ontario move in the right direction at keeping residential waste out of landfill," said Michael Scott, CEO, Waste Diversion Ontario.

Taking top spot in the province in 2012 was the City of Guelph with a residential diversion rate of 67.72 per cent. Guelph also came in first overall in 2012 for diverting the highest percentage of residential organic waste at 31.63 per cent of all residential waste in their program. In 2011, Guelph's residential waste diversion rate was 48.84 per cent. The 19 per cent increase over 2011 can be largely attributed to 2012 being the first full year of reporting on Guelph's reactivated organics program.

"Guelph is a shining example of how significant progress in one waste area can have a huge impact on overall residential waste diversion success," said Scott.

Meaford, Ontario's residential waste diversion leader in 2011, made the list again in 2012 at 59.73 per cent (fourth overall).

More details for the top 20 and results for the remaining 210 municipalities/municipal groupings, recycling associations and First Nations that reported to WDO in 2012 are available in the 2012 Ontario Residential Diversion Rates by Municipality spreadsheet available on the WDO website at <http://wdo.ca/partners/municipalities/municipal-datacall/> (under "Documents"/Residential GAP Diversion Rates).

Highlights from the 2012 Ontario Residential Diversion Rates report (http://www.wdo.ca/files/8413/9040/6230/Datacall_Diversion_Rates_2012.pdf) also released today and the 2012 Organics Trends (Residential) report (http://wdo.ca/files/6213/8997/4569/2012_Organics_Residential.pdf) released on January 10 include:

- Out of the 4.8 million tonnes of residential waste generated in Ontario in 2012, 2.3 million tonnes were diverted from landfill, which equals the weight of 30,732 empty Space Shuttles.
- The average residential waste generation in Ontario in 2012 was 366 kg/capita, which represents a decrease compared to 2007 of 17 kg/capita (4 per cent), or the weight of about one Stanley Cup.
- The wastes that contributed most to the province's overall residential diversion efforts in 2012 were Blue Box (39 per cent) and organics (37 per cent).
- In 2012, a total of 927,351 tonnes of residential organic waste was reported collected in Ontario, which equals the weight of over 100 million pumpkins. This represents a 5.3 per cent increase over the 2011 collection quantity of 880,126 tonnes.
- Based on current curbside collection rates, if all 5,192,900 households in Ontario had access to curbside collection of organic waste, another 580,000 tonnes of organic material could be diverted from landfill, representing an increase of 12 percentage points in the province's overall residential diversion rate.

Each year, WDO requires municipalities to complete the Municipal Datacall to be eligible for funding for the Blue Box Program. In addition, WDO requests the submission of tonnage data for all other waste materials the municipality oversees, including hazardous or special waste, electrical and electronic equipment, organics, garbage, and other materials.

Top 20 Municipalities for Diverting Residential Waste

Municipality	Residential Diversion Rate
1. Guelph	67.72

2. Owen Sound	63.09
3. Mono	60.62
4. Meaford	59.73
5. East Luther Grand Valley (township)	58.73
6. Oxford County	58.10
7. Simcoe County	57.65
8. York Region	57.25
9. Orangeville	55.99
10. Grey Highlands	55.90
11. Perth	55.56
12. West Grey	55.54
13. Red Lake	54.05
14. Kingston	53.79
15. Durham Region	53.63
16. Waterloo Region	52.52
17. Halton Region	52.37
18. Deep River	52.29
19. Madawaska Valley (township)	52.02
20. Orillia	52.00

Waste Diversion Ontario (www.wdo.ca) is the not-for-profit organization funded by industry that oversees Ontario's current recycling programs for electrical and electronic equipment ("e-waste"), used tires, Blue Box material, and hazardous or special waste.

SOURCE Waste Diversion Ontario

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January 14, 2014

COUNCIL AGENDA
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Mr. Steve Vlachodimos
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Dear Mr. Vlachodimos:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister, with which you enclosed a resolution on the Windsor City Council regarding the proposed Deep Geologic Repository for nuclear waste.

You may be assured that the views expressed in the resolution have been carefully considered. As the issue raised will be of interest to the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment, and the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of your correspondence to them. I am certain that the Ministers will also appreciate receiving this information.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer

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JAN 20 2014

Mr. Steve Vlachodimos
Senior Manager and Deputy City Clerk
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Dear Mr. Vlachodimos:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, a copy of your letter of November 20, 2013, regarding Ontario Power Generation's nuclear waste proposal. I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter on behalf of Minister Oliver.

As the matter you raise falls within the purview of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Dr. Michael Binder, President of the CNSC, so that your concerns may be further addressed.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Conrad Chénier
Correspondence Manager

c.c.: Dr. Michael Binder
President
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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From: Ontario Clean Air Alliance <contact@cleanairalliance.org>
Date: 09/01/2014 03:28 PM
Subject: Congratulations Woodstock Hydro – Ontario's leader in electricity conservation

Woodstock Hydro is demonstrating the real potential for energy conservation in Ontario. **It has achieved more than one-and-a-half times its targeted energy savings** making it the leader among Ontario electric utilities in the quest to tap our full efficiency potential. Woodstock Hydro gained top place by exceeding the 2011-2014 conservation targets set by Government of Ontario and the Ontario Energy Board by 152% in just two years.

Other top performers were Chapleau Public Utilities (109%), Festival Hydro (108%), Guelph Hydro (106%), Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution (103%) and Cambridge North Dumfries Hydro (also 103%).

In contrast, Hydro One had achieved only 45% of its target by the end of 2012. Toronto Hydro had achieved 78% of its target.

On average, Ontario's 76 electric utilities achieved 65% of their total 2011 to 2014 electricity saving targets as of December 2012. [Click here to see how your electric utility performed.](#)

Energy conservation is the lowest cost and fastest way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the need for expensive new electricity generation and transmission capacity. With the province's new "Conservation First" mandate, we expect to see the kind of results recorded in Woodstock become the norm across Ontario.

To find out more about Ontario's progress on energy efficiency [read the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's *Annual Energy Conservation Progress Report – 2012 \(Volume Two\)*](#).