



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on November 13th, 2014
Meeting at 5:30p.m at the Ojibway Nature Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held October 2nd, 2014 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION**

Highlights of WECEC 2010 – 2014 – *attached.*

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Green Speaker Series update

6.2 Response from Parsons re. public consultation on the bridge – *attached.*

6.3 Invoice from Eliquid for website hosting – *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**

None.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1 Save the Date flyer – 2014 Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority meetings – *attached.*

10.2 The Windsor Star: *Council rejects Windsor committees mega hospital motion* October 7th – *attached.*

10.3 Environment Commissioner's 2014 Fall Report released, News Release – *attached.*

10.4 Mandate letters to Provincial Cabinet Ministers Made public, News Release – *attached.*

10.5 The Great Lakes Commons Initiative – *attached.*

10.6 Highway 3 Public Information Centre Notice – *attached.*

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **to be determined.**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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From: Butler, Mark [mark.butler@tc.gc.ca]
Sent: October 16, 2014 5:05 PM
To: Parent, Averil
Subject: FW: Parsons.com Media Contact Us - Media Request

Your email to Parsons was referred to me for response.

The public engagement that Parsons is conducting relates to ITS - Intelligent Transportation Systems and tolling systems for the new Detroit River International Crossing. As such, they will not be considering public comments as regards to allowing bicycles on the new bridge.

The environmental assessment for the new bridge included provision for allowing bikes, however the final determination will be made after consultation with border services on both sides of the border as well as the bridge concessionaire (which will be selected some time in 2015).

Future public engagement regarding the development of the bridge will be advertised locally, likely in 2015.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Mark Butler
Transport Canada

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Subject: Media Request

Message Submitted: Morning,

I coordinate the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee. The Committee has been in contact with Minister Raitt, Minister of Transport, about bike lanes on the new bridge from Windsor to Detroit. I see that you are commencing public comment periods with respect to bridge issues, I was just wondering if/when you will be requesting public comment about the potential for bike lanes on the new bridge.

Thanks for your time,

Averil

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<i>Hosting Fee:</i> Hosting fee prepaid annually to cover the period of Nov.16/2014 - Nov.15/2015. (A courtesy adjustment of \$5.00 per month has been applied to this invoice.)	12	\$ 30.00	\$ 360.00
		Subtotal:	\$ 360.00
		HST13:	\$ 46.80
		INVOICE TOTAL:	\$ 406.80
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		BALANCE DUE:	\$ 406.80

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ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Green Speaker Series

Micro plastics in the Great Lakes

Paul Helm (Ministry of the Environment) spoke about the emerging issue of microplastics in the Great Lakes on November 12th at the Ojibway Nature Centre. A verbal update about the event will be provided at the November WECEC meeting.

Low Impact Development

ERCA and the City of Windsor are continuing to coordinate bringing in members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and/or the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to discuss Low Impact Development with municipal staff. In addition, the speakers will be asked to present to the public as a Green Speaker Series event in the evening.

2. Reports to Council

Report No. 83 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That the WECEC Coordinator **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter on behalf of WECEC to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) with a copy to the Citizens for an Accountable Megahospital Planning Process (CAMPP) reflecting the following principles for the new megahospital:

- Focus should be on access for the greatest number of users, not geographic centre;
- Challenge the 50-60 acre assumption;
- Greenfield only if no suitable redevelopment (brownfield) options exist;
- Must understand the locations effect on neighbourhoods and sprawl/blight;
- Ensure urban planning experts are heard and their concerns addressed.

This report was received for information at the August Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. This report was noted and filed by City Council. This report was approved by County Council.

Report No. 85 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That the *Revised Terms of Reference* dated July 2014 for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee relating to the amendment to the "Composition and Selection of Members" **BE APPROVED**.

This report was received for information at the August Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and at the October 6th Council meeting.

Report No. 86 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

Whereas in February of 2014 the International Joint Commission released the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority (LEEP) report providing policy advice on solving the algae bloom issue in Lake Erie;

Whereas the LEEP report concludes that the Maumee and Detroit River are the largest contributors to the phosphorus loading in Lake Erie, and that 66% of the bloom is from agriculture/rural nonpoint sources, mostly from Ohio. In addition, at least half of the annual load occurs in the spring (March 1 – June 30) but 90% of the annual load is deposited in select rain events; and

Whereas the recommendations of the LEEP report include, but are not limited to:

- Setting Loading Targets:
 - Proposed 37% reduction in total phosphorus (TP) and 41% reduction in dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) for the Maumee River and Lake Erie west basin tributaries
 - Proposed 46% reduction in TP and 78% reduction in DRP from the Lake Erie west basin and central basin tributaries
- Developing Agriculture & Non-point Solutions – provide incentive and regulatory interventions focused on:
 - the critical March-June period
 - priority watersheds
 - mandatory certification standards for fertilizer applicators
 - linking insurance with conservation performance
 - ban fertilizer applications on frozen ground
 - mandatory septic inspections
- Urban Areas
 - improve adoption of green infrastructure
 - prohibit sales and use of phosphorous fertilizers for lawn care (with some exceptions)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City and County Council **RECEIVE** the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority report and its recommendations and strive to implement them where possible;

And further **BE IT RESOLVED** that City and County Council send letters to the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture inquiring as to how the proposed recommendations will be implemented in Ontario.

This report was received for information at the August Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and at the October 6th Council meeting. This report was also received at County Council.

Report No. 87 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

Whereas rain gardens are designed to absorb runoff from impervious urban areas diverting it from storm drains or combined sewers therefore recharging groundwater, diverting stormwater from municipal infrastructure and reducing polluted runoff into the local water bodies; and

Whereas rain gardens constructed with native plants improve biodiversity and provide food for pollinators; and

Whereas the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) has already begun working with member municipalities to create rain gardens at various locations including Harrow, Leamington, and Windsor; and

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Whereas ERCA staff will provide expertise to design and build a rain garden and help monitor its effectiveness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that every Windsor and Essex County member municipality strive to complete a demonstration rain garden by the end of 2015 in partnership with the Essex Region Conservation Authority.

This report was received for information at the August Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and at the October 6th Council meeting. This report was also received at County Council.

Report No. 88 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That City Council **BE REQUESTED** to endorse segregated bike lanes on Cabana Road as identified in the report of the Transportation Planning Engineer dated June 25, 2014 entitled "Cabana Road Active Transportation Facilities for the Windsor Loop and CQ28-2013 Feasibility of Constructing a Pilot Segregated Cycle Lane".

This report was received for information at the August Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and at the October 6th Council meeting.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2014 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2013 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Website domain renewal		\$28.67	Paid
Website hosting fee		\$427.10	Committed
Earth Day		\$35.00	Paid
Provincial EAC Symposium		\$368.33	Paid
June meeting at Ojibway		\$108.00	Paid
Pat on the Back		\$2,298.74	Paid
Green Speaker - Sue Chan		\$890.21	Paid
Green Speaker - Paul Helm		\$500.00	Committed
Green Speaker - LID		\$1,000.00	
Airport meetings		\$152.64	Committed
Promotional Materials		\$2,000.00	
November meeting at Ojibway		108.00	Committed
Totals	\$8,000.00	\$7,302.61	
TOTAL REMAINING		\$83.31	

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Save the Date

Harmful Algal Blooms Public Forums

Come and share your opinions and questions about harmful Great Lakes algal blooms and what should be done to address the problem

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

Leamington Municipal Government Complex, Leamington, ON

AND

Thursday, November 13th, 2014

Maumee Bay State Park Conference Center, near Toledo, OH



Please join us!

Expert Panel Discussion:

3:00 to 5:00 pm each day

Public Comment:

7:00 to 9:00 pm each evening

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For more information contact Public Affairs Officer, Hugh McDiarmid, mcdiarmidh@windsor.ijc.org

Council rejects Windsor committee's mega hospital motion



The now closed GM Transmission Plant site on Kildare Road has been suggested as a use for the new megahospital. (Tyler Brownbridge / The Windsor Star)



Dave Waddell

Oct 06, 2014 - 8:16 PM EDT

Last Updated: Oct 06, 2014 - 10:14 PM EDT

A motion asking Windsor city council to endorse sending a letter from the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee to the Erie-St. Clair Local Health Integration Network urging the proposed mega hospital be kept in the city of Windsor was defeated Monday.

Though council share the goal of keeping the hospital inside the city, the majority felt the letter's concerns were largely included in the criteria of the site selection committee. It was also felt with the selection committee having settled on 20 proposed sites, this part of the process is closed.

The only councilors voting in favour of the motion were Fulvio Valentinis and Alan Halberstadt.

"I'm disappointed. I think they could've taken a stronger stand," said Philippa von Ziegenweidt, chair of the Citizens for Accountable Megahospital Planning Process.

"They essentially say they agree with us, but they won't go to bat for us."

The letter encourages the site selection committee keep the new hospital in the city and to consider locating on brown sites first. The GM transmission plant was one commonly suggested site.

Von Ziegenweidt said locating the hospital in the county or Windsor's suburban edges risks further population erosion of the city's core and inflicting severe economic hardship on the area.

"To put it on a greenfield site on the city's southeast extreme is not sensible," von Ziegenweidt said.

A series of groups also criticized the city's own proposal of submitting the airport lands as a potential site.

However, Mayor Eddie Francis said the city submitted the site as it was the only piece of city-owned land that met the province's criteria. He also added without knowledge of what private landowners might submit, the city didn't want to be caught without at least one location within Windsor.

"We made it clear in the event other prospective sites in Windsor were submitted, they should be considered over the airport," Francis said.

Marra represented the majority opinion in explaining his opposition to the motion that it would only raise false expectations that it would be included in the process at this time.

"Access to transit, to the community and the population will all be weighted in the process," Marra said.

"A lot of the issues raised are already entrenched in the process. I don't think writing a letter now, we can change things.

"This part of the process is complete. We should focus on the redevelopment of the other (Met and Hotel Dieu-Grace) sites."

Kadour, Karen

Subject: FW: Managing New Challenges: 2013-14 Annual Report

From: Environmental Commissioner of Ontario [<mailto:no-reply@gmail.com@mail79.atl51.rsgsv.net>] **On Behalf Of**
Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

Sent: October 8, 2014 11:57 AM

To: Parent, Averil

Subject: Managing New Challenges: 2013-14 Annual Report

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On October 7th, the ECO released his 2013/14 Annual Report: Managing New Challenges.

Topics covered include:

- Bees and Neonicotinoids
- Sustainable Farming
- Logging in Algonquin Park
- Ministry of the Environment's Enforcement of Pollution Rules
- Paying the Full Costs of Drinking Water
- Chemical Valley Pollution (MOE failing the Aamjiwnaang First Nation – Sarnia area)

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For the first time the mandate letters from Ontario's Premier to Ministers are publicly available.

They can all be accessed here: <http://www.ontario.ca/government/mandate-letters>

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change:

Here are the highlights. I also wanted to let you know that I have sent an invite to Minister

Murray inviting him to a Clean Air Council meeting. I am hoping he will be able to join us at the October 24th Clean Air Council meeting but will update folks when I have some more news.

Moving Forward on Climate Change

* Building on, and supporting, the most current science, lead the development of a new long term climate change strategy for Ontario. This strategy will be forward looking to 2050 and will contain an action plan to help our government achieve its greenhouse gas reduction targets for 2020. Implementing the strategy and achieving our targets will require an all-of-government approach and, as Minister of the Environment and Climate

Change, you will work with and be supported by colleagues, including the ministers of

Finance, Energy, Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Research and Innovation, and Natural Resources and Forestry to complete the strategy

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* Developing initiatives to engage the broader public and stakeholders in a discussion about climate change and its risks.

* Supporting the Secretary of the Cabinet and the President of the Treasury Board to ensure climate change is taken into account in the government decision-making process. This will include greenhouse gas (GHG) impact analyses for significant policies, legislation and regulations and adaptation considerations for public infrastructure investments.

* Supporting the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Minister of Energy, and working with other provinces and territories, on the development of a Canadian Energy Strategy that includes co-ordinated efforts to reduce GHG emissions.

* Developing new alternative fuel rules in 2014 to help big, energy-intensive industries reduce their GHG emissions.

Protecting the Great Lakes

* Re-introducing a strengthened Great Lakes Protection Act, which recognizes the

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importance of the Great Lakes to Ontario's environment, economy and the health of our citizens.

* Further protecting the Great Lakes, including making Great Lakes shorelines and beaches cleaner and safer, through steps outlined below.

* Negotiating the renewal of, and implementing, the Canada-Ontario Agreement respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. This will include developing a nutrient target by 2016 to address algal blooms in the Great Lakes and bringing forward recommendations to meet that target.

* Continuing to engage local communities in clean-up and restoration efforts, including through the Great Lakes Guardian Fund.

* Working with Great Lakes states to ensure the sustainability of the Great Lakes. This will include fully implementing the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement by regulating intra-basin transfers.

Increasing Waste Diversion

* Developing and implementing improved approaches to waste diversion. Your ministry will do so by building on the release of the Waste Reduction Strategy and working with

industry, municipalities and other stakeholders toward the objective of re-introducing

waste reduction legislation. The goal for your ministry is to ensure the ongoing sustainability and appropriate governance of waste diversion programs. This is critical

to protecting the environment, recovering economic value in the waste stream and reaping GHG reduction benefits by using resources more efficiently.

Improving Drinking Water for First Nations

* Improving drinking water on reserves, with a focus on remote communities: the number

of First Nation reserves without access to safe drinking water is unacceptable. You will

work with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, me - in my capacity as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs - and the federal government, who are primarily responsible for the provision of safe drinking water on reserves, to make substantive

progress in this area. We will develop measurable, achievable targets to monitor progress.

Improving Pollinator Health

* Supporting the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in efforts to strengthen pollinator health.

Safeguarding People from Toxics

* Working with business, industry and partner ministers to provide Ontarians with better information about chemicals linked with cancer.

* Working with industry, ensure that products on Ontario store shelves such as children's products are as safe as those in the US and the European Union.

Supporting the Development of the Ring of Fire

* Continuing to work on decisions relating to environmental assessments associated with

projects in the Ring of Fire region. You will do so by working with the ministers of Northern Development and Mines, Aboriginal Affairs, and Natural Resources and Forestry. This will include ensuring that the regional and cumulative impacts of proposed development are considered.

Enhancing Polluter Responsibility

* Reviewing the legislative framework to ensure there is a comprehensive approach to

holding polluters responsible for decisions that affect the environment. Your

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ministry
will put greater emphasis on prevention and on the "polluter pays" principle,
focusing
initially on contaminated sites.

Ministry of Energy

Implementing the Long-Term Energy Plan

* Continuing to implement the 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) which lays out our government's long-term vision for Ontario's energy system. Some of the key components of the LTEP are outlined below.

Pursuing Energy Conservation

* Ensuring that energy conservation continues to be one of our key goals as we implement the LTEP. This means helping ease the burden of rising energy costs on Ontario's ratepayers by pursuing conservation – wherever cost-effective – to meet energy needs when and where we need it.

* Implementing a Conservation First approach to energy planning, approval and procurement processes. You will do so by continuing to work with your ministry's agencies and with other ministers, including the President of the Treasury Board, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, and the Minister of

Municipal Affairs and Housing.

* Ensuring that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) prioritize the implementation of Ontario's Conservation First approach

to invest in conservation first, before new generation, where cost-effective.

* Working with the Ontario Energy Board to incorporate the Conservation First policy into local distributor planning processes for electricity and natural gas utilities – and the natural gas demand-side management framework under development.

Mitigating Electricity Prices for Residential Customers

* Continuing to help Ontarians by addressing the challenges they face from increasing electricity costs. You will continue to look for savings and efficiencies that will help keep electricity costs affordable for residential consumers.

* Developing and implementing a new residential electricity assistance program to help make electricity more affordable, particularly for low-income families, who spend a proportionately higher percentage of their income on energy and electricity.

* Working with the Ministry of Finance to deliver on our commitment to remove the Debt

Retirement Charge from residential electricity bills after December 31, 2015.

Residential ratepayers will benefit significantly from this change, and it is important

that you ensure its effective implementation.

Mitigating Electricity Prices for Businesses

* Continuing to implement initiatives that support Ontario's businesses by helping them

address rising energy costs. I ask that you lead our efforts to meet our commitment in the LTEP to ensure that – where possible and appropriate – industrial electricity rate

mitigation programs help support a dynamic and innovative climate for business to thrive, grow and create jobs.

* Helping to reduce energy costs for small business owners by implementing a five-point

business energy savings plan, including on-bill financing and the expansion of saveONenergy for Business programs.

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- * Working with the Ontario Power Authority to implement a new stream of the Industrial Electricity Incentive program. This will provide electricity cost relief to companies that are able to establish or expand operations in Ontario.
- * Proceeding with expansion of the Industrial Conservation Initiative. This will allow more businesses to benefit from lower electricity rates by shifting energy use away from peak periods – which, in turn, will benefit all electricity consumers by decreasing the need for costly peak generation.
- Championing Renewable Energy
- * Continuing to lead our government's commitment to renewable energy, with the aim of having 20,000 megawatts of renewable energy online by 2025. You will continue to monitor progress toward targets for wind, solar, bioenergy and hydroelectricity as part of Ontario energy reporting.
- * Continuing to work with the ministry's agencies to implement a new competitive procurement process for renewable energy projects larger than 500 kilowatts that will take into account local needs and considerations.
- * Continuing to respect the contracts that have been signed with energy producers, while always ensuring that these contracts enable the delivery of sustainable, affordable energy to Ontario's ratepayers.
- * Working with the ministry's agencies and with municipal partners to ensure that municipalities participate meaningfully and effectively in the decision-making process for the placement of renewable energy projects, including wind and natural gas.
- * Ensuring that timelines for meeting the LTEP's energy storage procurement targets are met and that they address the regulatory barriers that limit the ability of energy storage technologies to compete in Ontario's electricity market. As well, you will explore opportunities to build on the pilot projects through additional procurement.
- Refurbishing Nuclear Power Plants
- * Working with Ontario Power Generation and Bruce Power to ensure that the crucial refurbishment of 10 nuclear units at the Darlington and Bruce generating stations over the next 16 years is completed efficiently and effectively.
- Implementing and Doing Research and Development for a Smart Grid
- * Working with the Minister of Research and Innovation and with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure to continue with implementation of smart meters, smart grid technologies and advancements in customer service and choice.
- Driving Efficiencies and Maximizing Return on Investment from Electricity Sector Agencies
- * Working with the Minister of Finance and the President of the Treasury Board to consider recommendations from the Advisory Council on Government Assets on how to maximize the potential of Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation. Your goal is to ensure that Ontarians receive the value they deserve from these government enterprises.
- * Working with the OPA and the IESO to implement legislation merging the two agencies into a single entity. Your goal is a smooth transition that achieves savings and efficiencies for energy ratepayers.

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* Continuing to work with local distribution companies to ensure that they operate as efficiently as possible and produce savings that will benefit Ontario's ratepayers. They will do so through options such as voluntary consolidations and innovative partnerships.

Supporting Community-Level Energy Planning

* Encouraging municipalities and Aboriginal communities to develop their own community-level energy plans – and identify conservation opportunities and infrastructure priorities – as part of our commitment in the LTEP. You will support these efforts through the Municipal Energy Plan Program and the Aboriginal Community

Energy Plans Program.

Consulting with Aboriginal Communities

* Working with other ministries and agencies to ensure that First Nation and Métis communities are consulted on any energy activity that could adversely affect their Aboriginal or treaty rights. Our government has recognized that Aboriginal participation in the energy sector is one of the keys to the economic development of First Nation and Métis communities.

* Continuing to support and encourage participation by First Nation and Métis communities in new generation and transmission projects – and in conservation initiatives. You will do so through programs such as the Aboriginal Energy Partnerships Program.

* Connecting remote communities is a priority for Ontario. Success in connecting remote communities will depend on contributions from all of the parties that will benefit from it, which includes the federal government. The province looks forward to a fair cost-sharing agreement with its federal counterparts to make sure this project becomes a reality for First Nation communities.

* You will also work with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, the federal government, and other agencies and ministries as needed to ensure communities are positioned to benefit from grid connection or a reduction in their dependence on diesel. This will support stronger, healthier northern remote communities by reducing barriers to growth, increasing economic development opportunities, ensuring access to clean energy, and improving social and living conditions for residents. For those communities

where connection to the provincial grid is not viable, you will promote local options,

such as renewable energy generation, to help reduce reliance on diesel fuel.

Exporting Ontario's Energy Expertise

* Working with the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade and with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure to develop and support ways to promote Ontario's energy expertise abroad. This will include nuclear

refurbishments, the elimination of dirty coal generation, smart grid implementation and

technical expertise in transmission and distribution.

Helping Develop a Canadian Energy Strategy

* Collaborating, including across borders, on the development of a strategy to ensure a

clean, reliable and sustainable energy supply. You will work with other ministers, including the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, of Intergovernmental Affairs, and of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure on the development of a Canadian Energy Strategy with other provinces and territories. The

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strategy should balance national interests with the unique profiles, priorities and needs

of individual provinces and territories.

* Ensuring that the strategy includes co-ordinated efforts to improve energy efficiency

and conservation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, foster innovation in the energy sector and facilitate the safe transportation and transmission of energy. You will work

with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to encourage federal partnership in addressing the climate change challenge – which is both local and global in scale.

* Ensuring that the strategy facilitates electricity imports and exports between Ontario

and its neighbouring provinces by identifying barriers, solutions and opportunities for the development of interconnected transmission infrastructure.

Helping Ontarians Share in Affordable Supplies of Natural Gas

* Supporting programs led by the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and

Infrastructure to help ensure that Ontario residents and industries are able to share in

affordable supplies of natural gas. These programs, outlined below, will give consumers

in underserved communities more energy choices, make commercial transportation more affordable, attract new industry to Ontario and benefit our agricultural producers.

* Helping the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure establish and implement a new Natural Gas Access Loan. Our government will provide up to \$200 million over two years through this program to help communities partner with utilities to extend access to natural gas supplies.

* Helping the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure establish and implement a \$30 million Natural Gas Economic Development Grant to accelerate projects with clear economic development potential.

Protecting Ontario's Interests in Pipeline Development

* Continuing to intervene in regulatory hearings about major pipeline proposals that

directly affect Ontario. You will ensure that these interventions are consistent with

Ontario's six pipeline principles, as outlined in the LTEP.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Moving Forward on Social and Affordable Housing

* Working to implement the renewed five-year agreement with the federal government

on the Investment in Affordable Housing program. As part of this investment, you will

improve the availability of suitable, affordable housing for seniors and collaborate with

the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to expand supportive housing opportunities for people with mental health and addictions issues.

* Continuing to work collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, other

provinces, territories and municipal partners to call on our federal partners to commit

to long-term funding for social and affordable housing.

* Undertaking a review of the Long-term Affordable Housing Strategy by 2015-16 to

support Realizing Our Potential, Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy. You will conduct

this review, in collaboration with the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction

Strategy, the Minister of Community and Social Services, MOHLTC and other relevant

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ministers. This work will include examining the methods available to measure housing needs and related metrics, and ensuring that the strategy reflects current research and best practices and our goal to end homelessness.

Improving Land Use Planning

* Undertaking initiatives, as the lead minister for Ontario's one-window land use planning system, that will balance the need to support economic growth, protect the environment and improve the province's social well-being.

* Supporting the development of sustainable, transit-friendly complete communities by amending the Planning Act and the Development Charges Act to improve land use planning and encourage smarter growth, with these amendments ensuring respect for local official plans and decision-making, generating more growth-related revenue for transit, requiring that citizen input is considered in the land use planning process and having the effect of reducing the number of applications to the Ontario Municipal Board.

* Leading a review of the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Working with the Attorney General and key stakeholders, you will recommend possible reforms that would improve the OMB's role within the broader land use planning system.

Reviewing Provincial Growth and Greenbelt Plans

* Leading the co-ordinated review of the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plans, working closely with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Transportation and relevant stakeholders. Your goals are to improve alignment across provincial plans and transit investments, and to support planning and development decisions that will

create more complete communities across the province, providing options for healthier living and shorter commute times for Ontarians.

* Working to protect prime agricultural lands. You will do so as part of the co-ordinated reviews of provincial land use plans, working with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and in consultation with farmers, municipalities, stakeholders and the public.

* Finalizing the indicators for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and for the Greenbelt Plans to assess the results of the plans' implementation and develop reports to monitor progress toward more complete communities and the achievement of the plans' goals.

* Partnering with municipalities to grow the Greenbelt. You will respond to municipal requests in a timely manner ensuring there is a clear, simple process in place to address requests for further expansion.

Reviewing Municipal Governance

* Undertaking a review of the Municipal Elections Act after the 2014 municipal elections.

You will ensure that the act meets the needs of communities, and that it provides municipalities with the option of using ranked ballots in future elections, starting in

2018, as an alternative to first-past-the-post.

Strengthening Partnerships with Municipalities

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* Continuing to apply a municipal lens to decisions made across government, ensuring the impact on municipalities is carefully considered.

* Continuing to facilitate the strong relationship between the province and municipalities, including the ongoing implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), as well as the Toronto-Ontario Cooperation and Consultation Agreement. You will consult with AMO and Toronto on matters of mutual interest.

* Working with municipalities outside of these formal agreements to ensure their perspectives are also heard.

Amending the Building Code

* Reviewing the Building Code to continue to ensure buildings are safe, accessible and cost-effective. You will focus on moving Ontario forward as the North American leader

in climate-resistant and environmentally efficient construction.

* Amending the Building Code to allow six-storey, wood-frame buildings, which will encourage the construction of mid-rise, mixed-use buildings.

* Considering and implementing, where appropriate, recommendations from the Elliot Lake Public Inquiry, including changes to legislation, regulation, bylaws, policies and procedures that may prevent a similar event in the future.

Reviewing Disaster Response

* Undertaking a review of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program. Your goals are

to ensure the program design and criteria reflect current needs in addressing extreme weather events and build upon lessons learned from recent experiences, such as the 2013 ice storm. You will do so in alignment with the comprehensive review of the province's emergency management system by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Developing a Community Hubs Policy

* Working with the ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Education, and others, to consult with stakeholders and develop clear government policy on community hubs. This policy will promote efficient use of public assets and build better ties among schools, municipalities and community organizations.

Ministry of Transportation

Building the Next Generation of Transit and Transportation Infrastructure

* Collaborating with partner ministers, municipalities, local governments, transit agencies, citizens and experts to build a seamless, provincewide transportation network.

* Working with the Minister of Finance, the President of the Treasury Board and partner ministers to support Moving Ontario Forward. This strategy will invest \$29 billion in transit and transportation and other critical infrastructure through two new dedicated funds. The funds provide up to \$15 billion toward transit projects in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) – and nearly \$14 billion toward projects elsewhere in Ontario.

* Bringing forward a proposal to implement high-occupancy toll lanes to supplement the dedicated funds allocated in Moving Ontario Forward.

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* Building critical transit expansion projects currently underway in the GTHA, including the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit line and the Union-Pearson Express.

* Working to transform existing GO commuter rail into a Regional Express Rail rapid transit system over the next 10 years, with the support of Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario. The system will provide 15-minute, two-way electrified service and is the cornerstone of our government's transit plan. Your goal is to manage congestion and move people throughout the GTHA.

* Working with Metrolinx to prioritize other rapid transit projects contained in The Big Move, the regional transit plan for the GTHA, for investment consideration under Moving Ontario Forward.

* Developing customer-focused solutions to integrate fare and service. Your goal is to create a seamless and transparent fare system across the GTHA.

* Leading the review of the Metrolinx Act, as set out in the act itself.

* Supporting other priority transportation initiatives outside the GTHA through dedicated funding under Moving Ontario Forward, such as local and regional transit, roads, and bridges and strategic highway improvements.

* Continuing to support transit initiatives outside the GTHA, through investments such as the existing provincial gas tax program, the Ottawa and Waterloo rapid transit projects and other programs that further mobility in communities across the province.

* Advancing environmental assessments for high-speed rail – building on the GTHA's forthcoming Regional Express Rail network – which will link Toronto, Lester B. Pearson International Airport, and Waterloo Region and London, as well as London and Windsor.

* Engaging with other provinces and the federal government to support Ontario's transit strategy.

* Investing \$2.5 billion in highway rehabilitation and expansion projects across the province in 2014-15. I ask that you continue to make progress on Highway 407 East Phase One and the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway, and on key projects – including Highway 407 East Phase 2 and the widening of Highway 69 between Parry Sound and Sudbury.

* Proceeding with several planned projects such as a new four-lane alignment on Highway 7 between Kitchener and Guelph and extending Highway 427 from Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive in York Region.

* Ensuring that provincially supported transportation infrastructure projects are clearly identified with appropriate signage.

Developing a Transportation Policy Framework

* Examining the optimal use of transportation modes across the province. You will develop recommendations on modernizing and appropriately regulating the intercity bus regime to ensure it remains an attractive and affordable travel option for Ontarians.

* Working with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure to consider the merits of supporting short-line rail operations in the province.

* Ensuring that transportation planning aligns with the co-ordinated review of the Growth Plan and other provincial plans by working closely with Metrolinx and the Ministry of

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Municipal Affairs and Housing.

* Continuing to work with the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to implement the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario – including the development of the Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy.
Strengthening Road Safety
* Maintaining Ontario's safe roads by continuing to address areas of concern, such as pedestrian, cycling and truck safety, driver distraction and impaired driving. You will work to reduce the emerging trend of drug-impaired driving and apply a broader range of collection tools for unpaid fines. Your goal is to preserve Ontario's ranking as one of the lowest fatality rate jurisdictions in North America.

* Continuing to implement the province's first-ever cycling strategy, #CycleON. This strategy will provide a \$25-million cycling infrastructure investment, including \$15 million for provincial infrastructure and \$10 million for municipal infrastructure.

* Continuing to work with ministers and stakeholders to implement towing industry and business reforms. Your goal is to enhance road safety, protect consumers and support the government's auto insurance cost and rate reduction strategy.

* Establishing a regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles and, working with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, stretcher transport services.

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From: Mark Bartlett [mbartlett@uni444.ca]
Sent: October 26, 2014 12:20 PM
To: Mark Bartlett
Subject: The Great Lakes Commons Initiative

Lakes Commons <http://www.greatlakescommons.org>

The Great Lakes Commons Initiative is a grassroots effort to establish the Great Lakes as a living commons – shared waters that we all take care of and protect in perpetuity.

We are a growing and open network of people, organizations and institutions from the Great Lakes bioregion that care passionately about these remarkable bodies of water. We are united in a desire to insure that they have a vibrant future and share a commitment to the long term transformation of the care and governance of the Great Lakes. Leadership of the Great Lakes Commons reflects an unusual and promising alliance of people from across Nations, geography, ancestry and traditions.

Support for the Great Lakes Commons Charter. <http://www.greatlakescommons.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/declaration-...>

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OUR REF: TW-1416

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
c/o City of Windsor
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Attn: Essex County Environmental Coordinator

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Highway 3 Improvements:
Part A: Pavement Reconstruction from Essex Rd 27 to Essex Rd 34
(Project Reference G.W.P. 7-96-00)
Part B: Pavement Resurfacing from Essex Rd 27 to Essex Rd 8
(Project Reference G.W.P. 3074-12-00)
Town of Kingsville, Town of Essex, County of Essex**

The Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) has retained Parsons, to undertake the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for Part A: the pavement reconstruction of Highway 3 from 0.6 km west of Essex Road 27 to Essex Road 34 (East Jct).

The Ministry is considering adding Part B: pavement resurfacing of Highway 3 from Essex Road 8 to 0.6 km west of Essex Road 27 located within the Town of Kingsville, County of Essex to the Highway 3 Reconstruction project (Part A).

You are invited to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) that is being held for this project. The purpose of the PIC is to provide an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to review and provide input on the preferred improvements and proposed local roads detour.

Representatives from external agencies and municipal staff are invited to attend an agency session prior to the PIC from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Kingsville Recreation Complex in Auditorium A, 1741 Jasperson Lane, Kingsville.** If you are unable to attend the pre-PIC session, the public session will be held between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend and would like further information regarding the project or would like to provide comments regarding the project, please visit the project website at **Hwy3.Delcan.net** or contact the Project Managers named in the enclosed notice.

Yours sincerely,



Henry Huotari
Parsons Project Manager



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

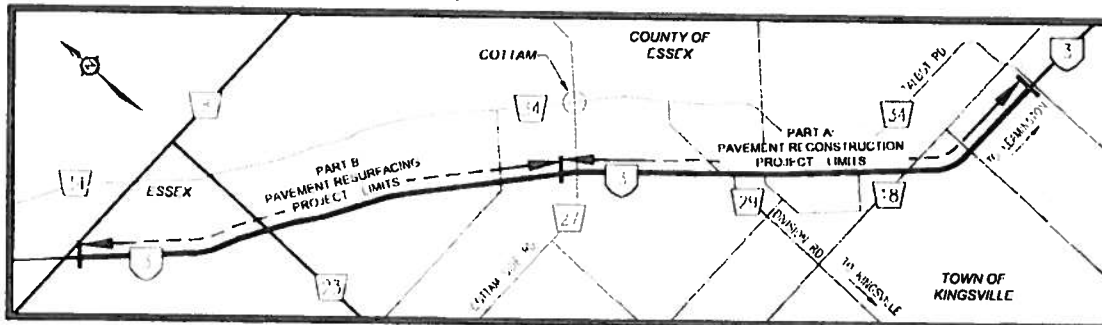
Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Highway 3 Improvements

Part A: Pavement Reconstruction from Essex Road 27 to Essex Road 34 (Project Reference G.W.P. 7-96-00)

Part B: Pavement Resurfacing from Essex Road 27 to Essex Road 8 (Project Reference G.W.P. 3074-12-00)
Town of Kingsville, Town of Essex, County of Essex

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Parsons to undertake the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for improvements to Highway 3 within the Town of Kingsville and the Town of Essex, County of Essex. The Ministry is considering adding the adjacent pavement resurfacing project (Part B) to the Highway 3 Reconstruction project (Part A) to reduce impacts to the traveling public. All work may be completed in one construction season through the use of a local roads detour.



The project includes the following components:

Part A: the reconstruction of Highway 3 from 0.6 km west of Essex Road 27 to Essex Road 34 (East Junction):

- Full-depth pavement reconstruction with alternate bid for either asphalt or concrete pavement;
- Replacement and rehabilitation of culverts;
- Upgrade existing traffic signals at the Division Road intersection;
- Upgrade existing illumination at the Division Road and Essex Road 27 intersections; and
- Reinstatement standard shoulder widths throughout project limits.

Additional information and updates are available online at the project website at Hwy3.Detcan.net.

Part B: Pavement resurfacing on Highway 3 from east of Essex Road 8 to 0.6 km west of Essex Road 27.

LOCAL ROADS DETOUR

A local roads detour is required to manage traffic during construction. A map showing the detour will be available at the PIC and on the Part A project website on November 6, 2014.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held in association with this project. The PIC is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Kingsville Recreation Complex, Auditorium A, 1741 Jasperson Lane, Kingsville, ON, N9Y 3J4

The PIC will consist of an informal drop-in centre with displays showing the detailed design of the improvements and the proposed local roads detour. You are invited to attend the PIC to review the displays. MTO and Parsons staff will be present to answer any questions and receive your input.

THE PROCESS

Part A of the project is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) (MTO Class EA) as a Group "B" project. Upon completion of this study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notification of the TESR review locations will be published in this newspaper.

Following the PIC, if the screening process indicates that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects, then this project may be recommended to be 'stepped-down' to a Group 'C' project and a notice of this decision will be issued in this newspaper.

Part B of the project is being carried out in accordance with the MTO Class EA as a Group "C" project, which requires an environmental screening to identify and mitigate environmental impacts. An Environmental Screening Document will be prepared and maintained on file with MTO.

COMMENTS

We are interested in receiving any comments that you may have about this project by **November 20, 2014**. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Please send comments or requests regarding **Part A** of this project to either of the following:

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Please send comments or requests regarding **Part B** of this project to:

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