

August 26, 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, September 1, 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 September 1st, 2011
Meeting at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
At YQG WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held July 7th, 2011 – (e-mailed separately)

5. **PRESENTATION:**

5.1 City of Windsor Environmental Coordinator Karina Richters – Climate Change Adaptation Initiative

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Pat on the Back Awards Report – attached.

6.2 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

6.3 Speaker Series – verbal update – RE: a future meeting date with Elizabeth May Leader, Green Party of Canada

6.4 Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending Dec. 31, 2011 – attached.

6.5 Coordinator Position - Report No. 55 – attached/ Report No. 21 - attached

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

7.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – attached.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

8.2 Transportation – *attached.*

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands – *attached.*

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Delegation request from the Windsor chapter of the fluoride Action Network – *attached.*

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1 2011 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium – *attached.*

10.2 International Joint Commission Public Meeting – “Keeping our Lakes and Rivers Clean” – *attached.*

10.3 September 24th Day of Action – 350.org and Windsor on Watch – Cathy Owen from Windsor on Watch - to provide information at the meeting.

10.4 The Province News, Vancouver B.C. August 2nd, 2011 – “Poor global-warming record will put Canada on hot seat”, newspaper article – *attached.*

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Please note meeting date change:

The next WECEC meeting will be held on Thursday October 13th, 2011 at the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room at 5:30 o'clock p.m. The change in date is due to the Provincial Election on October 6th, 2011.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

WINDSOR ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Council Services Department
350 City Hall Square West, Room 203
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1



– “PAT ON THE BACK AWARDS” REPORT –

INTRODUCTION

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) encourages the development of environmentally sustainable projects and initiatives within Windsor and Essex County. The creation of the “Pat on the Back Awards” was to provide support specifically for small, local, grassroots organizations who are largely run by volunteers and do not receive large amounts of funding for their projects.

At the June 2011 WECEC meeting, it was decided that the committee would donate \$2000 to support grassroots environmental projects in the region. Four organizations would ultimately receive \$500 each to be put towards their initiative. Preference will be given to organizations who are not-for-profit and who do not currently receive large amounts of funding from other sources. It was decided that organizations belonging to WECEC would not be able to apply for funding.

At this time a “Pat on the Back” sub-committee was formed to coordinate the project as well as judge the applicants. The sub-committee consisted of Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Deputy Mayor Charlie Wright, Karen Fallon, Juliet Mohammed, Mark Bartlett and Averil Parent.

APPLICATION PROCESS

An application form for the “Pat on the Back Awards” was developed and placed on the committee website. The form was sent via email to roughly 30 environmental organizations and all schools within Windsor and Essex County. The form could be filled out online and emailed back to the WECEC coordinator before August 1st 2011.

Applicants were asked to provide a brief background and purpose of their organization, as well as provide information about the annual budget. Then they were asked to provide a description of the project to which they were applying for funding. This could be specific or broad, but needed to include approximate project costs, an implementation schedule, and a specific project goal.

The sub-committee received 27 applications from environmental organizations and schools in Windsor-Essex (table 1).

Table 1 – Total list of applicants to the 2011 “Pat on the Back Awards”

Organization	Project Type	Location	Operating Budget
Campus Community Garden Project	Construction of a shed and wheelchair accessible plant beds	Windsor (University)	\$0.00
FAWG	The Taste of Windsor - conduct qualitative research using focus groups to think about food and its relationship to where you live	Windsor (University)	\$0.00
McCallum Public School	Native tree plantings	Windsor	\$0.00
St. Bernards Legacy Committee	Native tree plantings to green the schoolyard	Windsor	\$0.00
Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Elementary	Landscaping supplies	Stoney Point	\$200.00
Bike Friendly Windsor	Ride of Silence - to honour those injured or killed while cycling	Windsor	\$300.00
Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary	Garden of Remembrance	Windsor	\$500.00
Glenwood Public School	Native tree plantings to green the schoolyard	Windsor	\$500.00
82nd Windsor Beavers	Registration costs for youth to participate	Windsor	\$546.00
Windsor Essex Coop co-op	Would like to expand that pilot project for chickens (in the county)	Windsor & Essex	\$1,000.00
Windsor Essex Community Supported Agriculture	Organic gardening collective space for Windsor residents to use. Need fertilizer for raised beds	Windsor & Essex	\$1,500.00
St. Andrew's Church	Community garden, would like supplies	Lakeshore	\$2,000.00
Ecole Pavillion des Jeunes	Additions to "Project Vert en Plein Air" including a walking nature learning path, compost bins, rain barrels, recycled benches	Windsor	\$3,000.00
Kingsville District High School Eco Team	Outdoor classroom for environmental learning	Kingsville	\$3,000.00

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Organization	Project Type	Location	Operating Budget
Canada South Land Trust	Garlic Mustard removal at Black Oak	Windsor & Essex	\$3,450.00
Friends of Ojibway Prairie	Memorial and native plant demonstration garden	Windsor	\$4,700.00
Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor	Tools/composters for community garden	Windsor	\$5,000.00
King Edward Public School	Native tree plantings to green the schoolyard	Windsor	\$8,000.00
L'Ecole elementaire L'Envolee	Outdoor classroom for environmental learning.	Windsor	\$8,000.00
Parent's Advisory Committee	They require benches and shrubs to provide a noise barrier	Windsor	\$8,000.00
L'Ecole elementaire L'Envolee	Required play structures, treed area, wood gazebo, soccer fields, composter, raised vegetable beds	Windsor	\$8,000.00
Parent's Advisory Committee	Outdoor classroom	Leamington	\$10,000.00
Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School	Enhancing outdoor heritage gardens	Essex County	\$13,367.00
Maidstone and Area Historical Society	Consultant fees for assessing Ojibway Prairie in order to save it from big box development	Windsor	\$19,000.00
Save Ojibway	Local farmer/grower calendar with recipes and event dates	Essex County	\$39,732.00
Essex County Associated Growers	Patient assistance fund	Windsor & Essex	\$250,000.00
Windsor & Essex County Cancer Centre	Installation of eaves troughs and downspouts for rainbarrelles for community garden	Essex County	\$759,097.00
Youth & Family Resource Network of Essex County	Purchasing trail signage	Essex County	\$2,039,379.00
Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority			

SELECTION PROCESS

The 27 applications were screened twice throughout the selection process. The original screening looked at mainly the budget and size of the organization. WECEC specifically wanted to help out small organizations that do not have many paid staff and operate on a small budget.

Environmental projects taking place on school grounds were considered eligible because although the school has a large budget, environmental projects such as outdoor classrooms are generally not included in school budgets. These projects are often lead by parent's associations or teachers who fundraise most of their budget.

The second time the applicants were screened was a much more thorough process. The sub-committee looked in detail at the project being applied for, the current progress of the initiative and the goals of the organization. This process narrowed it down to seven applicants.

AWARD CEREMONY

The top seven applicants as well as all of the organizations and schools who originally received the "Pat on the Back" award application were all invited to the award ceremony on August 9th 2011 at the Ojibway Nature Centre. Each of the top seven applicants was instructed to give a five minute presentation about their organization and their project. Unfortunately, the sub-committee was unable to contact one of the top seven organizations and therefore only six presentations were made.

Once all presentations had been made, the judges left the room to deliberate. The decision was extremely difficult as all applicants are working on incredibly deserving projects. During this time, the approximately 40 people who attended the ceremony were able to network and enjoy fresh local appetizers provided by Tastebud Food.

At the end of the evening the judges announced the four "Pat on the Back Award" winners and presented them with \$500 and a plaque commemorating their award.

The "Pat on the Back" award winners for 2011 were:

Campus Community Garden Project (www.uwindsor.ca/ccgp)
Windsor Essex Coop co-op (www.windsorurbanchickens.com)
Windsor Essex Community Supported Agriculture
(www.windsorcsa.blogspot.com)
St. Andrew's church community garden, Lakeshore
(www.lsachurch.org/news-events/community-garden)

The remaining two candidates were brought forward and presented with a plaque noting that they were an "Honourable Mention" award recipient. The applicant who did not present at the awards was also given an "Honourable Mention" award.

The "Honourable Mention" award winners were:

Glenwood Public School (www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/glenwood)

King Edward Public School (www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/kingedwa)

Kingsville District High School (www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/sec/kdhs)

The award ceremony and the "Pat on the Back" award recipients received media attention from CBC TV, CBC radio, the Windsor Star, AM 800 and A News.

CONCLUSION

The first ever "Pat on the Back" funding opportunity was a great success. The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee was able to directly recognize and assist local, grassroots organizations involved in sustainability initiatives throughout Windsor-Essex County.

The sub-committee involved in judging the applications was extremely impressed with both the volume and quality of the applications. It is their hope that the "Pat on the Back Awards" will be able to continue next year, with the possibility of becoming an annual event.

REPORT ID: CCWFISUM
 EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEPT REPORTING TREE: 01-AUG-2011
 EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAIN ACCOUNT TREE: 01-JUN-2011

CITY OF WINDSOR
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY VARIANCE REPORT BY DEPT ID
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING Dec 31, 2011
 100% OF THE YEAR ELAPSED

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 Division: COUNCIL_COMMITTEES
 Department ID: 0111723 Windsor/Essex Environmental Cm

	ANNUAL BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD ACTUALS INCLUDING COMMITMENTS	YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS INCLUDING COMMITMENTS	YTD VARIANCE SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	PERCENT COMMITTED	PROJECTED YEAR-END VARIANCE SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	PROJECTED PERCENT COMMITTED
REVENUES							
7058 Transfer From Reserve Account	0	0	-10,021	10,021	0	10,021	0
TOTAL REVENUE	0	0	-10,021	10,021	0	10,021	0
EXPENSES							
2360 Promotional Material	0	0	2,596	-2,596	0	-2,596	0
2950 Other Professional - External	0	0	3,186	-3,186	0	-3,186	0
2990 Business Meeting Expense	0	0	1,245	-1,245	0	-1,245	0
3175 Facility Rental - External	0	0	258	-258	0	-258	0
4295 Public Relations	8,208	0	6,760	1,448	82	1,448	82
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,208	0	14,045	-5,837	171	-5,837	171
NET TOTALS	8,208	0	4,024	4,184	49	4,184	49

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End of Report

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 55

of the

WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)

of its meeting held

May 12, 2011

at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Windsor Airport Board Room

Members Present at the May 12, 2011 meeting:

Charlie Wright, Co-chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
John Miller
Phil Roberts
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Pauline Cheslock
Tamara Stomp
Dean Clevett
Paul Henshaw

Members Absent with regrets at May 12, 2011 meeting:

Mark Bartlet, arrives after motion at 5:47 o'clock p.m.
Matthew Child
Tim Straticuk
Troy Brian
Parma Yarkin
Frank Butler

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by T. Stomp

That Environmental Coordinator **BE AUTHORIZED** to proceed on behalf of Windsor Essex County Environment Committee with the report to City and County Council regarding the recommendation of WECEC to finalize and create a full time position being the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee Coordinator.

Carried

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

CHAIRPERSON

Notification:

Name	Email Address
WECEC	ON FILE
County Council	ON FILE

6.5

REPORT NO. 21 of the
ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held July 27, 2011

Present: Councillor Hatfield, Chair
Councillor Payne
Councillor Sleiman

Absent: Councillor Valentinis
Councillor Halberstadt

Referencing: Windsor- Essex County Environment Committee
Report No. 55

That the following recommendations of the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

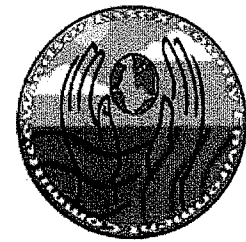
Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Payne,
That Report No. 55 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) **BE REFERRED BACK** to a future meeting of WECEC to revisit the recommendation, as additional information has been received by Administration.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: Committee Report No. 55 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held May12, 2011 is attached for information.

CHAIRPERSON

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NOTIFICATION:				
Name	Address	Email Address	Telephone	FAX



– JULY AND AUGUST, 2011 –

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. "Pat on the Back" Awards Ceremony

The Committee received 27 applications to the first-ever "Pat on the Back" award competition. Applicants ranged from small to medium to large environmental organizations as well as school groups looking to "green" their playground. The "Pat on the Back" sub-committee screened the applications and narrowed it down to the top seven.

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ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

The PSW subcommittee submitted a letter to Carolinian Canada in support of their Biodiversity Awareness Trail proposed for Kingsville. This type of trail encourages environmental education as a key component with learning stations placed along the trail.

Further to a public meeting regarding the Lauzon Parkway project, the subcommittee submitted their concerns with the project as well as stated what they would like to see included in the Environmental Assessment of the project.

I was able to establish contact with the Windsor office of the Windsor Essex Mobility Group, responsible for the Windsor Essex Parkway. In order to coordinate a meeting with them, the subcommittee must first submit their questions and concerns about the project. Hopefully once this is done, we will be able to set up a meeting with representatives from the Mobility Group. The subcommittee will begin working on this letter shortly.

The script for the Black Oak video has been submitted to the subcommittee for review. This script will be looked at and discussed during the next subcommittee meeting. Once satisfied with the script, the subcommittee will send the script back to Axxess Design for the completion of the video.

2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

The application to the Trillium Fund for Integrated Community Sustainability Plan funding will be started upon my return in October. I will work closely with ERCA on this initiative as we will apply for funding using ERCA's Trillium account.

3. Sustainable Purchasing Policy

The City of Windsor Purchasing Department has agreed to work with the Environmental Coordinators to implement a Sustainable Purchasing Policy. In October, I will meet with all City of Windsor Buyers to establish the best way to introduce a new policy. Windsor's policy will likely model a plan already implemented by the City of Richmond BC.

4. Speaker Series – Elizabeth May

Contact has been established with an assistant to Elizabeth May at her Ottawa office. Preferred dates and logistics for a Windsor speaking event are in the process of being organized. It has been requested that Elizabeth's travel expenses be reimbursed by the Committee.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. City of Windsor “Healthy Home Guide”

The City of Windsor has created a “Healthy Home Guide” now available on the Environmental Master Plan website: www.windsorenvironmentalmasterplan.ca. The guide details how to make an “ecological starter kit” for cleaning and offers cleaning product recipes that are non-toxic, safe for you and the environment, and will probably save you money.

Products we use in our homes everyday can contribute to toxic pollution in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the environment we live in.

The average Canadian household uses between 20 and 40 litres of cleaning products per year. Many of these products contain harmful ingredients that may affect your family’s health. Certain chemicals found in cleaning solutions may affect the nervous system, provoke allergies and even be carcinogenic. Once these toxins are released into the environment, they pollute our water and can cause harm to fish and wildlife.

If you do not want to make your own cleaning solutions, environmentally-friendly cleaning products are available. These can be purchased from natural food stores, certain grocery stores as well as specialty stores. Be sure to check the labels and look for eco-certifications.

2. International Upper Great Lakes Study Meeting

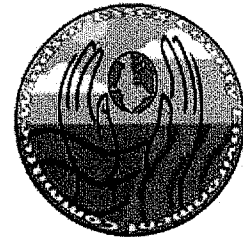
In 2007, the International Joint Commission launched a five-year study to look at future water levels in the upper Great Lakes and the options for regulating those levels to support the region’s economic and environmental interests. In the entire upper lakes basin, water levels are currently influenced through a regulation plan at the St. Mary’s River control structures at Sault Ste. Marie, where Lake Superior outflows have been regulated since 1914.

Although there will be advances to better manage Great Lake water levels in the new regulation plan, the improvements will be slim. More importantly, the study will briefly introduce the feasibility of building new control structures either to restore water levels on Lake Michigan-Huron to conditions that existed prior to channel modifications or regulate the entire Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River system. In addition, the study will look at adaptive management measures, such as strengthened monitoring and information sharing that can help water managers and property owners know what to expect in terms of changing water levels so that they can take action to reduce risks.

The Study’s final report will be submitted to the International Joint Commission by March 2012. Public hearings will be conducted and a new regulation plan will be forward to the governments of Canada and the United States.

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Council Services Department
350 City Hall Square West, Room 203
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1



Attention: Mr. Pat Delmore
Director of Operations, Transit Windsor
3700 North Service Rd E
Windsor, ON N8W 5X2

July 29th, 2011

Re: Streetcar Analysis Transit Windsor Report (June 7 2011)

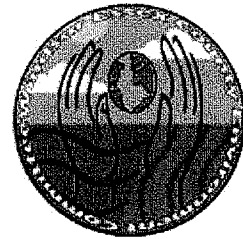
Dear Pat Delmore,

The Transportation sub-committee of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee has the following comments and questions regarding the Street Car Analysis Report dated June 7th, 2011:

- 1) The sub-committee would like to suggest that funds put forward towards a trolley system could be better spent on the Transit Master Plan and improving the current system. This may include the purchase of more hybrid buses, and the possible addition of a route connecting St. Clair College directly to the east end terminal. Would it be possible for Transit Windsor to demonstrate how the system could be improved using a rough estimated amount it would take to complete a streetcar line?
- 2) The transportation sub-committee's support for a streetcar system would likely rest on where the streetcar lines are proposed. We would like to suggest a link on University Drive between the University and downtown. It is improbable that residents of Windsor would use a streetcar to move around downtown, as the downtown core is quite small and easily walkable. The main point of a trolley should be to transport people to downtown, and therefore lines should be constructed from downtown to South Windsor as well.
- 3) From experiencing streetcar systems in downtown Toronto, I am sure you are aware of the noise, congestion and safety hazards that come with streetcar lines. As such, we would like to recommend that wherever possible, the streetcar line be constructed in its own lane of traffic. This would require much wider roads for lines such as University Drive.

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- 4) Another great benefit of streetcar systems in Toronto is that they run 24 hours. Would this benefit be possible if patrons paid for streetcar service as opposed to having it for free? We do not suggest that streetcar service be free of charge to residents. The system will not be sustainable this way.

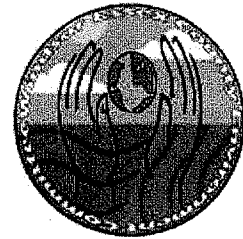
Thank you for your time and consideration of our suggestions. The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee is very interested in transportation issues within the City of Windsor and the County of Essex. The transportation sub-committee would like the opportunity to work with Transit Windsor further if the streetcar proposal moves forward.

Sincerely,

Frank Butler
WECEC Transportation subcommittee

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Council Services Department
350 City Hall Square West, Room 203
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Attention Michelle Kanter
Executive Director, Carolinian Canada Coalition
1071 Western Road
London ON N6G 1G5

July 15th, 2011

Re: Proposed Biodiversity Awareness Trail in Kingsville Ontario.

Dear Michelle,

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee is happy to support the Carolinian Canada Coalition to develop a Biodiversity Awareness Trail (BAT) in collaboration with local groups in Kingsville Ontario. The trail will be a mechanism to raise public awareness about this highly biodiverse area. It will cultivate public interest in committing to 'Habitat Actions' (pledges to raise conservation awareness and encourage eco-friendly activities). In addition, the trail will serve as a hub for engaging groups such as naturalist clubs, youth and even organizations not traditionally involved in conservation such as service clubs.

The trail's goals complement our work to protect and enhance the quality of the environment for residents in Windsor and Essex County. We foster public awareness and environmental education and believe that this is important in order to ensure environmental protection and enhancement in years to come.

The Committee will be happy to support this initiative by:

- Identifying local groups and individuals who could be potential partners or stakeholders in this project and helping with outreach;
- Collaborating in workshops, trail tours or similar community events to engage the community;
- Demonstrating our support for this project through recommendations to County Council.

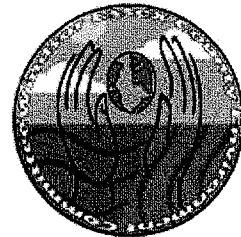
Sincerely,

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Phil Roberts
WECEC Provincially Significant Wetlands sub-committee

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Attention: Jane Mustac
Manager of Transportation Planning
County of Essex
360 Fairview Ave. W.
Essex, ON N8M 1Y6

July 27th, 2011

Re: Lauzon Parkway Project Environmental Assessment

Dear Jane,

Following our meeting on July 6th, 2011, the Provincially Significant Wetlands sub-committee of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee would like to submit the following concerns regarding the Lauzon Parkway Development. We would like these considerations to be addressed in the Environmental Assessment of the project.

1. The woodlot along Lauzon Parkway is adjacent to provincially significant woodlots on airport property. Currently this woodlot is designated "Natural Heritage" in the Official Plan. As this woodlot is likely ecologically significant (although it does not have a designation) we would like the Environmental Assessment to consider it to be a significant ecological area and as such, provide a 120meter buffer zone around the area.
2. Any adverse environmental impacts the project might have on the area should be mitigated by creating "links" between environmentally significant features, such as the woodlot mentioned above, areas around the Little River corridor, and if possible, the Chrysler Greenway.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Phil Roberts'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Phil' being more prominent.

Phil Roberts
WECEC Provincially Significant Wetlands subcommittee

Foes of fluoride have their say at meeting

VINCENT McDERMOTT
The Windsor Star

The Fluoride Action Network has begun a chapter in Windsor and hopes to convince city hall that the chemical, which the World Health Organization and Health Canada has credited with cutting tooth decay and cavities worldwide, should be removed from Windsor's drinking water.

Approximately 40 people met at the group's inaugural meeting at the Windsor Workers' Action Centre on Wednesday night. Local volunteers with the growing North American movement hope to launch a campaign that will convince citizens that fluoride is loaded with too many caveats and is a danger to public health.

"THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD BE IN OUR WATER." AYESHA DROUILLARD

"Putting fluoride in public drinking water is a violation of the individual's right to consent to medication," said Ayesha Drouillard, an organizer with the group. "The consensus from the dental community is that fluoride's benefits to teeth come from topical application to the teeth, not by swallowing it. There is no reason why it should be in our water."

Drouillard, as well as other opponents to fluoridation, argues that the chemical can

cause dental fluorosis, bone damage, a type of bone cancer called Osteosarcoma, and several other medical issues.

"Many other countries and municipalities, including Calgary and Waterloo, have banned the use of fluoridation out of health concerns," said Drouillard. "The issue should be looked at in Windsor."

Windsor began introducing fluoride, which is commonly found in toothpaste and mouthwash, in 1958. Health officials saw the water treatments as an easy way to provide basic tooth care to families that could not afford dental work. Only 0.6 millilitres of fluoride per litre is allowed in Windsor's drinking water. Health Canada's limit is 1.5 mL/L.

In 1999, the U.S. Center for Disease Control ranked fluo-

ridation as the ninth most important medical achievement of the century, ahead of acknowledging tobacco as a health hazard.

Excessive exposure to fluoride has been proven to cause tooth and bone problems in people. However, Mark Drukalec,

vice president of the Essex County Dental Society, says that the concern over fluoridation is a case of "poor research and scientific illiteracy."

"This issue has been rehearsed over and over again to people continuously," said Drukalec.

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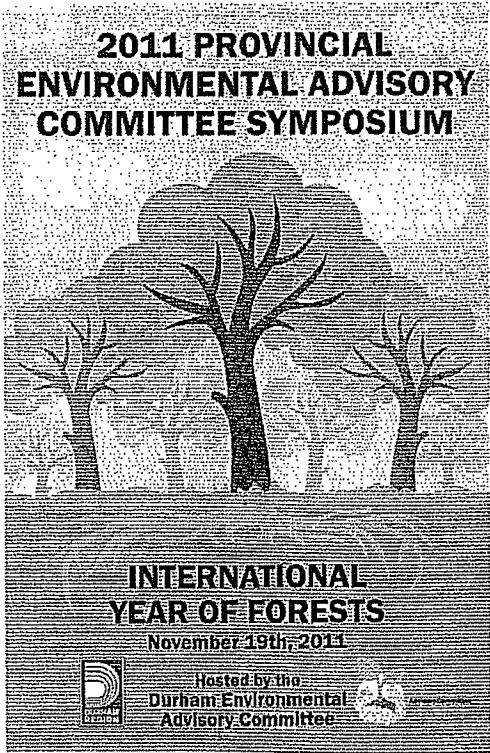
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519-253-6084 www.precisionjewellers.com 519-7-



Introduction:

*Forests cover 31% of total land area.
 The livelihoods of 1.6 billion people depend on forests.
 Forests are home to 80% of terrestrial biodiversity.
 Forests are home to 300 million people around the world.
 30% of forests are used for production of wood and non-wood products.
 (Source: United Nations)*

The United Nations declared 2011 as the "International Year of Forests" to raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

To help carry-out this message, the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) invites EAC members from across Ontario to participate in a 1-day symposium to learn more about the challenges and opportunities of sustainable forest management.

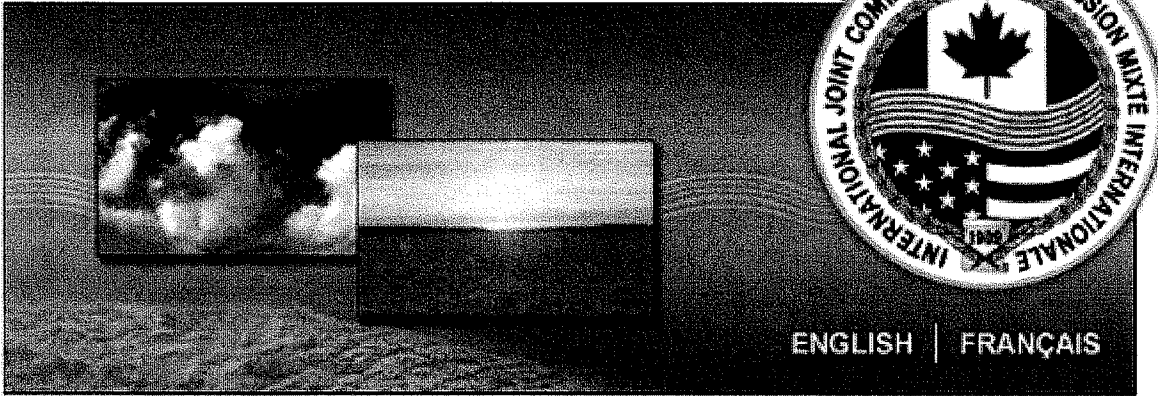
Additionally, to facilitate the exchange of information between EAC members, the symposium will include a roundtable session and poster sessions, wherein all EACs are invited to provide a display showcasing their work.

Important Information:

- When:** Saturday, November 19th
- Where:** Durham Regional Headquarters (refer to section on Travel)
- Hosted by:** Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC)
- Cost:** Registration fee of \$25 per participant
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 14th
- Inquiries:** Jonah Kelly, Project Planner and DEAC Staff Liaison, at deac@durham.ca

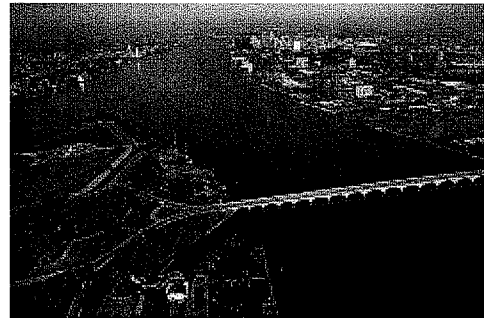
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Poor global-warming record will put Canada on hot seat

WARNING: Trailing U.S. in cutting industrial pollution hurts us

BY MIKE DE SOUZA
POSTMEDIA NEWS

OTTAWA — Global warming is the world's greatest environmental challenge and Canada is falling behind the U.S. in reducing the pollution from industry that is causing the problem, say newly released briefing notes prepared for Environment Minister Peter Kent.

The warnings, submitted to Kent in January when he took over the environment portfolio as Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government, say global warming will have significant social, political and economic implications, putting

Canada on the hot seat over its own record and commitments.

"Climate change is the most serious environmental issue facing the world today and carries with it significant impacts on human health and safety, the economy, natural resources and ecosystems in Canada and throughout the world," say the briefing notes, which were released under access to information legislation.

"Canada will face domestic and international pressure to demonstrate progress toward its Copenhagen target."

The briefing notes included a chart that revealed existing measures introduced by federal, provincial and territorial governments would still leave Canada about 30 per cent above a new target level for emissions set by Harper to reduce annual greenhouse gas use by 17 per cent below 2005 levels.

The federal government has said it set this target to align itself with the U.S. in the North American marketplace.

But the briefing notes told Kent the U.S. was moving forward on setting standards for new industrial facilities with a plan not being matched in Canada. The plan by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would require new industrial facilities and major renovation projects in industry to adopt the best available technologies for capping their pollution.

Kent indicated earlier this year that the government planned to begin consultations in the coming months on a set of draft regulations to crack down on pollution from coal-fired electricity plants as well as from commercial industrial sectors such as the oil sands, which are seeing their emissions grow much faster than the rest of the economy.

Asper funeral today

Winnipeg's Asper family has announced that funeral arrangements have been finalized for matriarch Ruth "Babs" Asper, who died at the age of 78 on Saturday.

A service will be held at noon today at Shaarey Zedek

Synagogue in Winnipeg. Burial will follow.

Babs Asper was mother to David, Gail and Leonard Asper, and wife to the late media magnate Israel "Izzy" Asper, who died in 2003. She was chairwoman of the Asper Foundation, a charitable group.

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