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## ONGOING INITIATIVES

### 1. Updates

#### A. Green Speaker Series

Michael Schneider presented to the WECEC in the October meeting to secure his spot with the final Green Speaker Series of 2017 for November 22, 2017 with his energy efficient home. Michael offered insight on how to achieve an energy efficient home even if it is an older home in Windsor.

#### B. Before the Flood Screening

The screening of “Before the Flood” discussed climate change and the need for action. A total of two screenings were offered along with a panel of environmental experts to facilitate discussion. The first screening was offered to Riverside and Massey High Schools where the students were extremely engaged and passionate to discuss the environment, specifically local environmental actions. The evening panel was well attended where Windsor Essex community members were interested in environmental actions and wanted to learn more about climate change.

#### C. Environmental Master Plan Public Engagement

Consultation period started November 1st, 2017 and ended January 1, 2018. Originally, 6 dates were set for the engagement, but after feedback from residents two more events were scheduled to capture residents in Riverside and South Windsor.

#### D. Microbeads in Toiletries Regulations Coming into Force January 1, 2018

The Microbeads in Toiletries Regulations came into force January 1, 2018 which puts microbeads on the List of Toxic Substances in Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, (1999)*. Microbeads are not to be manufactured or imported; for natural health products or non-prescription drugs, the prohibition applies on or after July 1, 2018. The prohibition for the selling of toiletries with microbeads, unless they are natural health products or non-prescription drugs, applies July 1, 2019.

### 2. Reports to Council

#### October 26, 2017 – Report 100 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by D. Grant,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Windsor has committed to enhancing the quality of Windsor’s natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the property known as Ojibway Shores and owned by the Windsor Port Authority, has important natural heritage characteristics, including significant wetland, habitat of threatened and endangered species, significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat, ecological function, diversity, significant species, significant communities, and condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 biodiversity goals and targets for Canada include by 2020 at least 17 percent of terrestrial areas are conserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada is the sole shareholder of the Windsor Port Authority;

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**THERE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Windsor request the Government of Canada conserve the significant natural condition, biodiversity and biological function of the Ojibway Shores property as an environmentally protected area.

Carried.

**WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY**

| <b>2018 Budget</b>             |               |                              |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Item</b>                    | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Estimated Expenditure</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| 2018 Budget                    | \$8,000.00    |                              |               |
| Pat on the Back                |               | \$2500.00                    |               |
| Green Speaker #1               |               | \$1000.00                    |               |
| Green Speaker #2               |               | \$1000.00                    |               |
| Movie Screening                |               | \$2000.00                    |               |
| Website Hosting and Domain Fee |               | \$450.00                     |               |
| Earth Day                      |               | \$35.00                      |               |
|                                |               |                              |               |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                  | \$8,000       | \$6,985.00                   |               |
| <b>NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING</b> |               | <b>\$1015.00</b>             |               |



WECEC Work Plan 2018

| <b>Strategic Direction #1 – WECEC Collaborations</b>   |  |                   |
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| <b>GOALS</b>   | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>TIME FRAME</b> |
| <b>Goal:</b> Improve relationships with City and County Councils.  | Prepare an annual report of accomplishments and send to City and County Councils, environmental organizations, boards etc.             | Yearly            |
|  | Continue to have WECEC events in different areas of Essex County   | Ongoing           |
| <b>Goal:</b> Improve relationships with other organizations, committees.   | Hold a meeting with other environmental organizations and committees to share information  | Yearly            |
|  | Continue to pursue opportunities for partnering on community education/public awareness  | Ongoing           |
|  | Hold annual Pat on the Back Awards presenting \$2,000 to local environmental organizations and schools.                                | Yearly            |
| <b>Strategic Direction #2 – Advocacy</b>   |  |                   |
| <b>GOALS</b>   | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>TIME FRAME</b> |
| <b>Goal:</b> Provide advice on environmental issues to the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities. | Assess issues referred from City and County Councils and respond with suggested recommendations  | Ongoing           |
|  | Provide recommendations to City and County Councils on environmental matters identified through our own initiative.                    | Ongoing           |
| <b>Goal:</b> Advocate for environmental groups in Windsor Essex County.  | Accept delegations from environmental groups and advocate on behalf of these groups to City and County Councils.                       | Ongoing           |
| <b>Goal:</b> Provide advice to City and County Council related to Federal and Provincial initiatives.                    | Develop recommendations related to Federal and Provincial plans, policies and initiatives to be forwarded to City and County Councils. | Ongoing           |
| <b>Strategic Direction #3 – Public Engagement and Education</b>  |  |                   |
| <b>GOALS</b>   | <b>ACTIONS</b>   | <b>TIME FRAME</b> |
| <b>Goal:</b> Increase awareness of WECEC by the public.  | Maintain a website and Facebook page.  | Monthly           |
|  | Strategically identify and attend community events   | Ongoing           |
|  | Maintain a professional display for participation at community events  | Ongoing           |
| <b>Goal:</b> Increase engagement of public on environmental issues   | Develop environmental education campaigns and messaging to help inform Windsor Essex County residents about environmental issues       | Ongoing           |
|  | Host free knowledge sharing events with environmental experts highlighting environmental issues.                                       | Ongoing           |

**List of Priorities (including but not limited to)**

- Greening the City – specifically more green roofs and other types of green infrastructure
- Walkability, complete streets, trails, active transportation
- Review of existing tree cutting bylaw
- Pollution issues, cancer causing environmental issues
- Right to Know by-law
- Parkway natural areas
- Awareness of local climate change impacts and threats
- Know Your City tour
- Involvement in surrounding Municipal events and actions
- Invasive species awareness and control
- Youth engagement
- Anti-Idling
- Bike Lanes

**Current List of Subcommittees**

1. Air
2. Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues