



– JUNE 2018 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Updates

A. Earth Day with the Contents Processing Centre

WECEC participated in the first Earth Day event hosted by the Contents Processing Centre (CPC). This event brought local environmentally focused groups to talk about what they do while the CPC promoted their business with insurance brokers. The event was also captured by Snap'd. Many people were interested in the WECEC and signed up to be on the Green Speaker Series list.

Overall, the event was a great way for the WECEC to promote awareness and the environment. This added to our ongoing initiatives to promote awareness. Participating in this event also initiated talks of Climate Change as the CPC was showcasing their ability to restore household items that could be damaged in disasters such as floods.

B. Essex Children's Water Festival

The last week of May held the Children's Water Festival at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village. This festival allows all elementary school students grades 3-5 within Windsor and Essex County the opportunity to learn about water conservation, sewer systems, pollution, and climate change. The City of Windsor ran an obstacle course that put students through a perceived water reclamation plant; ERCA ran an Eagle Survivor activity that had students understanding the implications of water pollution. Other booths tackled climate change by having children jump from iceberg to iceberg as the ice was decreasing. Plastic pollution in our lakes and rivers was another discussion topic for the students. There was a visual that showed common trash items and what can happen if they enter our lakes and rivers.

This educational event was very well received by the students. Learning happened for elementary students as well as their chaperones, whether it is teachers or parents. This was the Children Water Festivals 16th year and students who had been previous years were still excited to have come back again.

C. EWSWA Truckload Sale

The Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority hosted its annual truckload sale allowing the community of Windsor-Essex County to purchase composters, digesters, barrels, and large and small recycle bins at a discounted price. The event was a success once again. Excess rain barrels are for sale at the Ojibway Nature Centre for \$60,

D. EWSWA Open House

On June 10th the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority hosted its annual Open House where the community was able to tour the recycling facility, learn about proper recycling, visit environmental vendors, learn to garden, learn about microplastics, and much more. This event also held a Barbecue where the proceeds went to Computers For Kids.

E. Flooding and Damage Have Residents Worried

2018 has caused flooding and associated fears of flooding in Essex County. It has been noted that lake levels in the area are the highest since 1997. The Essex Region Conservation Authority has noted significant damage to properties and roads.

F. Trouble for Turtles

Recently, a warning about turtles has surfaced in the Windsor-Essex area. Drivers are being cautioned to keep an eye for turtles crossing the road. Wings Rehab has taken in more than a dozen snapping turtles from being hit by cars. Turtles are venturing onto the roads in search from breeding grounds causing many of the injuries to be to breeding females. If you encounter a turtle crossing the road, there are ways to safely help them across.

2. Reports to Council

No reports to Council.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2018 Budget			
Item	Credit	Estimated Expenditure	Status
2018 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Pat on the Back		\$2500.00	Spent
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	Spent
LaSalle Night Market		\$50.00	Proposed
TOTALS	\$8,000	\$6,985.00	
NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING		\$965.00	

List of Priority Themes and Corresponding Objectives

Transportation Including Alternative Transportation

- Walkability, complete streets, trails, active transportation
- Anti-Idling
- Bike Lanes
- Active Transportation in both the City of Windsor and Essex County

Public Awareness

- Right to Know by-law
- Awareness of local climate change impacts and threats
- Know Your City tour
- Involvement in surrounding Municipal events and actions
- Youth engagement
- Responsible sewer use for City of Windsor and Essex County

Pollution and Climate Change

- Greening the City – specifically more green roofs and green infrastructure
- Review of existing tree cutting bylaw
- Pollution issues, cancer causing environmental issues
- Parkway natural areas
- Invasive species awareness and control
- Banning of plastic bags

Current List of Subcommittees

1. Air
2. Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues