



– MARCH 2017 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Updates

A. Green Speaker Contest

WECEC has proposed turning one of the Green Speakers into a contest. Students or groups conducting research could apply to be part of the contest and deliver a brief presentation about their research. WECEC members would then award a winner with funding going towards their research. WECEC members willing to coordinate this event must be selected as well as a date, time and location.

B. Canada 150 and Windsor 125 Celebrations

The Mayor's office has been contacted to see about WECEC participating in these celebrations. They have suggested participation in the Mayor's walk, happening on May 20th and will keep WECEC in mind for partnership on other events or presentations as they develop. The 2015 and 2016 WECEC annual reports have been sent over to the coordinator so that she has a better understanding of WECEC initiatives.

C. TOR update with County Council Alternates

The County Clerk's office has been approached about allowing the County Councilors to have alternates attend WECEC meetings when they are unavailable. The County Clerk is looking into seeing if this is possible, and noted that the WECEC Terms of Reference would likely have to be changed.

D. Earth Day Celebration

The City of Windsor's Earth Day Celebration is on Sunday April 23rd from 10am to 3pm at Malden Park. If interested in attending, WECEC needs to submit \$35 in payment and arrange for volunteers to be present at the booth during the event.

Regarding the letter from the Earth Day Network, if WECEC is interested in hosting a roundtable to discuss climate change as part of the Global Day of Conversation, we could see about partnering with other organizations to coordinate.

E. Pat on the Back Awards

If WECEC would like to continue with the annual Pat on the Back awards, a motion should be made at the March meeting. The event is generally advertised in late April, with the event occurring the last week in May. There are generally 4 WECEC members involved in this initiative.



EARTH DAY 2017

Sunday, April 23rd, 2017
Malden Park / 4200 Malden Rd.
10 a.m. to 3 p.m / Rain or Shine

Windsor / Essex County is celebrating Earth Day 2017. Join us for loads of fun, kid's activities, eco exhibits, environmental arts & crafts, and much more!

Celebrate with us at Malden Park!

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F. Potential Green Speakers for 2017

- Water Brothers.
- John Hartig – Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge has published a recent book titled Bringing Conservation to Cities: Lessons from Building the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.
- Alice Grgicak-Mannion – researcher and professor at GLIER has done some great mapping of contaminants and other information specific to Windsor/Essex.
- Contributing to the City of Windsor’s movie night featuring a climate change or energy related documentary to promote the Community Energy Plan.

2. Reports to Council

January 26th 2017 - Report 95 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by R. Tamr,

WHEREAS *the Ojibway Prairie Complex is our most iconic green space in the city, and one of the most biodiverse areas in all of Canada as well as a hotspot for Species At Risk; and*

WHEREAS *despite the importance of the area and excellent stewardship by the City and its employees, the Complex is still under threat from roadways as a result of habitat fragmentation and road mortality; and*

WHEREAS *evidenced by the report in 2016 by local expert Jonathan Choquette of a one-day kill tally of 91 dead snakes around the Ojibway Complex and LaSalle woodlot;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider initiating an environmental assessment to explore solutions to species crossings on Matchette Road,*

*And further, that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider approving a pilot project to test the effectiveness of a seasonal road closure of Matchette Road between Titcombe Road and Sprucewood Road in May and June and in September and October of 2017 to coincide with turtle nesting and snake migration periods.*

Carried.

Councillor Francis voting nay.

This report was deferred to City Council at the February 22nd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. It will be brought forward with CR248/2014 – *Inquiry Regarding the Process Involved for the Closure of Matchette Rd. – Ward 1* when it goes forward to Council at a later date. WECEC will be notified when it is coming to Council.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2017 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2017 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Pat on the Back		\$2,500	
Green Speaker #1		\$1,000	
Green Speaker #2		\$1,000	
Green Speaker #3		\$1,000	
Website Hosting Fee		\$400	
Website Domain Renewal		\$50	
Earth Day		\$35	
TOTALS	\$8,000	\$5,985	
NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING		\$2,015	