



– APRIL 2014 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Green Speaker Series: Robert Krausz

Unfortunately Robert Krausz's Green Speaker Series presentation about zero waste on Saturday May 10th has been cancelled.

2. Green Speaker Series: Susan Chan

The tentative date for Green Speaker Susan Chan has been set for Wednesday July 9th at 7:30pm as part of the Essex County Field Naturalist meeting at the Ojibway Nature Center. Susan will discuss neonicotinoids (found in pesticides) which may be threatening pollinators.

3. WECEC Website

E Liquid Media (WECEC's current website provider) was able to match Spotvin's price for website hosting and domain renewal. This will result in a decrease of \$5 per month for hosting and a decrease of \$50 per year for domain renewal.

4. Tour of the Hon. Herb Grey Parkway project

The Ministry of Transportation has invited WECEC members to attend the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway Prairie Restoration Annual Meeting & Site Tour from 10am to 5:30pm on Tuesday April 29th at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

5. Earth Day

WECEC will have a booth at Earth Day 2014 taking place on Sunday April 27th from 10am to 3pm at Malden Park. Alan, Charlie, Pauline, Eileen, John and Lindita have volunteered to be at the WECEC booth.

6. April 23rd Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee

The following WECEC reports were discussed at the meeting:

Report No. 77 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That a Private Tree By-law Subcommittee of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee consisting of Councillor Halberstadt, J. Miller, M. Nelson, B. Wansbrough, Planner II, Stefan Fediuk, Landscape Architect and B. Roesel, City Forester **BE ESTABLISHED**.

This report was received for information at the April 23rd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and it was requested that a Council Question to administration regarding a private tree by-law be issued.

Report No. 78 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That City Council and the Board of Directors of Your Quick Gateway (Windsor) Inc. **BE REQUESTED** to endorse Phase 3 of the Swamp Wetland Restoration Project on the YQG Airport lands as submitted by the Little River Enhancement Group.

This report was received at the April 23rd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting with approval subject to a report from administration coming forward to Council.

Report No. 79 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That a letter **BE SENT** on behalf of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor (with a copy to the company that performed the clear cutting of the woodlot located northeast of Walker Road and the E.C. Row Expressway) requesting that a species at risk study **BE UNDERTAKEN** prior to any reforestation and, to investigate if any profit was realized by the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor.

This report was received for information at the April 23rd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and it was requested that ERCA send a letter to the City requesting a species at risk assessment of the site.

Report No. 80 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

That due to the clear-cutting of the woodlot on the Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor lands (located northeast of Walker Road and the E.C. Row Expressway), that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider the implementation of a Tree By-law, and further, that a permit process and the issuance of fines relating to the clear cutting of trees **BE CONSIDERED**.

This report was received for information at the April 23rd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and it was requested that a Council Question to administration regarding a private tree by-law be issued.

Report No. 81 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

WHEREAS the City of Windsor Environmental Master Plan encourages the construction of energy efficient buildings and incorporating sustainable design features into development to “promote ‘greening’ of new and existing city facilities”,

WHEREAS the recently released report *The Business Case for Green Building* released by the World Green Building Council (2013) shows that the energy savings in green buildings over a twenty-year period typically exceed any design and construction cost premiums by a factor of ten, and could be more with the increasing costs of energy. The study also concluded that the green attributes of buildings and indoor environments can improve worker productivity and occupant health and well-being, resulting in bottom line benefits for business. “By greening our built environment at the neighbourhood and city scale, we can deliver on large-scale economic priorities such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, energy security, resource conservation and job creation, long-term resilience and quality of life.” (World Green Building Council, 2013)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider environmental features as identified below for inclusion in the Request for Proposal for the new City Hall:

- High-efficiency glass for windows and doors to conserve energy;
- Energy efficient, low flow appliances in the building (*i.e.* low flow toilets, LED lighting);
- Consider making it a zero-energy building (meaning that the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on site);
- Using natural light to light the inside of the building;
- Use of district energy;
- Building materials free of the toxic chemical Formaldehyde
- Recycled building materials where appropriate (*i.e.* recycled carpet);
- Re-use of building materials from the current City Hall after demolition;
- Re-use of grey water either inside the building (flushing toilets *etc.*) or outside the building (watering grass *etc.*);
- Stormwater management features such as raingardens, bioswales or a permeable pavement parking lot;
- Underground parking to reduce extra pavement needed for surface parking;
- Roof structurally able to support solar panels or a greenroof;
- Secure storage for bicycles as well as change room facilities with a shower;
- Furniture made from recycled materials;
- Native plants in the landscape design;
- Planting of fruit trees and space for a community garden.

This report was moved at the April 23rd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2014 Budget		
Expense	Credit	Expenditure
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.32
Website hosting fee		\$427.10
Earth Day		\$40.00
Pat on the Back		\$2,500.00
Green Speaker #1		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #2		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #3		\$1,000.00
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$6,043.42
TOTAL REMAINING		\$2,256.58