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ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Website Biographies

Please submit your biography as well as a photo for the WECEC website. Councillors bio's and photos have been uploaded already.

2. Green Speaker Series – Sarah Elton

Sarah Elton is confirmed to give a Green Speaker presentation Tuesday October 20th at 7pm tentatively booked at the smaller theatre at the Capitol Theatre. It can accommodate 230 people.

Potential sponsors:

- City of Windsor
- United Way
- Pathway to Potential
- Windsor Essex County Health Unit

Budget:

	Incoming	Outgoing
WECEC	\$3,000.00	
Confirmed sponsors	\$2,750.00	
Sponsors to be confirmed	\$500.00	
Speaker Fee		\$5,000.00
Speaker Expenses		\$ 500.00
Facility Rental		\$ 500.00
TOTALS	\$6,250.00	\$6,000.00
TOTAL REMAINING	\$	250.00

3. Reports to Council

Report No. 90 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held June 25th 2015 approved the following Report as follows:

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That the following recommendations **BE APPROVED** by City and County Councils:

1. Officially recognize the Right to a Healthy Environment, through a Municipal Declaration or equivalent measure;

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2. Respect, protect and fulfill the right to a healthy environment within municipal boundaries, and
3. Encourage provincial and federal action to protect the right to a healthy environment for all Canadians.

And further, that the following proposed amendments to the Municipal Declaration (**attached** as Appendix “A”) **BE ADDED** to:

- Include a concrete action that the Federal government can strive towards; and
- Include interim targets and timelines for implementation within the 20 year strategic plan.

Carried.

This report was moved at the July 22nd Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. This report was adopted in principle (pending review from Legal) at the August 24th City of Windsor Council meeting and sent to administration for review at the September 2nd County Council meeting. The Blue Dot is meeting with various town council administrations to have the recommendation presented.

Report No. 91 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee:

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held July 30th 2015 approved the following Report as follows:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti, seconded by Councillor Fred Francis,

That the **Revised Terms of Reference** dated July 2015 for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

This report will go forward at the August 26th Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. This report will go forward at the September 21st City Council meeting.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2015 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2015 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Website domain renewal		\$26.00	Spent
Website hosting fee		\$400.00	Committed
Pat on the Back		\$2,253.00	Spent
Green Speaker - Education and Outreach		\$3,000.00	Spent
Totals	\$8,000.00	\$5,679.00	
ESTIMATED TOTAL REMAINING	\$2,321.00		

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WECEC WORK PLAN 2015

Strategic Direction #1 – Profile of WECEC		
GOALS	ACTIONS	TIME FRAME
Goal: Improve relationships with City and County Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare an annual report of accomplishments and send to City and County Councils, environmental organizations, boards etc. 	Yearly
Goal: Improve relationships with other organizations, committees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold a meeting with other environmental organizations and committees to share information; ▪ Continue to pursue opportunities for partnering on community education/public awareness; ▪ Hold annual Pat on the Back Awards presenting \$2,000 to local environmental organizations and schools. 	Yearly Ongoing Yearly
Strategic Direction #2 – Advocacy		
GOALS	ACTIONS	TIME FRAME
Goal: Provide advice on environmental issues to the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assess issues referred from City and County Councils and respond with suggested recommendations; ▪ Provide recommendations to City and County Councils on environmental matters identified through our own initiative. 	Ongoing Ongoing
Goal: Advocate for environmental groups in Windsor Essex County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accept delegations from environmental groups and advocate on behalf of these groups to City and County Councils. 	Ongoing
Goal: Provide advice to City and County Council related to Federal and Provincial initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop recommendations related to Federal and Provincial plans, policies and initiatives to be forwarded to City and County Councils. 	Ongoing
Strategic Direction #3 – Public Engagement and Education		
GOALS	ACTIONS	TIME FRAME
Goal: Increase awareness of WECEC by the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain a website and Facebook page; ▪ Strategically identify and attend community events; ▪ Maintain a professional display for participation at community events. 	Monthly Ongoing Ongoing
Goal: Increase engagement of public on environmental issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop environmental education campaigns and messaging to help inform Windsor Essex County residents about environmental issues; ▪ Host free Green Speaker Series events with environmental experts highlighting environmental issues. 	Ongoing Ongoing

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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
- Know Your City tour
- Information sharing about what other municipalities are doing
- Invasive species control
- Youth engagement
- Anti-Idling

Current List of Subcommittees

1. Air