



**– AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015 –**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,250.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>250.00</b>

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. This report was adopted in principle (pending review from Legal) at the August 24<sup>th</sup> City of Windsor Council meeting and sent to administration for review at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting. This report will go forward at the September 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting.*

## **WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY**

<b>2015 Budget</b>			
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$2,321.00</b>		

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**WECEC WORK PLAN 2015**

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