



**– DECEMBER, 2011 –**

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## **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

### **1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee**

Members of the sub-committee met with various staff from the City of Windsor and ERCA for a follow-up meeting regarding the airport woodlots and the recent City Council request to produce a report describing their significance and value. The report is in good shape and the sub-committee will be notified of when it will go to the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee.

Carolinian Canada held their second meeting regarding a Lake Erie Trail at the end of November. The meeting was held quite far away so members of the sub-committee could not attend, however proceedings from the meeting will be sent to us for our review and comment.

The sub-committee has submitted a letter to WindsorOntarioNews.com regarding mistakes made in the “No de-icing airplanes...at an airport?” article. The letter is attached to the January meeting agenda. Currently, we have not received a response from the online newspaper.

### **2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan**

Contact has been made with members from the Inter-Municipal Planning Consultation Committee (IMPCC) to begin discussions with the group regarding a Regional Sustainability Plan.

### **3. Speaker Series – Elizabeth May**

Elizabeth May has agreed to speak in Windsor at the end of January. This event will kick off our “Green Speaker Series”. On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth will speak at an event for the public. The Dr. David Suzuki Public School has been tentatively booked from 10:00am until 12:30am on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. A light breakfast buffet of pastries, fruit, coffee, tea etc. will be in the entrance of the school from 10:00 to 10:30am. Elizabeth May will begin speaking at 10:30am.

Janine Bratt from Taste Bud Foods will cater the event. She catered the “Pat on the Back” awards with great success. She uses local and seasonal ingredients where possible. Similar to “Sustain This”, advertising the event will be done mainly through media release, personal emails, small posters and the internet. Posters for the event will be available at the January meeting.

<b>Draft Budget</b>	
Dr. David Suzuki gym rental	\$145
Catering	\$500
Elizabeth May's hotel	\$200
Elizabeth May's speaker donation	??
Miscellaneous	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$945</b>

#### **4. Renewable Energy Media Campaign with Generator Design**

The media campaign is underway, with first steps being taken to approach the solar industry asking them to support our campaign. We will begin developing the content of the public service announcements and newspaper ads/editorial content shortly.

The campaign will hope to encompass all forms of renewable energy under the Green Energy Act. However, we will begin by highlighting the solar industry in Windsor-Essex. Mark Bartlett has agreed to help champion this initiative through his contacts in the sector.

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

#### **1. Letter of support for Zero Waste's appeal against the Detroit Incinerators operating permit**

WECEC has sent a letter of support for Zero Waste's campaign against the Detroit Incinerator to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The letter will be attached to the January meeting agenda.

#### **2. Student Positions on WECEC**

The WECEC Coordinator has made contact with the University of Windsor as well as St. Clair College regarding the creation of two Student positions on the Committee. St. Clair College is very keen to help advertise for the position. The University of Windsor has yet to respond.