



**– DECEMBER 2012 –**

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## **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

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

The subcommittee spoke as a delegate to City Council on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> when the airport woodlots and open space designation report was brought forward. The open space designation in between the three woodlots was passed through Council. However, the issue of the 120 metre buffer surrounding the woodlots did not. Council has asked for more information regarding the buffer and whether or not it is required or not.

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

This group is in the process of securing partners for our campaign. Potential ideas for the campaign include an energy conservation educational video as well as the showcasing of best practice examples from various industries to encourage conservation. Throughout January, we will continue to reach out to many organizations and companies championing energy conservation. We are looking to include a Green Speaker Series event in collaboration with the Windsor Home Show (April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>). This will include speakers from our partnership organizations discussing energy conservation.

### **3. Water Quality Subcommittee**

The subcommittee continues to work on educating residents about the harm phosphorous is causing to our lakes and rivers and plans to begin a community phosphorous campaign. This would build on the blue green algae video by educating residents about how to read product labels such as fertilizer and laundry soap and compare the phosphorous content for various products. The group has talked of getting permission to use phosphorous free lawn signs on city parks as well as handing them out to homeowners to encourage and educate others. Another short video about how to read labels and make informed decisions would be of great benefit to this upcoming campaign.

### **4. Surplus Parks Strategy**

A comprehensive map depicting the locations of the City of Windsor surplus parks was given to WECEC by the Parks Department. The Surplus Parks Strategy group will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> to begin discussing which sites may be candidates for naturalization or community gardens.

### **5. Trip to the Detroit Wildlife Reserve**

The tentative date of June 15<sup>th</sup> will be proposed at the January WECEC meeting for a tour of the Detroit Wildlife Reserve. Environmental groups as well as the media will be invited to join. A bus will likely have to be rented from Transit Windsor for the trip.

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WECEC Budget – Summary

<b>2012 Budget</b>		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2012 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Elizabeth May		\$855.00
Gord Miller		\$875.00
Jim McKenzie		\$81.56
Brochure printing		\$451.00
Earth Day		\$80.00
Website Updates		\$661.00
Website domain renewal		\$76.27
Pat on the Back		\$2,181.55
Airport bills		\$102.00
Enviro Expo Reimbursement	\$409.63	
Water Quality PSA		\$1,497.00
Conservation Campaign		\$1,017.00
Promotion		\$313.00
Website hosting fee		\$427.10
Totals	\$8,709.63	\$8,617.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$92.15</b>

<b>2013 Budget* (pending approval)</b>		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2012 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.27
Website hosting fee		\$427.10
Pat on the Back		\$2,500.00
Earth Day		\$80.00
Conservation Campaign		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker 1		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker 2		\$1,000.00
WQ video		\$500.00
Wildlife tour		\$500.00
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$7,083.37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,216.63</b>

