



– NOVEMBER 2012 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

The subcommittee will speak as a delegate to City Council on Monday, December 3rd when the airport woodlots and open space designation report is brought forward. We will provide an update at the December WECEC meeting.

2. Renewable Energy Media Campaign with Generator Design

This group is in the process of introducing our campaign to potential partners and meeting with interested organizations. Several meetings will be taking place during the beginning of December, and we hope to have a few distinct partners on board before the middle of January. Throughout January, we will continue to reach out to many organizations and companies championing energy conservation.

3. Water Quality Subcommittee

The blue green algae educational video is currently on YouTube and has been watched by over 250 residents. Copies of the video have been distributed to Cogeco as well as some schools. This education initiative will continue to be ongoing.

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. Meeting with the Parks Department regarding surplus municipal parks

A few WECEC members as well as a member of the Windsor Essex Community Garden Collective met with City of Windsor Parks and Recreation staff on November 20th to discuss plans for surplus parks in Windsor. The Parks department presented their approach to consolidate park space in Windsor as currently there are many small parks that have a high maintenance but low functionality.

Any funding from the sale of park space is automatically placed in a reserve account that can only be spent on the acquisition of more park land. The parks department is continually looking for and acquiring property throughout Windsor with the goal of increasing and improving City of Windsor parks. The parks department is aware of and has provided insight into the City of Windsor's Climate Change Adaptation Plan as well as our Urban Heat Island Study. They are also interested in working with the Community Garden Collective to identify parks which would best be suited for community gardens (ie. accessible, access to water, etc.)

WECEC has been added as a stakeholder and will be invited to give input through the public consultation process which will occur for each surplus park. There will be two parks per year that will be put through the public consultation process. The consultation processes for Long Park and South Tilston Park are in progress.

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5. WECEC Budget – Summary

2012 Budget		
Expense	Credit	Expenditure
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		\$300.00
Phosphorous PSA		\$500.00
Totals	\$8,709.63	\$8,677.38
TOTAL		\$32.25

*Yet to be spent
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2013 Budget	
Expense	Expenditure
Green Speakers Series	\$3,000.00
Pat on the Back Awards	\$2,500.00
Earth Day	\$200.00
Website Maintenance	\$800.00
Energy Conservation Campaign	\$1,800.00
TOTAL	\$8,300.00
<i>CITY OF WINDSOR</i>	<i>\$4,150.00</i>
<i>COUNTY OF ESSEX</i>	<i>\$4,150.00</i>

*Budget subject to City/County Council approval