



**– NOVEMBER 2013 –**

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## **ONGOING INITIATIVES**

### **1. Smog Action Plan**

The WECEC coordinator has begun conducting research of various Smog Action Plans completed by other municipalities. A draft Smog Action Plan for the City of Windsor will be completed in consultation with the City of Windsor Parks & Recreation department and presented to WECEC.

### **2. Milkweed discussion with City of Windsor By-law Enforcement**

Discussions with the Manager of By-law Enforcement relayed the following:

*Under By-law 3-2006, A By-law to establish standards respecting yard waste and exterior property maintenance, weeds are defined as those items found in the Weed Control Act. The City of Windsor By-law Enforcement Unit does not interpret or enforce the Weed Control Act. We do ensure that grass is kept below 12 inches as outlined in the By-law and will require that property owners maintain this minimum standard. If there happens to be mild weed amongst the tall grass on a property, the requirement would be to have it cut down to 12 inches.*

Therefore, if Milkweed is planted on a property in part of a Naturalized Area, as defined in the by-law, with a buffer strip of 2 feet to other properties, it does not need to be killed or cut down.

This information was relayed to Steve Green, Community Garden Network Coordinator.

### **3. Tree by-law Discussions**

Discussions have been had with members of the tree by-law subcommittee, City of Windsor administration and representatives from ERCA. A previously drafted by-law was reviewed and commented on.

It was noted at the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee meeting that the creation of subcommittee's of WECEC must be approved by Council. As such, the creation of the tree by-law subcommittee will go to Council for approval shortly. There will be no further work on this subject until the subcommittee has been approved by Council.

**WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY**

<b>2013 Budget</b>		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.32
Conservation Campaign Ad		\$1,525.39
Pat on the Back room rental		\$246.00
June meeting at Ojibway		\$122.50
Promotional Items		\$347.92
Conservation Campaign Generator Design		\$596.06
Earth Day		\$40.00
David Suzuki		\$1,000.00
Dan Burden		\$1,000.00
Pat on the Back cheques		\$2,000.00
Pat on the Back food		\$123.13
Wildlife tour		\$793.23
Pat on the Back plaques		\$57.40
Website hosting fee		
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$7,927.95
<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>\$372.05</b>	