



– OCTOBER, 2011 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

Members of the sub-committee will meet with City of Windsor staff from various departments (planning, parks and facilities and engineering) regarding connecting the airport woodlots. There is a possible partnership opportunity with industry, City of Windsor Parks and Facilities and the airport that may result in making connections among the woodlots. The logistics of this plan will be discussed at the meeting.

The sub-committee is ready to send a letter to the Windsor Essex Mobility Group regarding compensation for PSW's slated to be destroyed during parkway construction. Comments from our last meeting made headlines in the Windsor Star as we called out the Mobility Group for not being forthcoming with their plan.

The script for the Black Oak video has been approved by the sub-committee and has been sent back to Axxess Design. We look forward to the completion of the video.

WECEC has been approached by Landmark Engineers Inc. as a stakeholder in the "Grand Marais Drain Channel Improvements" project. The sub-committee will be informed of the various public consultation processes necessary to complete the Class Environmental Assessment.

2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Applying to the Trillium Foundation in partnership with ERCA will not work as ERCA already has a grant application pending in which they are the principal applicant.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is still a viable option for a Regional Growth Management strategy/Community Sustainability Plan. The GMF provide 50% of the funding so before we apply we have to ensure that both the City of Windsor and the County of Essex will agree to contribute the other 50%. The GMF will begin accepting applications on December 1st, 2011.

The first step in accomplishing this will be to involve the Inter-Municipal Planning Consultation Committee (IMPCC). Contact has been made to establish how this may be organized.

3. Speaker Series – Elizabeth May

Contact has been established with an assistant to Elizabeth May at her Ottawa office. Preferred dates and logistics for a Windsor speaking event are in the process of being organized. It has been requested that Elizabeth's travel expenses be reimbursed by the Committee.

4. Public Service Announcements

The City of Windsor will not carry over any excess funds left in the WECEC budget at the end of 2011. In order to ensure this money is spent Co-chair's Alan and Charlie have recommended that public service announcements be professionally made for use at a later date. Several meetings have been arranged with various marketing companies if the committee decides to use the remaining funds in this way.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Rouge River Environmental Assessment

The Committee received a notice for public comment from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Upper Rouge River project report and environmental assessment. Any member of the Committee is welcome to view the full report if interested.

2. IJC Water Week Symposium

The WECEC Coordinator attended the International Joint Commission Water Week symposium in October. In addition to an encouraging speech by Al Gore, the Committee acquired access to many Priority Cycle Reports authored by the IJC. Please contact the Coordinator if you wish to view these reports. They are also available on the IJC website.

3. REMASCO Screening Reports

The REMASCO energy facility in Kingsville has sent us an Environmental Screening Report, Air Quality Assessment and Human Health Risk Assessment. This facility has operated a pilot gasifier system at the Southshore Greenhouse site in Kingsville since 2008 under a Provisional Certificate of Approval Waste Disposal Site. This has allowed the Company to develop a gasification system that provides thermal energy for heating the greenhouse complex. The gasifiers have proven to be efficient and reliable, and testing conducted according to the requirements of the Provisional Certificate of Approval has shown that the facility is capable of meeting all the emission standards laid out in Guideline A-7.

The success of the project has encouraged the proponent to plan full scale application of the technology to meet the majority of the thermal energy needs of greenhouses. The proponent has provided the Committee with these documents as we are an interested stakeholder. Please contact the WECEC Coordinator if you wish to view these documents.

4. Detroit River Canadian Cleanup Movie Night

The DRCC will host a movie night on Wednesday, November 30th at Silver City. Doors open at 7:00pm, the movie will begin at 7:30pm. The documentary being shown is "Mysteries of the Great Lakes". The DRCC is looking for \$500.00 from WECEC to be put towards advertising in the Windsor Star.