



– SEPTEMBER, 2011 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee

Further to a public meeting regarding the Lauzon Parkway project, the subcommittee submitted their concerns with the project as well as stated what they would like to see included in the Environmental Assessment of the project. These comments were answered by McCormick Rankin Corporation who is involved in the Lauzon Parkway Project. This response will be considered at the next PSW sub-committee meeting along with any follow-up required.

I was able to establish contact with the Windsor office of the Windsor Essex Mobility Group, responsible for the Windsor Essex Parkway. In order to coordinate a meeting with them, the subcommittee must first submit their questions and concerns about the project. Hopefully once this is done, we will be able to set up a meeting with representatives from the Mobility Group. The subcommittee has begun to work on this letter.

The script for the Black Oak video has been submitted to the subcommittee for review. This script will be looked at and discussed during the next subcommittee meeting. Once satisfied with the script, the subcommittee will send the script back to Axxess Design for the completion of the video.

2. Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

The application to the Trillium Fund for Integrated Community Sustainability Plan funding will be started shortly. The deadline for the application is either November 1st or March 1st. The WECEC coordinator will work closely with ERCA on this initiative as we will apply for funding using ERCA's Trillium account.

The Green Municipal Fund will also be explored as a possible funding opportunity. The deadline for this application is December 1st.

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.

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Point Pelee National Park Restoration Plan

An extensive plan for restoring the Carolinian Habitat mosaic of Point Pelee National Park is underway. Parks Canada recently asked for public comments on the proposed Plan from September 22nd to October 7th. The restoration project will include an Integrated Vegetation Management Plan, a Fire Management Plan as well as the Lake Erie Sand Spit Savannah Restoration Strategy.

More information can be found on the website, www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee. If you would like to view any of the documents please email Averil and she will forward them to you.