



May 2, 2011

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting held April 7, 2011 are attached.

Yours very truly,

Susan Vadori

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Committee Coordinator (A)

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Windsor, Ontario April 7, 2011

A meeting of the **Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Windsor Airport Board Room, there being the following members:

Councillor Percy Hatfield
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Tamara Stomp
Charlie Wright
Matthew Child
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Paul Henshaw
Dean Clevett
John Miller
Mark Bartlet, arrives at 5:45 o'clock p.m.

Regrets received from:

Phil Roberts
Tim Stratichuk
Pauline Cheslock
Troy Brian
Parma Yarkin
Frank Butler

Also present were the following resource personnel:

Sandra Hogan, Acting Remedial Action Plan Coordinator for the DRCC
James Bryant, E. A. Coordinator, County of Essex
Steve Kapusta, Planner II
Averil Parent, WECEC Coordinator
Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Susan Vadori (A), Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Co-Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 5:41 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follow.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None requested.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None declared.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by T. Stomp,

That the minutes of the meetings of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee held February 3, 2011 and March 3, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

The Chairperson introduces and welcomes James Bryant and Sandra Hogan to the Committee and the meeting. The Chairperson acknowledges Steve Kapusta for the great work and many contributions to the Committee and wishes him well as this will be his last meeting.

5.0 **PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 **Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator – City of Windsor Environmental Master Plan (EMP)**

5.2 **Discussion regarding the WECEC role in EMP**

Clerk's Note:

The Committee generally agrees it will simultaneously discuss Items 5.1 and 5.2 presentations.

K. Richters provides a powerpoint presentation for the Environmental Master Plan 2011 Priorities, **attached** as Appendix "A".

Some salient points of the power point presentation and discussion includes:

- Goals A-E are discussed by the Committee;
- Goal A -Anti-idling bylaw improvements are noted and a suggestion to provide a telephone number for drivers to report if the railroad guards rails are not in working order and to discourage parking, this bylaw includes school buses;
- K. Richters to research if signs are made and are ready for installation;
- Bylaw requires language clean up for better enforcement powers;
- K. Richters will return to WECEC with the bylaw and to reach out to the schools, educate the public, and arrange other partnerships;
- Goal B - Create Healthy Communities is generally discussed;
- County of Essex notes a lack of an Environmental Master Plan, and it is noted that a previously considered growth plan and this Plan would assist in urban sprawl.
- Goal C - the Committee discusses the protection of the Black Oak area;

- The Committee notes a suggestion to invite Thom Hunt, City Planner and Executive Director, Larry Silani, Director of Planning and Development Services Town of LaSalle, Brian Hillman Director of Planning and Building Services Town of Tecumseh to an upcoming WECEC meeting to discuss Healthy Places and Healthy People, which is referred to by the Committee;
- Goal D - Recycling at different festivals and to push harder for enforcement;
- The Committee discusses ideas for refunding down payments of a sponsor group if the sponsor utilizes recycling;
- Some volunteer groups offer to assist with compliance (i.e. Boy Scouts);
- Other cities in Ontario have more effective compliance and they have labeled their containers better;
- Goal E - June 5, 2011 – to end of June 2011 the Central Avenue the pilot project of Plant containers will be recycled.
- Environmental Attitude Survey – It is important to promote awareness and Earth Day 1, 2011 @ Mic Mac Park, and a litter pick up @ Dieppe Gardens from 2 o'clock p.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. Sunday April 16, 2011 are great ways to complete this task.
- Climate initiatives - Locally the numbers are still high for greenhouse gases, planning and environment committee to work together for sustainability, i.e. LEEDS certified plans.
- Other departments assist with education programs such as rain barrel downspout project;

M. Child leaves meeting at 6:37 o'clock p.m.

- Discussion includes where and at what venue to sell the apparatus related to the rain barrel program.
- A suggestion to sell the rain barrels at the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority at the liquid gold sale when people have a trailer for ease of self transportation to home for installation;
- Solar thermal source is discussed and that it should have local resource for production panels and to minimize the carbon foot print and increase the sustainability factors.

M. Bartlet reports that he will be bringing a Notice of Motion forward to the Committee at the May 2011 meeting.

The Committee thanks K. Richters for the extensive work and very thorough report and for the update provided to the Committee.

Chairperson Halberstadt offers to contact Eli Maodus, General Manager of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority to attend a future WECEC meeting to discuss recycling and how to increase the recycling rate.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Black Oak Video

A. Parent notes that Axxess Design is ready to commence filming and has submitted a request for video photos and a guide for the area (Black Oak area) to be filmed. The Committee can anticipate a story board to be presented to them for approval prior to filming.

7.0 COORDINATOR'S REPORT

7.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report

The Committee Coordinator provides highlights of the monthly report and notes satisfaction with the results of the Earth Hour report which reported a City of Windsor decrease of 3% from last year and the Committee contributes this decrease to education.

8.0 FINANCIAL

8.1 Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending March 31, 2011

S. Hogan leaves meeting at 6:58 o'clock p.m.

The Committee brainstorms for ideas regarding 2011 budgetary expenditure suggestions.

- Summerfest – promoting sustainability in Windsor;
- Provide a funding amount to community groups associated with the environment and their promotion of it;
- Annual awards;

M. Bartlet leaves meeting at 6:58 o'clock p.m.

ACTION:

The Committee requests City and County 2011 budgetary expenditure ideas be put forward for the next WECEC Committee meeting.

C. Wright leaves meeting at 6:59 o'clock p.m.

M. Bartlet returns to meeting at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

C. Wright returns to meeting at 7:02 o'clock p.m.

9.0 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

9.1 Air

No report is available.

9.2 Transportation

A verbal report is provided by D. Clevett regarding the WECARE initiative. D. Clevett notes that upon further attendance at meetings and investigation with the Regional Emergency Coordinator for Essex/Windsor P. Berthiaume, he notes a request to withdraw Committee Report #53 prior to being considered by City of Windsor or County of Essex. WECEC endorsed Report 53 which supported the work of this initiative. D. Clevett acknowledges and notes gratitude to the Regional Emergency Coordinator and the Committee of WECEC for the endorsement.

He notes a need for a representative on the Regional Emergency Board and the Transportation Sub Committee will recommend a person for this Board and endorsement by WECEC.

9.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

No report is available.

Clerk's Note:

The Committee generally agrees to step out of order and consider Item 10 at the end of this agenda.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Earth Day

Moved by P. Hatfield, seconded by D. Clevett

That the \$80 registration fee for a booth under the tent at the Earth Day at Mic Mac Park on Sunday May 1, 2011 from 10 o'clock a.m. to 3 o'clock p.m. **BE APPROVED** for payment.

Carried

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by P. Henshaw

That the upset limit of \$600 **BE APPROVED** for expenditures associated with the 2011 WECEC display table/unit/advertisements and these items are to **BE UTILIZED** at future environmental event for display purposes.

Carried

An inquiry regarding the monthly scheduled WECEC meetings and the continuity of the meetings is noted by the Chairperson, with regard to the ABC Governance Review Model. The Coordinator will inquire to the Clerk of the City of Windsor as to the scheduling of the upcoming WECEC meeting dates. The County Council representative, T. Stomp offers to provide correspondence in support of the monthly meeting continuity.

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 CaGBC National Symposium – Canada Green Building Council

On April 13-14, 2011 the CaGBC will be holding a national symposium at the Allstream Centre, in Toronto Ontario. The Committee generally discusses and considers sending a WECEC member. Registration for this event at www.cagbc.org

12.2 C.A.W. Local 200 Computers for Kids event list

Information is generally discussed and donations of unwanted computer equipment, TV's and electronic can be dropped off at:

Date	Location	Time of operation
April 2 nd and 9 th , 2011	Transit Windsor (Central Depot)	9 am – 6 pm
April 16 th and 17 th , 2011	Devonshire Mall	9 am – 6 pm
April 30 th , 2011	Colasanti's Tropical Garden	9 am – 3 pm
May 1 st , 2011	Mic Mac Park	9 am – 3 pm

10. IN CAMERA

Verbal Motion is presented by R. Coronado, seconded by D. Clevert to move In Camera at 7:28 o'clock p.m. for discussion of the following items:

Item No.	Subject	Section – Pursuant to Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
10.1	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees	s. 239.2 (b), (e), (f)

A private executive session is held and all Committee members remain except the Coordinator, Committee Coordinator and members of the media present are asked to leave the meeting room.

Discussion on the item of business (Item 10.1).

Verbal Motion is presented by R. Coronado, seconded by D. Clevett, to move back into public session at 7:52 o'clock p.m.

Motion Carried.

Moved by P. Hatfield, seconded by D. Clevett

THAT the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to transmit the recommendation(s) contained in the report discussed at the In Camera Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) Committee meeting held April 7, 2011 directly to the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Carried

Moved by P. Hatfield, seconded by D. Clevett,

THAT the verbal direction to the Environmental Coordinator, K. Richters regarding the performance review of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) Coordinator **BE RECEIVED** and **BE APPROVED**.

Motion CARRIED

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

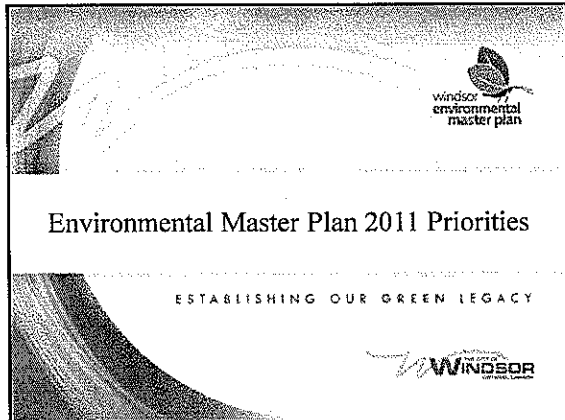
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 2011 at the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:58 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR




GOAL A: Improve our Air and Water Quality


Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Anti-Idling By-law improvements

WECEC – Support Role

- Develop strategies to reduce cross-border air and water pollution (Lead EIC)
- Collaborate with community groups, industry and other governments to enhance watershed management (Lead ES)



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GOAL B: Create Healthy Communities


Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Parks/Bicycling Trails Map Partnership
- Finalize Green Fleet Plan
- Environmental Health Status Report

WECEC – Support Role

- Support the City's Transit Master Plan to reduce the dependence on automobiles by increasing transit use and sustainable transportation (Lead Trans, TW)
- Develop collaborative approaches with other governments to manage regional growth (Lead Planning)



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GOAL C: Green Windsor


Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Protection of Black Oak area (Goal C)

WECEC – Support Role

- Expanding the Greenway System (Lead Planning)
- Enhance the quality and condition of the Greenway System (Lead EC)





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GOAL D: Use Resources Efficiently

Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Recycling Improvements City Facilities
- Public Space Recycling
- Environmental Purchasing Guidebook
- Pilot Plant Container Recycling





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GOAL E: Promote Awareness

Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Ongoing educational campaign
- Yellow Fish Road campaign
- Environmental Attitude Survey (2011 operating budget)
- Maintain the EMP / ROSE website
- Various public events – Earth day, Clean Ups, etc



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Climate Change Initiatives

Environmental Coordinator's 2011 Priorities

- Greenhouse Gas inventory update for 2010
- ICLEI Climate Change Adaptation Initiative
- Heat Alert and Response Planning
- Mitigation Planning
- Corporate & Community Climate Change Mitigation Plan (Sustainability Plan) -- Capital Budget Request



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LOTS HAPPENING IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS TOO....

- Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant upgrade near completion
- Retention Treatment Basin
- Renewable Energy Project (PV and solar thermal)
- LEED construction
- Energy Retrofit Projects



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