



February 9, 2011

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

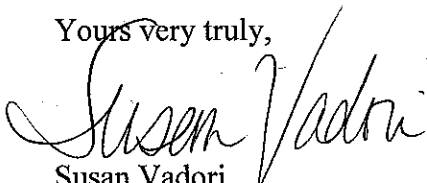
* The minutes of the Committee meeting held February 3, 2011 are attached.

The next meeting of the Windsor and Essex County Environment Committee is scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, March 3, 2011
5:30 o'clock p.m.
Ojibway Nature Centre
inside the
Ojibway Nature Room**

Please notify the undersigned at 519-255-6222, ext. 6430, if you are unable to attend.

Yours very truly,


Susan Vadori
Committee Coordinator (A)

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Windsor, Ontario February 3, 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
Tamara Stomp, Deputy Mayor Town of Kingsville
Charlie Wright, Deputy Mayor Town of Leamington
Frank Butler
Matthew Child
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Paul Henshaw
David Diemer
Phil Roberts
Dean Clevett, arrives at 5:45 o'clock p.m.

Regrets received from:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Tim Stratichuk
Pauline Cheslock
Mark Bartlet
Troy Brian
Parma Yarkin
John Miller

Guests in attendance:

David Zhang, Metro Resource

Also present re the following resource personnel:

Don Sadler, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
Steve Kapusta, Planner II
Averil Parent, WECEC Coordinator
Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Susan Vadori (A), Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 5:40 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Revised 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. **ELECTION**

The Coordinator calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Co-chairperson as a County Council representative. T. Stomp nominates C. Wright for the position of Co-Chairperson. The Coordinator inquires if there are any further nominations. Seeing none, the Committee Coordinator asks C. Wright if he accepts. C. Wright accepts the nomination.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Roberts

That C. Wright **BE ELECTED** as the County Council Co-Chairperson of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried

C. Wright assumes the Co-Chairperson position.

5. **MINUTES**

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by T. Stomp,

That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee held January 6, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

6. **PRESENTATION**

The WECEC Coordinator, A. Parent indicates that the Waste Art powerpoint presentation will be presented to the Committee at a subsequent meeting.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Provincially Significant Wetlands

DRIC compensation properties

i) Provincially Significant Wetlands

P. Roberts updates the Committee regarding his contact with Tom Henderson of the Detroit River Canadian Clean-up (DRCC) and their collaborative effort on a draft letter concerning the DRIC issue as it pertains to the rezoning of the City owned property surrounding Ojibway shores.

Moved by P. Hatfield, seconded by M. Child

That the Committee approve in principle a draft letter to **BE PREPARED** by the subcommittee in conjunction with other technical advisors to fine tune with appropriate terminology as necessary, and further the letter **BE FORWARDED** on behalf of WECEC regarding City of Windsor property zoning changes indicating their suggestions and advising City Council and DRIC accordingly.

Carried.

ii) Protection of Ojibway Shores/Black Oak video – Axxess Design

A. Parent reports that Axxess Design is presently researching the information required for the video in preparation for a springtime starting time. Other groups like Field Naturalists Club are considering financial assistance for the project and ERCA representative's note possible availability and sharing of 2010 fall slides that could pertain to the subject lands.

7.2 Climate Change Workshop

Averil Parent updates the Committee regarding the February 11, 2011 "Sustain This! Adapting to Climate Change Workshop". This one day workshop will be held at the University of Windsor.

Update includes:

- 55 people are registered for the one day conference;
- Advertising for the conference has been done through the use of social media and some poster placement at City Hall;
- The Committee suggests the possibility of using print advertisement (Windsor Star) or radio ads, including interviews;
- At "Sustain This! Adapting to Climate Change Workshop" booths space will be available and the opportunity to advertise is very appealing to the

groups and this opportunity could be further explored to include a City/Council booth, Field Naturalist Club and other groups noted interest.

- Committee volunteers are being sought for tasks related to the Workshop day.

7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by D. Coronado

Whereas the Ojibway Complex with associated tall grass prairies, provincially significant wetlands, savannah woodlands is recognized as a locally, regionally, provincially, nationally and internationally important area of biodiversity and species rarity,

Whereas the Ojibway Complex is recognized as an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) with several species at risk conservation programs including the critically endangered Massasauga Rattlesnake,

Whereas the City of Windsor has long committed to the stewardship, protection and enhancement of the Ojibway Complex through good planning, property acquisition and the commitment of the Ojibway Park Nature Centre,

Whereas the City of Windsor has long committed to quality public recreation, opportunity to embrace nature and public and student education principally through the Ojibway Park Nature Centre,

Whereas the Ojibway Park Nature Centre is the focal point for the management, preservation and research of the Ojibway Complex,

Whereas the Ojibway Park Nature Centre is the centre of interpretation of important natural heritage, advance public awareness and conserve of species at risk,

Whereas the Ojibway Park Nature Centre educates students and public on the importance of environment and nature,

Whereas the Ojibway Park Nature Centre and parkland is a recognized eco-tourism resource for the region and where eco-tourism is one of the top ten pillars of economic diversity for the Windsor and Essex Region,

Whereas the WECEC recognizes the complexity of union rights and how they relate to staffing and employee entitlements,

that the following is recommended:

That the City of Windsor recognizes the high level of skill and qualification needed to responsibly protect, enhance and educate on all aspects of the Ojibway Park and ANSI.

That the City of Windsor amend the occupational duties of the Staff Naturalist and Assistant Staff Naturalists' to reflect the importance of these roles as resources, educators (interpreters), naturalists (researchers) and care takers of the Ojibway Park and ANSI.

That the City of Windsor ensure the most qualified staff compliment **BE RETURNED** to Ojibway Park Nature Centre.

Clerk's Note: The Committee discusses the Notice of Motion.

D. Sadler provides updates regarding the focus of the Notice of Motion and notes that the operating budget dollars have been secured for 2011 to establish an Education Outreach Coordinator position for the Ojibway Nature Centre. The newly renovated Ojibway Nature Centre will be opened soon and will welcome school children from the area and provide a learning facility and atmosphere to engage the students in the beautiful natural environment and building structure.

D. Sadler invites the WECEC Committee to conduct their next monthly scheduled for March 3, 2011 at the Ojibway Nature Centre at 5200 Matchette Road, Windsor. The Committee accepts the invitation and thanks D. Sadler for the update and welcomes the good news.

The Chairperson calls the vote and the motion is Carried.

8. WECEC Coordinator's Monthly Report

A. Parent reports on behalf of WECEC she has designed and printed a draft brochure for hand out use at the upcoming Sustain This! Workshop, attached as Appendix "A". The Committee notes their appreciation for the brochure and provides suggestions for other facts to include on the brochures to be printed in time for the workshop date.

The Committee discusses the need to research and forward the EBR as noted in the Government of Ontario Policy Proposals (www.ebr.gov.on.ca).

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by R. Coronado,
That the WECEC Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to forward the EBR#011-1329 to the Transit Sub-Committee for comments and to report back to the Committee with their recommendation.

Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

D. Coronado updates the Committee regarding the discussion from the Air Sub-Committee and the report is attached as Appendix "B".

P. Hatfield leaves the meeting at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

8.2 Transportation

F. Butler updates the Committee regarding the Transportation Sub-Committee, attached as Appendix "C".

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by M. Child

That County of Essex and Corporation of the City of Windsor Councils **BE REQUESTED** to reconsider the development of a Regional Transit System and initiate the dialogue and preliminary work that can be done at this time and further that the concept **BE REINTRODUCED** next year or in subsequent years.

Carried.

F. Butler updates the Committee regarding Transit Windsor that the reduction of the budget and the effect of the decrease in funding have had on the operation.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by R. Coronado

Whereas an adequate maintenance of fleets is required to avoid delays, deterioration of services and erode public use of transit;

Further, that a viable transit system will help expand ridership and lessen care dependency;

Further, a poorly maintained fleet produces heavier vehicle emissions;

And, underfunding is counterproductive to the goal of increase ridership;

That City Council **BE ENCOURAGED** to increase Transit Windsor budget to include the hiring of an additional mechanic, and that the budget **BE AMENDED** to reinstate the practice of purchasing six hybrid buses per year, and further that Transit Windsor **BE ADEQUATELY** funded and the budget **BE REVISED** to reflect that increase.

Carried

D. Clevett provides a powerpoint presentation, attached as Appendix "D", regarding the Windsor Essex Community Awareness and Emergency Response (WE CAER).

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by R. Coronado

That support **BE GIVEN** from City and County Councils to the Transportation Sub-Committee recommending the creation of Windsor Essex Community Awareness and Emergency Response (WE CAER) organization in conjunction with CRTI project.

Carried

8.3 Food

P. Robert notes that the Food Sub-Committee is neither necessary nor active at this time.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by M. Child

That the Food Sub-Committee **BE COLLAPSED** until such time as the Committee determines its usefulness again.

Carried

8.4 PSW – Provincially Significant Wetlands

P. Roberts updates the Committee regarding the lands known as the St. Louis Woodlot. He notes that the lands are significant and discussions regarding the subject lands use between the City and the subject property owner have occurred.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by M. Child

That the PSW sub-committee **BE AUTHORIZED** to invite the St. Louis family representatives, owners of the woodlot located near YQG Airport property to a PSW sub-committee meeting.

Carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 ABC Governance Review – approved at the January 31, 2011 City Council Meeting

The Committee discusses the ABC Governance review and how this structure could affect the Committee.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by P. Roberts

That in consideration of the excerpt “Option B: Executive Committee Model” from the City of Windsor ABC Governance Review approved at the January 31, 2011 City Council meeting; attached in Appendix “E” chart the following suggestions **BE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** and **BE REQUESTED** to **BE CONSIDERED**;

That WECEC is unique and a standalone Committee dealing with broad issues,

That WECEC is comprised of a diverse representation and membership,

That WECEC could be included in and under many of the Corporation areas of operation and several of the Standing Committees structures as set out in “Option B: Executive Committee Model”, and further

That the WECEC Committee continues to meet monthly;

That the WECEC Committee continues to be a County and City Committee;

That the WECEC Committee continues to consider and advise on the broad base of issues.

Carried

10.2 Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition: One Day Training Workshops

D. Sadler reports that the several months ago an application to hold the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition, one day training workshop was submitted and recently the City of Windsor received confirmation that they were awarded to host one of the workshops scheduled to take place across the province. D. Sadler explains that this coalition raises the status of green infrastructure and awareness and further draws the committee's attention to a website for further information about the topic at www.greenroofs.org.

D. Sadler encourages WECEC members to attend and offers to sponsor two members from WECEC. He requests that the Committee consider members who would like to attend and inform D. Sadler prior to the upcoming event to be held on April 14, 2011 at the Ojibway Nature Centre at 5200 Matchette Road Windsor. D. Sadler informs the Committee that 50-60 participants could attend and booths for local environment groups are encouraged to set up at the Nature Centre on the Workshop day.

11.1 COMMUNICATIONS

It is noted that an extra cleaning cost was included on the YQG Airport invoice submitted to the Clerk's office regarding January 2011 WECEC meeting room cost.

The Committee generally agrees to invite Richard Meloche Deputy Mayor of the Town of Essex as a delegation to an upcoming WECEC meeting to discuss garbage and waste and the Regional Landfill Site.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3 2011 at the Ojibway Nature Centre at 5200 Matchette Road, Windsor.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:02 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

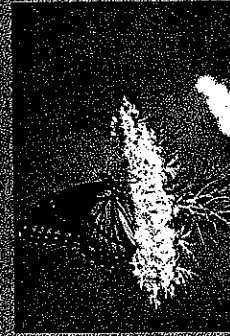
Do you have a project or idea to present to the WECEC?

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee meets monthly to discuss environmental issues and initiatives. These meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Thursday of every month at 5:00pm in the boardroom of the Windsor Airport.

If you have a project or idea that you think the WECEC would be interested in hearing about, or if you would like our support and guidance while pursuing your own environmental initiative, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We accept delegations up to a maximum of 15 minutes long at our monthly meetings.

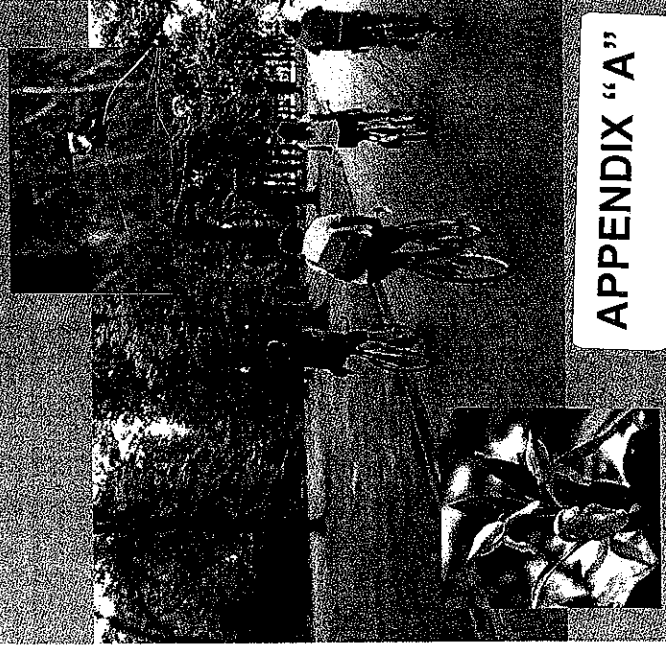
WECEC Coordinator Averi Parent may be contacted by email at aparent@city.windsor.on.ca or by telephone at 519-253-7111 ext. 290.



Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Our Mandate

- Advise City of Windsor and Essex County Councils
- Conduct public education campaigns to raise awareness
- Provide a forum for concerned citizens



APPENDIX "A"

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

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WINDSOR



Working towards a Sustainable Future in Windsor-Essex



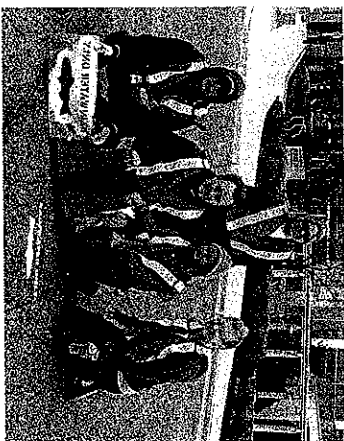
What is the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee?

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee is a group of environmental-related organizations that meet monthly to ensure the ongoing health and stability of our local environment.

Our Mission:

To protect and enhance the quality of the environment for residents in Windsor and Essex County by providing advice, guidance, and counsel to City and County Councils on policies and procedures and providing supporting advocacy, community education and outreach programs.

We are recognized as a credible and integral agent/component in regional environmental decision making and community engagement.



Our Committee:

The WECEC is a well-rounded organization made up of representatives from various sectors throughout the City of Windsor and the County of Essex.

WECEC Sectors:

- 4 Elected City and County Officials
- 2 City and County Citizen Members
- 2 Labour Representatives
- 2 Health Representatives
- 2 Industry Representatives
- 2 Education Representatives
- 3 Environmental Organizations
- 1 Business Representative
- 1 Agricultural Representative

Recent Environmental topics of interest to the WECEC:

- Air quality
- Alternative renewable energy sources
- Wetland and woodlots protection and enhancement
- Sustainable development
- Transportation
- Water quality and conservation



Please visit our website www.wecec.org

News from

Beyond Nuclear * Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario

Don't Waste Michigan * Green Party of Ohio

For Immediate Release: February 1, 2011

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**Environmental Coalition Defends Its Challenge Against "Radioactive
Russian Roulette"**

of 20 Year License Extension at Davis-Besse Atomic Reactor

Wind and Solar Can Replace Nuclear Power,

Accident Consequences Low-Balled, Groups Allege

Oak Harbor, Ohio --- Digging out from this winter's intense snow storms has proven challenging enough for area residents and municipalities. But imagine the chaos of evacuating the entire region if a catastrophic radioactivity release were to occur at the aged and degraded Davis-Besse nuclear power plant on the Lake Erie shore east of Toledo. Unthinkable as it is, evacuation preparedness -- as well as post-accident cleanup

lines of authority and funding sources -- are sorely lacking at best, or entirely non-existent. Notification is not necessarily required in such an event, not even for Canadians living within just 50 miles of the problem-plagued atomic reactor. These hypothetical, yet all too real, risks are at the heart of contentions being raised by citizen groups opposing the 20 year license extension of Davis-Besse.

Last Friday, an environmental coalition defended its intervention against First Energy Nuclear Operating Company's (FENOC) license renewal application. Both the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and FENOC have moved to have the contentions dismissed and groups' standing denied. The joint petitioners -- Beyond Nuclear, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, Don't Waste Michigan, and the Green Party of Ohio -- allege that wind and solar photovoltaic (PV) power, and certainly a combination of the two renewable energy sources, can readily replace Davis-Besse's electricity by the end of its 40 year operating license in 2017. The December 27, 2010 intervention petition and request for a hearing to NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), as well as its January 28, 2011 defense against NRC staff and FENOC counter challenges, is posted at the top of Beyond Nuclear's homepage, www.beyondnuclear.org. The ASLB empaneled for this proceeding has announced that it will hold an oral pre-hearing on March 1, 2011 at the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court in Port Clinton, Ohio to review the environmental coalition's intervention, NRC staff's and FENOC's objections to the intervention, and the Intervenor's "Combined Reply" in defense of its environmental contentions.

In addition to its renewable energy alternatives to Davis-Besse's 20 year license extension, the environmental coalition also asserts that the potential casualties and economic costs that could be caused by a severe radioactivity release from Davis-Besse have been grossly underestimated. Outrageously, the NRC staff and FENOC have moved to exclude the involvement of any Southwestern Ontario residents from this proceeding, because representatives from Citizens Environment Alliance sleep a mere 300 feet beyond the "approximate 50 mile radius" from Davis-Besse routinely observed under legal precedents for standing. Further research by the Intervenor has revealed that Canadians would not necessarily be informed even if a severe accident were to occur.

Kevin Kamps of Beyond Nuclear, a party to the intervention, said "Granting Davis-Besse 20 additional years to operate would be playing radioactive Russian roulette on the Great Lakes shoreline."

Beyond Nuclear has prepared a background summary on Davis-Besse's trouble-plagued history, including some of the closest-calls to major accidents in U.S. history. Among these were a Three Mile Island reactor meltdown precursor accident in 1977, a 1985 loss of cooling to the reactor core, a 1998 tornado strike, and the infamous 2002 hole-in-the-head reactor lid corrosion accident (a 2010 lid leak shows the problem is recurring). Each of these four incidents came unacceptably close to causing a reactor core loss-of-coolant-accident, which could have led to a full nuclear meltdown. The Davis-Besse backgrounder is posted at the Beyond Nuclear website at http://www.beyondnuclear.org/storage/Davis_Besse_Backgrounder.pdf.

The environmental intervenors' expert witness on renewable power sources, such as wind and solar PV readily replacing Davis-Besse, is Alvin D. Compaan, Ph.D., Distinguished University Professor of Physics, Emeritus, at the University of Toledo, and former Chair of UT's Physics and Astronomy Department. UT physics undergraduate student, Kathryn Hoepfl, has also provided intervenors with analysis showing that a combination of wind and solar could readily replace Davis-Besse.

"The good news is that vast renewable energy sources, such as wind power and solar PV, coupled with energy efficiency, are ready and cost-effective today. Efficiency and renewables will benefit everyone's pocket book, health, safety, and environment, and do not risk catastrophic radioactivity releases for the sake of corporate greed," said intervenor Joe DeMare of Rossford, Ohio, a Wood County Green Party member. "Opposition to nuclear power is in keeping with the Greens' Key Principle of Ecological Wisdom," he added.

The intervention filing and its defense extensively documented the vast offshore wind power potential of Lake Erie, as well as vast on-land wind power potential in Ohio, and the ability of a combination of wind power and solar PV to readily displace Davis-Besse. A recent NRC ruling in separate proceeding may provide a significant precedent for the Davis-Besse license extension dispute. On December 28, 2010, the ASLB overseeing the Calvert Cliffs Unit 3 new reactor application in Maryland ruled in favor of environmental intervenors, including Beyond Nuclear, ordering NRC staff and the nuclear utility to more realistically consider the vast potential of offshore wind power, as well as a combination of renewable energy technologies, such as wind and solar, as alternatives to nuclear power. A link to the Calvert Cliffs 3 ASLB ruling has been posted at Beyond Nuclear's website:

<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/nuclear-power/2010/12/29/nrc-licensing-board-bolsters-argument-that-renewables-can-re.html>.

The intervenors' concluding contention holds that FENOC has vastly understated the true costs that would occur in the aftermath of a catastrophic radioactivity release at Davis-Besse.

"Davis-Besse risks a Chernobyl-type nuclear catastrophe in the heart of the Great Lakes," said intervenor Derek Coronado, coordinator of the Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, based in Windsor. "Its current, ongoing leaks of hazardous tritium into the watershed are bad enough, but a catastrophic radioactivity release at Davis-Besse could instantly ruin the drinking water supply for many millions of people downstream in the U.S., Canada, and numerous Native American and First Nations." Coronado expressed dismay when he learned that Canadians would not necessarily be alerted about a severe accident, saying "No wonder they attempted to exclude our standing by 300 feet, they want to duck the question."

Intervenor Michael Keegan of Don't Waste Michigan in Monroe said "This radioactive rust bucket has got to go before it blows."

The NRC's 1982 report "Calculation of Reactor Accident Consequences," based on 1970 Census data, determined that a major accident at Davis-Besse could cause 10,000 fatal cancers downwind, 1,400 "peak early fatalities," 73,000 "peak early injuries," and \$84 billion in property damage in the region. Intervenors have challenged the conclusions on casualties as severe underestimates, based on population growth over the past 40 years. Adjusted for inflation, property damages would now top \$184 billion, in Year 2009 Dollars.

According to Ontario's 2009 Air Quality Report emissions of common air pollutants are decreasing. Since 2003 nitrogen oxide decreased by 21 per cent or equivalent to taking three million cars off the road per year, carbon monoxide decreased by 14 per cent or equivalent to taking 350,000 cars off the road per year and sulphur dioxide decreased by 28 per cent.

In addition, since 2003 there has been a 17 per cent decrease in fine particulate matter in the air, such as smoke, fumes, dust, and pollen.

actions Ontario has taken to help improve air quality include:

- Turning off dirty coal-fired generation and replacing that power with cleaner energy sources
- Introducing 59 new or updated air standards
- Reducing smog-causing emissions from cars and trucks through Drive Clean testing
- Putting limits on nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide - two major smog-causing pollutants.

Additionally, of course, U.S. regulations have tightened over the years. Given that much of Ontario's air pollution, particularly in our region, originates in the U.S. regulatory improvements in the U.S. are vital for improved air quality in Ontario.

One problem highlighted in the report is the continued increase in average ground level ozone concentrations, something that has been happening for many years. A key component of smog, ground level ozone has a high correlation with temperature. Increasing temperatures due to climate change are likely to continue the trend in ground level ozone concentrations and could undermine the progress made to date on other pollutants.

Transportation Subcommittee

January 22/'11

In attendance

Frank Butler

Dean Clevett

Dave Diemer

Bernie Drouillard

Regrets

Parma Yarkin

Rick Coronado

Dave Diemer was welcomed to the subcommittee as the replacement for Dave McGregor as Chamber of Commerce representative to WECEC.

County Council Declines Regional Transit System

The subcommittee discussed the Jan 20th decision by County Council to not pursue the creation of a regional transit authority. The decision was primarily based on budget restraints. The subcommittee noted Warden Bain's comments that early phases of the transition could have been started. It is also noted that other regions have successfully initiated such regional projects and this deferral will leave Essex Windsor further behind. Certainly, to form a regional authority would take considerable negotiations and goodwill at the inception. Though funding may not have been available in this year's budget, the work could have started on the conceptual and planning phase of developing a Transportation Authority.

The need for a regional strategy and structure to address future public need for reliable and sustainable transportation will not be diminished by short term rationalizing of doing nothing.

Recommendations

That County Council with Corporation of the City of Windsor reconsider the development of a (Transit Authority) and initiate the dialogue and preliminary work that can be done at this time. Further, that the concept be reintroduced next year or in subsequent years

→ Regional Transit System

WECAER

The subcommittee discussed the presentation to WECEC on the regional emergency preparedness and response group proposed by the subcommittee in a previous report. Averil and Dean have been working on a power point for the February meeting. A hard copy of the power point was shown to the subcommittee. Dean will do the presentation for the next meeting of the full committee. The subcommittee reaffirmed the previous recommendations to the committee.

Transit Windsor Report

The subcommittee discussed the Transit Windsor Report of Jan 14th. Like other divisions of the City Corporation, Transit Windsor h\was directed to find 10% reduction to their budget. The subcommittee notes the decision to reduce the number of buses purchased from six to five yearly that will result in a saving of only \$670,000 per bus (pg. 3 under Operating Budget). As well, the purchase of diesel rather than hybrids is also problematic.

Also noted was the discussion of MTO requirements for monthly inspections required by regulations. These requirements have been in effect for CVOR licensing required to operate a transit property since 2008 and has been done at the expense of other preventative maintenance. The report also identifies:

- Windsor has the oldest bus fleet in the province
- Currently there are 39 buses over 18 years old
- Maintenance for an ageing fleet will continue to rise

It is also noted that for two years both Transit Windsor B.O.D. and administration have recommended the approval of one additional mechanic to address the need for MTO inspections. This request has been turned down by City Council both times. Overall the long standing failure to properly invest in our fleet has resulted in its deteriorating and diminished status. The subcommittee's previous recommendation to increase Windsor Transit funding significantly is well founded based on the report referenced here.

Recommendations

That City Council increase Transit Windsor budget to include the hiring of an additional mechanic.

That the budget be amended to reinstate the practice of purchasing six buses per year.

That the buses be hybrid buses.

That Transit Windsor (funding be increase by 10%) and the budget revised to reflect that increase.

BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED

Submitted by the Chair

Frank Butler



What is CAER?

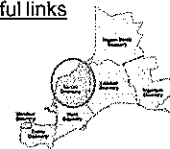
- A Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) organization deals with safety issues arising in various communities
- *Community Awareness* – keeps the community informed
- *Emergency Response* – brings municipal and industrial emergency responders together to identify risks and develop emergency plans

CAER Communities

- Thunder Bay
- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Toronto West, East and North
- Oakville / Mississauga
- Strathcona Industrial Association
- Sarnia – Case study (www.caer.ca)
- Contra Costa County California

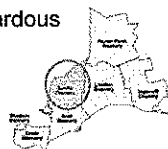
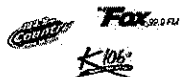
Community Awareness

- Website
 - What to do in an emergency
 - Chemical Valley Emergency Coordinating Organization
 - Personal Action Guide
 - Home Emergency Check List
 - CAER members, partners and useful links
- Local Media "infomercials"
- Emergency Preparedness Day



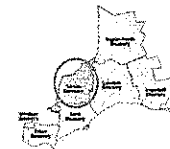
Emergency Response

- Community Warning System
 - Outdoor siren alerts
 - Radio notification
- Alerts the public and emergency responders when there is a hazardous materials incident or an extreme weather event



Shelter in Place

- Advise everyone to stay inside
- Close all doors, windows and other sources of outside air
- Turn off all air conditioning or heating systems
- Turn on your battery operated radio to a local radio station
- Stay off the telephone



Council Report – Nov 29th 2010

- Recommended that the Fire Chief apply for funding from CRTI for the Central Gateway Capability Based Planning Validation Project
- CRTI is the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Research and Technology Initiative
- CRTI project was mainly looking at a worst case scenario of a terrorist attack in Windsor



Background

- Windsor Essex County have been recognized as key areas of concern due to the chemical barge, bridge and tunnel
- CRTI and the Center for Security Science conducted a risk assessment in 2010 as a model to be used nationally
- The next step is to conduct a Capabilities Assessment, with the lead being the Windsor Port Authority



Where would CAER fit in?

- A Windsor Essex CAER organization would ensure readily available adequate public knowledge
- If people know to stay inside, stay off the telephone etc., emergency plans will be executed more efficiently by emergency responders
- Community Right To Know
 - RSO 1990, c. E.9, s. 2.1 (2) (c)
- Due Diligence



Transportation Subcommittee Recommends

- Creation of Windsor Essex Community Awareness & Emergency Response (WE CAER) organization in conjunction with CRTI project
- WE CAER is
 - Composed of Governmental (municipal, provincial and federal) first responders, private enterprises and NGO's
 - Focused on fostering community awareness of emergency response issues and cooperation between local industry, NGO's and first responders

Member Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE
September 29, 2010

Attention: Mayors, Councillors & CACs

Get Involved in FCM's Partnership Toward Safer Communities

Do you have responsibilities for - or an interest in - making our communities safer and more resilient? Do you like to connect and collaborate with like-minded individuals online?

Get involved!

Partnerships Toward Safer Communities (PTSC) is an initiative that was started a decade ago by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC). The recent spate of wildfires in B.C. saw the PTSC Online Community generating advice and attracting some of our FCM members to join the initiative.

For more info about getting involved in this initiative: Partnerships Toward Safer Communities - Online Community

Online Community

Thank you,

John McGowan
CEO

Specific Actions

- Approve resolution requesting that city and county commit to involvement
- Ad Hoc subcommittee be formed to develop details and work with stakeholders. All work to be in alignment and cooperation with other current ER efforts or to be incorporated into them

Benefits to Regional Community

- ❑ Improved communications between hazmat handling industries and first responders
- ❑ Improved state of readiness for hazmat incidents
- ❑ In alignment with CSA Z1600 and NFPA 1600 standards for disaster and emergency management
- ❑ In alignment with Partnerships Towards Safer Communities (PTSC)
- ❑ Establishment of a permanent group to promote community awareness of emergency response issues.

Resources

- ❑ Emergency Management Ontario
- ❑ EMO Amateur Radio Emergency Services (EMOARES)
- ❑ Ontario Association of Emergency Managers
- ❑ Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act
- ❑ Public Safety Canada
- ❑ Partnership Towards Safer Communities
- ❑ Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- ❑ Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Option B: Executive Committee Model

