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Windsor, Ontario July 8, 2010

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 present the following members:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Councillor Percy Hatfield
John Adams
Frank Butler
Pauline Cheslock
Dean Clevett
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
John Miller
Cecile Paquette-Crouchman
Phil Roberts
Tim Stratichuk

Regrets received from:

Mark Bartlett
Troy Brian
Paul Henshaw
David McGregor

Guests in attendance:

David Munro, Tim Henderson, Little River Enhancement Group

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Michael Cooke, Manager of Planning Policy
Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Rebecca Lau, Planning Policy Assistant, ([University Coop Student](#))
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:36 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by P. Roberts,
That the minutes of the meeting held June 3, 2010 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None.

4. PRESENTATION

The General Manager of the Windsor Airport or a representative is not present. The Manager of Planning Policy is present to discuss the [Official Plan policies being drafted to protect Provincially Significant Wetlands, including those on the new development on airport lands, and the impact of this project on the airport woodlots.](#)

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail from the General Manager of the Windsor Airport dated July 7, 2010:

“Based on my understanding, City Council approved this project as it relates to the land development at the Airport, as such all questions should be referred to the City. In regard to the PSW’s, I understand that City Planning will be making a presentation and will respond to your questions.”

The PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Provincially Significant Wetlands” as provided by the Manager of Planning Policy is attached as Appendix “A”. The following topics are discussed:

- Background – Detroit River Marshes, Ojibway Prairie Wetland Complex and Windsor Airport Swamps
- Official Plan Amendment – Resources include the Provincial Policy Statement 2005 (PPS), Official Plan, Natural Heritage Reference Manual and other municipalities
- Official Plan Amendment – Defining adjacent land – where is an Environmental Evaluation Report required?
- Official Plan Amendment – Native vegetation buffer
- Native Vegetation Buffer – How much habitat is enough?
- Draft Official Plan Amendment is now under review – Will be posted on website for public access and comment in near future

M. Cooke states that the [Planning Department has been required by the Province to prepare policies that protect wetlands that ensure that any](#) proposed development on airport lands will not have a negative effect on the wetlands. He states that the [Draft](#)

Official Plan policies~~Airport Master Plan~~ will be reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting to be held on August 19, 2010. He indicates that the report will be forwarded to WECEC two weeks prior to the PAC meeting.

Discussion ensues regarding the status of the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee.

Secretary's Note: In consultation with the Executive Administrative Assistant, Council Services, it is reported that a request for members for EPAC was advertised in the Windsor Star in 2006 and the members were approved by the Striking Committee of Council.

Councillor Halberstadt suggests that a subcommittee be established to review the PAC report and to appear at PAC and the subsequent Council meeting. The following volunteer to sit on the subcommittee – F. Butler, J. Miller, Councillor Halberstadt and possibly David McGregor.

D. Coronado refers to the following motion adopted by WECEC at its meeting held June 3, 2010:

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by P. Cheslock,

That the 240 metre buffer required for the protection of the provincially significant wetlands and woodlots as recommended in the Environment Canada document entitled "How much Habitat is Enough" **BE APPROVED.**

D. Coronado requests that the 240 metre buffer be included in the PAC report.

Councillor Halberstadt recommends that EPAC be reactivated for site plans.

5. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Variance Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 is received for information.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 WECEC Coordinator

K. Richters distributes the job posting for the Environmental Coordinator Assistant WECEC Coordinator position, attached as Appendix "B". She asks if a member is interested in sitting on the hiring committee. D. Clevett responds that he will assist in the hiring process. P. Cheslock and J. Miller volunteer as back-ups.

6.2 Coal fired Power Plant – Resolutions from Various Municipalities

Moved by R. Coronado, seconded by T. Straticchuk,
That the following resolution of the City of Hamilton approved at its meeting held
March 31, 2010 **BE SUPPORTED**:

“The City of Hamilton requests the Government of Ontario to direct Ontario
Power Generation to put its coal plants on standby reserve immediately and only operate
them if they are absolutely needed to keep the lights on in Ontario”, and further, that the
foregoing **BE SENT** to City Council for approval..

Carried.

6.3 WECEC Website

An e-mail from David McGregor dated July 8, 2010 regarding an update relating
to the WECEC website is distributed and attached as Appendix “C”. It is noted in the e-
mail that the intent is to have a “basic functioning website for WECEC’s review by
September 1, 2010. He asks that the following items be submitted for inclusion in the
website:

- Current issues
- Past issues
- Achievements
- Biographies of members
- Sponsors/Partners logos (City of Windsor, County of Essex, ERCA)
- Links to other relevant data sites
- Resources, i.e. PDF reference documents (City Environmental Master Plan)
- Calendar of WECEC meeting dates
- WECEC mandate

6.4 Climate Change Workshop

F. Butler suggests that the Climate Change Workshop be held in October 2010.
Councillor Hatfield states that as David Suzuki will be in Windsor for the opening of the
David Suzuki School in the fall, that the date of the Workshop be set to allow him to be
present.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Education/Outreach

The Co-Chair indicates that commercials relating to small engines are currently
being aired on AM 800.

Discussion ensues regarding municipal workers cutting grass on smog action
days. K. Richters advises that sports fields are cut due to health and safety issues or are
complaint driven.

7.2 Budget

Discussed under Monthly Financial Statements.

7.3 Air

D. Coronado reports that stipulated in the Great Lakes Water Quality agreement, there is a section on climate change relating to air emission from ships. He states he will provide the recommendations in the agreement to WECEC.

7.4 Transportation

In an e-mail from Cecile Paquette-Crouchman dated May 9, 2010 the following is stated:

“I had a discussion with Frank Butler and Parma Yarkin about my inclusion on the Transportation Committee. A lack of a County wide transit system affects all of Windsor-Essex County residents on numerous environmental fronts. I look forward to such participation.”

The Transportation Subcommittee Report of its meeting held July 2, 2010 is distributed and attached as Appendix “D”.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by J. Adams,

That the following questions outlined in the Transportation Subcommittee Report at its meeting held July 2, 2010 pertaining to the development at the Windsor Airport **BE FORWARDED** to the Windsor Essex County Development Commission for a report back to WECEC at the September 2, 2010 meeting:

- What actual product is being made (such as solar panels) or is the operation simply assembling of components?
- Are there hazardous materials used or produced in production?
- If so, what storage, disposal, or application issues exist?
- Are there water treatment issues or storm water retention concerns involved in the operation?
- Is rail or trucking the main mode of moving product?

Carried.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by J. Miller,

That the creation of a regional office for emergency response management similar to the Chemical Valley Emergency Coordination Organization (CVECO) **BE CONSIDERED** by the City and County and further, that a meeting with Fire Services (specifically those who direct emergency response) **BE CONVENED** with the Transportation Subcommittee of WECEC to discuss the emergency response plan.

Carried.

F. Butler requests that a meeting be convened with representatives from Traffic Operations and Planning regarding the timing of traffic lights.

7.6 Food Charter

No report.

Discussion ensues regarding the production of a new WECEC banner as there is a spelling mistake on the current banner and, the website information was omitted.

Moved by P. Cheslock, seconded by F. Butler

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure of \$45. to correct the spelling mistake and to add the WECEC website information to the existing WECEC banner.

Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

P. Roberts indicates that the report relating to Ojibway Shores was not vetted through WECEC or PAC. He requests that a meeting with the CAO be convened to discuss this matter.

9. COMMUNICATION

The e-mail from Scott Vokey, Energy Services Coordinator, Local Authority Services, AMO regarding the “OPA’s Vision for the Future of Electricity Conference” is received for information.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 5:30 o’clock p.m. in the Windsor Airport Board Room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:01 o’clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR