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Windsor, Ontario June 3, 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:

Robert Sylvester, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Percy Hatfield
John Adams (arrives at 5:40 p.m.)
Frank Butler
Pauline Cheslock
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Teresa Czerwinski
Paul Henshaw
Dave McGregor
John Miller (arrives at 5:45 p.m.)
Cecile Paquette-Crouchman
Phil Roberts
Parma Yarkin

Regrets received from:

Mark Bartlett
Troy Brian
Tim Stratichuk

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:32 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 P. Roberts, seconded by F. Butler,
That the minutes of the meeting held May 6, 2010 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Halberstadt advises that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are lobbying the province to restore the Ontario Bus Replacement Funding Program for Transit Windsor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None.

4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 is distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by P. Roberts,
That the WECEC Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

WECEC Coordinator

City Council at its meeting held May 3, 2010 adopted the following resolution:

CR168/2010 – "That the report of the City Engineer dated April 6, 2010 entitled "Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) and the City of Windsor Environmental Coordinator Office Staffing" **BE DEFERRED** for a few weeks, at the request of Administration, to allow for clarification concerning the impact associated with the issue of student hiring."

5.2 WECEC Banner

The WECEC banner is displayed and Councillor Halberstadt thanks John Miller and Pauline Cheslock for coordinating the creation of the banner. It is noted there is a spelling mistake and the website is not displayed. Councillor Hatfield suggests that the manufacturer be contacted to correct the discrepancies.

5.3 WECEC Website

D. McGregor reports that an RFP for the website was prepared and two bids were received. The Co-Chair suggests that the lowest bid be chosen.

Moved by P. Cheslock seconded by P. Roberts,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the amount of \$3,905 for the creation of the WECEC Website by the lowest bidder.
Carried.

Councillor Hatfield recommends that once the website is up and running that a link to the County and the City website be provided.

- D. McGregor suggests the following domain names:
- wecec.org
 - wecec.ca
 - windsorsexenvironment.com
 - windsorsexcommittee.com

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,
That the domain name of “*wecec.org*” **BE APPROVED**, and further, that the additional domain names of wecec.ca, windsorsexenvironment.com and windsorsexcommittee.com **BE SECURED** as alternates.
Carried.

5.4 Climate Change Workshop

No report.

5.5 WECEC Alternates

P. Roberts advises that in consultation with Council Services, that proxy votes are generally used by large stakeholder groups and would not be allowed by a committee of Council. He suggests that no limit be placed on the number of alternates for WECEC. He recommends that a letter identifying the names of the alternates be requested by the various organizations.

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by P. Roberts,
That in the case where an alternate is warranted, that a letter identifying the name of the person for a particular group **BE REQUESTED** and further, that WECEC will recognize the alternate at any subsequent meeting.
Carried.

Discussion ensues regarding the three vacancies on the WECEC membership structure which includes – representation from ERCA, education and business sectors.

6. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 **Education/Outreach**

No report.

6.2 **Budget**

No report.

6.3 **Air**

F. Butler states that smog season began in the month of May and suggests that Ontario phase out of coal-fired electricity as it is the single largest initiative to combat climate change in North America. He states that Kitchener, Hamilton and Guelph have passed resolutions endorsing ending coal use in Ontario.

The Co-Chair requests that the Committee Coordinator contact the Offices of the City Clerk in Kitchener, Hamilton and Guelph for a copy of their resolutions.

D. McGregor declares a conflict to any discussion regarding the closure of coal-fired plants as his business will directly benefit from the closures.

6.4 **Transportation**

F. Butler distributes the Transportation Subcommittee Report of its meeting held May 27, 2010, **attached** as Appendix "B". Discussion ensues regarding the construction of a \$30 million dollar plant at the Windsor Airport. F. Butler states that at present, there are less than 1,000 acres of available space for development (not including the three woodlots that are now designated provincially as significant wetlands (PSW)). P. Roberts speculates that the development will take place in the Pillette/Jefferson area.

P. Roberts suggests that a status report on the current Airport Land Use Master Plan be provided to the Committee. Councillor Hatfield advises that the YQG Board is an arms length entity and the municipality cannot "bonus" the land.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt

That the General Manager of the Windsor Airport and the Manager of Planning Policy **BE INVITED** to attend a future meeting of WECEC to provide an update relating to the new development on Airport lands including the process, timelines and impact of this project on the airport woodlots.

Carried.

P. Roberts declares a conflict as he is employed by the Windsor Airport.

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**.

Carried.

J. Adams voting nay on the matter.

Moved by F. Butler, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,

That representatives from the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Transportation and the City and County **BE REQUESTED** to provide information and updates relating to the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Project throughout the process.

Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Halberstadt advises that \$5,000 has been earmarked for the production of Public Service Announcements relating to off road engines and the subsequent pollution they create.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by J. Miller,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure of \$4,000 for the production of radio announcements and \$1,000 for the production of a public service announcement that provides public awareness of pollution emitted from off road engines.

Carried.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by R. Coronado,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an additional expenditure of \$36.46 for the purchase of t-shirts and enviro-friendly caps.

Carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

The letter from John Guidolin, Interim Director of Pollution Control dated April 23, 2010 regarding “Cost Sharing – Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee Coordinator” is received for information.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 5:30 o’clock p.m. in the Airport Board Room. *It is generally agreed that no meeting will be held in August.*

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:48 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR