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Windsor, Ontario November 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 YQG Windsor Airport Board Room, there being present the following members:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Mark Bartlett (arrives at 5:40 p.m.)
Roger Dzugan (alternate for Mark Bartlett)
Shabaz Ahmed
Pauline Cheslock
Matthew Child
Theresa Czerwinski (alternate for Dean Clevett)
Karen Fallon
Juliet Mohammed
Phil Roberts
Tamara Stomp
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:55 p.m.)

Guest in attendance:

Don Sadler, Executive Director, Parks and Facilities

Regrets received from:

Dean Clevett
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Averil Parent, Environment and Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:33 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

The Co-Chair advises that Andrew Pula has submitted his resignation from WECEC.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by C. Wright,

That Administration **BE REQUESTED** to review the applications previously submitted to determine a replacement for the county citizen seat on the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by K. Fallon,

That the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held October 13, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Don Sadler, Executive Director Parks and Facilities is present to provide “green building” initiatives for the Family Aquatic and Library Complex.

Mr. Sadler provides the following as it relates to the “green building” initiatives for the new Family Aquatic and Library Complex:

- City Council has requested the Complex not be a LEED building, however various aspects of LEED will be built into the building design.
- Owner’s Statement of Requirements (OSR) provides for minimum standards for the design build.
- Scoring matrix – Proponents will receive more points for their design if the building is sustainable.
- Request for Proposal – Pricing for District Energy or stand alone system. If District Energy is utilized, it will reduce environment impact.
- Ministry of Health pool regulations legislates that water has to be “dumped” daily. “Dumped” water will go to a cistern located in the basement of the Complex and will be re-used to flush toilets and urinals.
- Chlorine is the disinfectant of choice for the 2.2 million gallons of water.

- Mr. Sadler along with the successful bidder (or a representative) requests to come back to WECEC in 2012 to provide an update.
- Solar panels may be introduced dependent upon the design of the roof.

The Co-Chair thanks Mr. Sadler for his presentation and notes he will be invited back in 2012 to provide an update of “green building” initiatives.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Enviro Expo

The following “prizes” are suggested for the Enviro Expo:

- E-Bike (approximately \$900)
- Purchase of one or two bicycles (\$199-\$279 each)
- Environmental cleaning products
- LED lights
- Low energy light bulbs
- Several small prizes rather than a ‘grand’ prize
- Nightlights with the WECEC logo

6.2 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

A. Parent advises that application for a Trillium Grant in partnership with ERCA is not doable, as ERCA has made application as the principal applicant.

A. Parent states that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is still a viable option for a Regional Sustainability Strategy.. She notes the GMF provides 50% of the funding; the City of Windsor and the County of Essex must agree to contribute the remaining 50%.

M. Child suggests contacting regional municipal planners to obtain their input relating to the Community Sustainability Plan and report back.

6.3 Speaker Series – Elizabeth May, Leader, Green Party of Canada

A. Parent indicates that contact has been established with the office of Elizabeth May and preferred dates are to be finalized.

Suggestions are made to investigate speaker fees for Richard Daley (former Mayor of Chicago), David Ulrich, Professor of Business, Ross School of Business, or Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament.

6.4 Financial Summary and Proposed 2012 Budget

A. Parent reports the balance of the WECEC 2011 budget is \$6,738.

6.5 WECEC Alternate Appointments

A. Parent advises that City Council appoints the members to WECEC. If alternates are needed, the organization is required to send a letter (nominating an individual as an alternate) to Council Services.

A letter from the Canadian Auto Workers Windsor Regional Environment Council dated October 20, 2011 nominating Mr. Roger Dzugan as an alternate is distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

M. Bartlett leaves the meeting at 6:42 o'clock p.m.

7. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Parent states that the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup (ERCA) will be hosting a movie night on November 30, 2011 at Silver City. She notes that the documentary being shown is entitled "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" and adds that the DRCC is requesting a \$500 donation for advertising costs.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by C. Wright,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$500. payable to the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup (ERCA) for advertising costs to host the "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" movie to be shown on November 30, 2011 at Silver City.

Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

No report.

8.2 Transportation

A. Parent states that the Transportation sub-committee is investigating high speed rail reports and will report back.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

The “draft” letter to be sent to the Windsor Essex Parkway Mobility Group regarding the loss of provincially significant wetlands due to the Windsor Essex Parkway project is distributed and attached as Appendix “B”.

P. Roberts states that the Ministry of Natural Resources has determined that the wetland delineation has been reduced from 8.9 hectares to 5.0 hectares.

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by K. Fallon,

That the draft letter from the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee regarding concerns relating to the compensation of wetlands and the means to create a forum for the environmental community to express and outline opportunities to incorporate meaningful ecological linkage and compensation concepts with the project footprint **BE SENT** to Trevor McFadyen, Windsor Essex Parkway Mobility Group for a response.

Carried.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by R. Tamr,

That the verbal report by P. Roberts relating to the Provincially Wetlands Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Delegation Request from the Windsor Chapter of the Fluoride Action Network

S. Ahmed states that health units endorse fluoridation of the water as it promotes less dental cavities.

M. Child suggests that representatives from the Lou Romano and the Little River Wastewater Treatment Plants be contacted to determine if fluoride levels are tested.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by C. Wright,

That Donna Mayne, (or a representative) of the Windsor Fluoride Action Network **BE INVITED** to attend the December 1, 2011 meeting of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee to provide information relating to the effects fluoridation has on our health and the health of the environment.

Carried.

9.2 Lake Erie Algal Blooms

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by K. Fallon

That the discussion relating to the Lake Erie Algal Blooms **BE DEFERRED** to the December 1, 2011 meeting of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The October 17, 2011 Windsor Star article entitled "Wetland plan for Windsor-Essex Parkway questioned" is received for information.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:32 o'clock p.m.

Councillor Halbertstadt, Co-Chair

(A) Committee Coordinator



AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday November 3rd, 2011
Meeting at 5:30p.m.
At YQG WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held October 13th, 2011 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION:**

City of Windsor Executive Director, Parks and Facilities Don Sadler: Aquatic Centre green building initiatives.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Enviro Expo

6.2 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

6.3 Speaker Series – Elizabeth May, Leader, Green Party of Canada

6.4 Financial Summary and Proposed 2012 Budget – *attached.*

6.5 WECEC Alternate Appointments

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report and Workplan – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

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8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

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12. **ADJOURNMENT**



Mark Bartlett, President ~ David Drouin, Vice President

Mike Allsop, Financial Secretary ~ Liz Garant, Recording Secretary

Troy Brian, Trustee ~ Brian McNamara, Trustee ~ Chris Vilag, Trustee

Bill Broad, Sergeant at Arms ~ Ken Bondy, President Emeritus

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October 20, 2011

Attn: Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Re: Alternate delegate to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit the name of my alternate delegate to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee from the Canadian Auto Workers Windsor Regional Environment Council.

We have appointed Mr. Roger Dzugan to act in my stead when I cannot attend.

Mr. Dzugan resides at 882 Reedmere Rd., Windsor, ON, N8S 2L5.

His contact information is:
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX "A"

Dear Sir

The Windsor and Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) is a formal committee of both City and County Councils. The committee has been following the parkway concepts and developments from its earliest inception. Principally the concerns of the committee are not with the parkway project as a whole or with the execution of the detailed ESA permits. The concerns relate more directly to the compensation of wetlands not previously identified in the compensation strategies and the means to create a forum for our committee and the environmental community to express and outline opportunities to incorporating meaningful ecological linkage and compensation concepts within the project footprint and immediate vicinity.

Wetlands protection, particularly those which have been designated as provincially significant and opportunities to create ecological linkage and wildlife corridors rank among the highest of priorities for our local environmental community which is also reflect in the Provincial Policy Statement. WECEC has made recommendations to City and County Council's in the past to prioritize these opportunities.

The committee is specifically interested in what your understanding is, as the constructor of the parkway, 1) of how much of the prescribed compensation land area required from the ESA's has been secured and what is the schedule for works for the compensation areas, 2) what is the role of the WEMG with design-build plans to deal with the compensation of loss of 5.0 Ha of Provincially Significant Wetlands as now outlined by the OMNR , 3) and what forum can be created for a review of concepts previously identified at stakeholder meetings to discuss habitat and wetland compensation and linkage strategies.

The objective of this letter is to organize a presentation from the WEMG to the WECEC and ultimately share concepts this committee and its partners have for good ecological design for some of the issues we believe may still be outstanding.

Thank you for your attention with this request.