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Windsor, Ontario October 13, 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 present the following members:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Mark Bartlett
Dean Clevett
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Karen Fallon
Paul Henshaw
John Miller
Juliet Mohammed
Phil Roberts (arrives at 6:13 p.m.)
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:37 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Shahbaz Ahmed
Pauline Cheslock
Matthew Child
Andrew Pula

Also present are the following resource personnel:

James Bryant, County Engineering
Michael Cooke, Manager of Planning Policy
Averil Parent, Environmental Coordinator Assistant/WECEC Coordinator
Karen Kadour (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

C. Wright, 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. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by K. Fallon,

That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee held September 1, 2011 **BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** to reflect that Dean Clevett did not move the approval of the WECEC minutes held April 1, 2011 as he was not in attendance.

Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Enviro Expo**

A. Parent reports that the Enviro Expo scheduled for November 5-6, 2011 has been rescheduled to March 29-30, 2012 due to a lack of participation.

Discussion ensues regarding the purchase of “environmental” items to give as prizes at the Enviro Expo.

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by J. Miller,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of “environmental” prizes for the Enviro Expo to be held from March 29-30, 2012 at a time and location to be determined and further, that the Environmental Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to provide suggestions for the prizes at the November 3, 2011 meeting.

Carried.

5.2 **2011 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium**

Moved by M. Bartlett, seconded by K. Fallon,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for Councillor Halberstadt, J. Mohammed, A. Parent and J. Miller to attend the 2011 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium – International Year of Forests to be held on November 19, 2011 at the Durham Regional Headquarters in Durham, Ontario.

Carried.

5.3 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

A. Parent advises that new funding applications are being accepted on December 1, 2011 for the Federation of Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund. The Green Municipal Fund is to be utilized for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors, as well as for plans, feasibility studies and field tests.

A. Parent states that the application to the Trillium Fund for Integrated Community Sustainability Plan funding will commence soon as the deadline is either November 1, 2011 or March 1, 2012. She notes that she will liaise with ERCA on this initiative as the application for funding will be through ERCA's Trillium Account. She will provide a report back at the November 3, 2011 meeting regarding the cost of the feasibility study, and what funding is to be expected.

5.4 Speaker Series – Future Meeting Date with Elizabeth May, Leader, Green Party

A. Parent to contact the office of Elizabeth May to determine a future meeting date.

6. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

6.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report

A. Parent distributes the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – September, 2011, attached as Appendix "A".

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Air

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by M. Bartlett,
That the verbal report by D. Coronado relating to the Air Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

7.2 Transportation

D. Clevett provides information relating to a Bi-National high speed rail plan. This plan may include high speed rail from Montreal to Windsor/Detroit and from Chicago to Minnesota.

Moved by P. Henshaw, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
That D. Clevett **BE APPOINTED** Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee.

Carried.

7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

A letter from the McCormick Rankin Corporation dated September 9, 2011 regarding the “Lauzon Parkway Improvements Environmental Assessment” is distributed and *attached* as Appendix “B”. A. Parent indicates that a public meeting was held regarding the Lauzon Parkway project and the subcommittee concerns were submitted along with what is to be included in the Environmental Assessment.

Councillor Hatfield asked the following question at the City Council meeting held August 9, 2010:

CQ77-2010 *“Asks what we are doing to rescue or salvage some of the trees that may be lost to the DRIC project and re-establishing them elsewhere within the City of Windsor.”*

In reference to the foregoing CQ77-2010, P. Roberts suggests that the contractor of the Parkway Project be requested to replace the trees that are lost with Kentucky Coffee trees.

P. Roberts advises that PSW’s will be lost in the Windsor Essex Parkway Project. He suggests that a letter containing pertinent questions be drafted to invite Trevor McFadyen, Windsor Essex Parkway Mobility Group to attend a future meeting of the PSW sub-committee.

The report of Tiffany Pocock, Acting Project Administrator dated September 16, 2011 entitled “Windsor International Airport – Master Plan 2010” that makes reference to “respecting the existing three heritage wood lots” is *attached* as Appendix “C” for information purposes.

D. Clevett leaves the meeting at 6:32 o’clock p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Family Aquatics & Library Complex

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by K. Fallon,
That the Executive Director Parks and Facilities **BE INVITED** to attend the November 3, 2011 meeting of WECEC to discuss the “green” aspects of the Family Aquatics and Library Complex.

Carried.

8.2 Windsor Environmental Attitude Survey

A. Parent indicates that a telephone poll is currently being conducted by a consultant to determine public opinion of the City of Windsor’s environment. She advises upon completion of the survey, a report will be provided.

8.3 Detroit Incinerator

Windsor City Council at its meeting held September 6, 2011 Noted & Filed a letter from the State of Michigan, Department of Environment Quality regarding the following:

Renewable Operating Permit for Detroit Renewable Power, LLC approval regarding M147-2010 – “That the City of Windsor SUPPORTS the attached objection of the Citizens Environmental Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, to the Renewable Operating Permit for the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Facility, SRN M4148, Wayne County; also known as the Detroit Incinerator.”

D. Coronado advises there is no public comment period on the EPA approval. He notes that the City of Detroit does not have a city-wide recycling program.

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9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Comments on the WECEC Recommendation to Committee – Report No. 57

Councillor Halberstadt suggests that a meeting be convened with the City Engineer and the Executive Director Parks and Facilities to discuss the linkage project for the three airport woodlots with the identified 120 meter buffer.

9.2 Windsor Star Article

The Windsor Star article dated September 27, 2011 entitled “Canada a breath of fresh air: Who – High ranking on smog scale” is received for information.

Discussion ensues regarding the appointment of an alternate member for ERCA.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by R. Coronado,

That the Essex Regional Conservation Authority **BE REQUESTED** to appoint an alternate member to attend meetings of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee when Matthew Child is unable to attend.

Carried.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:10 o'clock p.m.

CO-CHAIR

(A) COMMITTEE COORDINATOR