



AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 13, 2011
Meeting at 5:30 o'clock p.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 September 1, 2011 – *attached*

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 Enviro Expo

5.2 2011 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

5.3 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

5.4 Speaker Series – verbal update – RE: a future meeting date with Elizabeth May
Leader, Green Party of Canada

6. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

6.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 Air

7.2 Transportation

7.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Invitation to the Executive Director Parks and Facilities to provide information relating to the Family Aquatics and Library Complex.
- 8.2 Windsor Environmental Attitude Survey
- 8.3 Detroit Incinerator

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 Report of the City Engineer dated September 15, 2011 entitled "Comments on the WECEC Recommendation to Committee – Report No. 57" – attached.
- 10.2 Windsor Star article dated September 27, 2011 entitled "Canada a breath of fresh air: Who – High ranking on smog scale"- attached.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next WECEC 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

RB/
Windsor, Ontario September 1, 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 Alan Halberstadt
Tamara Stomp
Charlie Wright
Matthew Child
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Paul Henshaw
Karen Fallon
Juliet Mohammed
Andrew Pula

Regrets received from:

Ahmed Shahaz
Mark Bartlett
Pauline Cheslock
Dean Clevett
John Miller
Phil Roberts
Radwan Tamr
Avril Parent (WECEC Coordinator)

Also present were the following resource personnel:

Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator
Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Co-Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 5:41 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follow.

The Co-Chairperson advises the committee that Ms. Jennifer Nantais, Citizen Appointee has submitted her resignation from the committee as she has secured employment with the City of Windsor.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

9.2 EWSWA Management Plan Stakeholder Survey.

Moved by C. Wright, seconded by A. Pula,
That item 9.2 EWSWA Management Plan Stakeholder Survey **BE INCLUDED** for
discussion on the September 1, 2011 WECEC agenda.

Carried.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by T. Stomp,
That the minutes of the meetings of the Windsor Essex County Environment
Committee held April 7, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. **PRESENATION**

5.1 City of Windsor Environmental Coordinator Karina Richters – Climate
Change Adaptation Initiative

K. Richters provides a PowerPoint presentation regarding Climate Change
Adaptation Initiative, ***attached*** as Appendix “A”.

Moved by M. Child, seconded by R. Coronado,
That the presentation by the Environmental Coordinator entitled Climate Change
Adaptation Initiative **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 **Pat on the Back Awards Report**

K. Richters provides a verbal update regarding the Pat on the Back Awards which proved to be a great success and helped provide community exposure for the committee. There were a total of 27 parties making application, with award winners being:

- Windsor Essex Coop co-op
- St. Andrew's Church Community Garden
- Campus Community Garden Project
- Windsor Essex Community Supported Agriculture

A. Parent is working on next year's competition. The Committee generally agree that perhaps separate categories should be introduced at future competitions.

6.2 Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

K. Richters informs the committee that A/ Parent has scheduled completing a Trillium Grant application upon her return in October 2011 in conjunction with the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) who has ownership of the account.

6.3 Speaker Series - Elizabeth May, MP, Saanich-Gulf Islands

K. Richters states that the committee has contacted the office of Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament to coordinate a speaking engagement in Windsor. A final date has not yet been approved.

6.4 Financial Summary

K. Richters itemizes the committee's financial summary. The committee budget is currently at \$5,626 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

6.5 Coordinator Position – Report 55 and 21

The Co-Chairperson informs the committee that the WECEC Coordinator was extended until April 2012.

7.0 COORDINATORS REPORT

Healthy Home Guide

K. Richters indicates that the Healthy Home Guide which has recipes on making homemade cleaning products is available to the public via the City of Windsor website under the Windsor Environmental Master Plan page. The link is as follows:
www.windsorenvironmentalmasterplan.ca

International Upper Great Lakes Study Meeting

K. Richters explains that the WECEC Coordinator attended a meeting in Detroit, MI and reports that new regulations are aimed at improving regulated lake levels, but will require new structures to achieve this.

Sustainable Purchasing Policy

K. Richters advises the committee that the City of Windsor Purchasing Department has agreed to assist in the development of a Sustainable Purchasing Policy. The premise is to model the plan practiced by the City of Richmond, British Columbia which is very thorough and advanced.

A future meeting with the Purchasing Department is placed to discuss a plan.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

R. Coronado informs the committee that three projects are currently in development with reports forthcoming:

- Provincial Election survey to all political parties dealing with environmental issues, including air pollution.
- The Federal Government is changing regulations pertaining to coal fired plants and setting emission limits to natural gas power plants. A company has rushed a proposal to construct a new plant beat the deadline to the changes. A letter to the minister has been forwarded challenging the construction of this plant.
- Water quality agreement being renegotiating between Canada and the United States which will address climate change. Comments were welcome.

8.2 Transportation

The Co-Chair provides a brief explain that Transit Windsor has explored the use of Street Cars, but it was ultimately decided by the Board of Directors that they would not pursue or invest in that initiative at this time.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

K. Richters provides the committee with a verbal update respecting the following:

- WECEC has forwarded a letter of support to the attention of Michelle Kantor, Executive Director, Carolinian Canada Coalition respecting Kingsville Biodiversity Awareness Trail (BAT)
- WECEC has forwarded comments respecting the Lauzon Parkway Project Environmental Assessment to the attention of Jane Mustac, Manager of Transportation Planning, County of Essex.
- The Black Oak video script is being reviewed for approval and will be returned to Axxess Design.

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by C. Wright,
That the Subcommittee Reports **BE RECIEVED** for information

Carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Delegation request from Fluoride Action Network

The Co-Chairperson advised the committee that he has received contact from the Fluoride Action Network group who have requested to make a presentation to the committee regarding the dangers and risks of fluoride.

After a brief debate, the committee generally agrees that the issue is not within the scope of the committee and would possibly be better suited for the group to make a presentation to a committee dealing with health concerns such as the Windsor Essex Health Unit.

9.2 EWSWA Management Plan Stakeholder Survey

K. Richters advises the committee that EWSWA has requested two representatives from WECEC complete an electronic survey on a solid waste management strategy for Windsor-Essex County.

The committee generally agrees to have the survey sent to each member to complete and forward to K. Richters.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 2011 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

The Co-Chairs advise the committee of Durham Environmental Advisory Committee conference scheduled for November 19, 2011 which consists of environmental advisory committee's across Ontario and the region to represent the committee. Those interested in attending are encouraged to email K. Richters.

10.2 International Joint Commission Public Meeting

The International Joint Commission is holding a public meeting regarding contamination of source water. The event is free and open to the public and is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 o'clock p.m.

10.3 September 24th Day of Action

Grassroots Environmental group 350.org is planning a Day of Action March downtown on September 24, 2011. Details are still forthcoming.

10.4 Newspaper Article – Canada's poor global warming record

The committee holds a brief discussion surrounding the article entitled "Poor global-warming record will put Canada on hot seat" from the Tuesday, August 2, 2011 edition of the Theprvovince.com.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 13th at the YQG Windsor Airport Board Room at 5:30pm (Change of date due to Provincial Election)

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:12 o'clock p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL ASSISTNAT

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Environment & Transportation Standing Committee - Administrative Report



MISSION STATEMENT:

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LiveLink REPORT #: 15517 EI2011	Report Date: September 15, 2011 (#3171)
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TO: Environment and Transportation Standing Committee

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

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: _____ Ward(s): 8

That the attached recommendation of the WECEC Committee, Report No. 57, **BE ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION** for consideration of Administration within the Airport Master Plan and future Capital Works Budgets.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

At the July 7, 2011 Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC), the Committee forwarded the attached recommendation for consideration at this evening's Transportation and Environment Committee meeting.

3. DISCUSSION:

Upon reviewing the recommendation, it is noted that the Airport Master Plan has included these comments for consideration and the woodlot and the 120 metre buffer are areas in the Master Plan.

The resolution states "BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council and the Corporation initiate a linkage project for the three airport woodlots with the identified 120 meter buffer as shown on pg 8.1 of the airport master plan."

This item should be left to future Capital budgets and hence the recommendation in this report.

Furthermore, the recommendation of WECEC indicates "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lauzon Parkway environmental assessment (EA) recognizes and assesses the St. Louis woodlot for PSW status."

This request may be beyond the mandate of the Lauzon Parkway Environmental Assessment Study and as such, this item should be forwarded to those undertaking the Lauzon Parkway Assessment Study for their consideration should it be within the scope.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

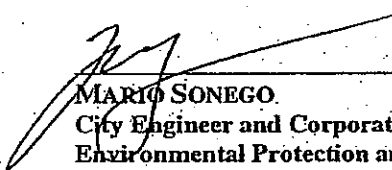
Should the recommendation be adopted as put forward by WECEC, the amount has not been costed as to what it would cost to initiate the linkage project immediately and this should be left to the master planning process of the Airport as well as consideration of Council and future Capital budgets.

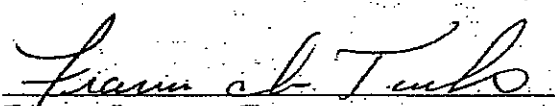
5. CONSULTATIONS:

N/A

6. CONCLUSION:

It is more appropriate that the resolution Report No. 57 of WECEC be accepted as information for consideration through the Airport Master Plan and the future Capital Works budget and the ongoing Environmental Assessment for Lauzon Parkway.


MARIO SONEGO
City Engineer and Corporate Leader
Environmental Protection and Transportation


FRANCE ISABELLE-TUNKS
Senior Manager, Development and Geomatics

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APPENDICES: Report No. 57 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC)

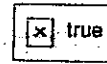
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Canada a breath of fresh air: Who High ranking on smog scale

POSTMEDIA NEWS SEPTEMBER 27, 2011



A new World Health Organization database on air quality places Canada as one of the world's top nations when it comes to clean air, but an expert says that despite this country's high scores, the air Canadians breathe will still cause health issues for thousands.

On Monday, the international public health authority launched its first Air Quality database, which covers almost 1,100 cities in 91 countries, revealing the world's "hot spots" for air pollution as well as regions with the highest health burden due to poor air quality.

Data on particulate matter, a kind of air pollution that results in particles floating in the air, were compiled from national records, websites and scientific articles to create the database. Compared to 90 other countries, Canada tied for third with Australia following Estonia and Mauritius in a ranking that looked at how many air pollutant particles were recorded in a cubic metre of air in each country.

"Canada did indeed score very well, which shows Canada has been taking good action over the years," said Annette Pruss-Ustun, a scientist in the WHO's public health and environment department.

However, Pruss-Ustun said even the smallest amounts of particulate matter in the air can affect someone's health.

The WHO estimates that 1.3 million people - with more than half of them in developing countries - die every year from outdoor air pollution.

The database looked at two sizes of particles - those that had a diameter of less than 2.5 microns (or PM2.5) and their bigger, less hazardous counterparts, which were at least 10 micrometres large (PM10). The individual particles aren't visible - a 10-micrometre-wide particle is easily 50 to 100 times thinner than a strand of human hair.

Sarnia, Ont., surrounded by factories in a region that also shares a border with Michigan, topped the Canadian list with the most particulate matter per cubic metre of air.

The southwestern Ontario city documented 12.7 micrograms of PM2.5 particles per cubic metre of air, which was on par with population-dense New York and was just 0.4 fewer than Madrid and London.

Montreal, with 11.2 PM2.5 and Windsor, at 10.1, trailed Sarnia while Canada's biggest city, Toronto, recorded 7.9 PM2.5 in the air, almost twice as much air pollution as Metro Vancouver. Still, the Canadian rankings were impressive: the country held nine of the 10 slots of the cities with the least

particulate matter polluting the air with Whitehorse, Nanaimo, B.C., and Fredericton, on the list.

Most outdoor air pollution is man-made, coming from such sources as cars, furnaces and wood stoves, emissions from factories and coal-fired power plants.

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