

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
Meeting held April 5, 2018

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre, there being present the following members:

Councillor Paul Borrelli, Chair
Councillor Fred Francis
Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg
Mayor Nelson Santos, Town of Kingsville
Derek Coronado
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa (arrives at 5:45 p.m.)
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:48 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Dr. Edwin Tam

Guests in attendance:

Xavier Gonzalez
David Hanna

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Kelsey Williams, (A) Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The 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

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

9.3 Screening of a documentary entitled "Earth Seen from the Heart".

Carried.

3. Declarations of Conflict

None disclosed.

4. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its
meeting held January 25, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. Presentation

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor DiCarlo,
That the presentation by Mike Nelson relating to a discussion on Wetlands **BE
DEFERRED** to the next meeting of WECEC.

Carried.

6. Business Items

6.1 2018 Green Speaker Series and Review of 2016/2017 Presenters

K. Williams provides an overview of the past Green Speakers and this matter is
received for information.

6.2 Review of WECEC 2018 Priorities

K. Williams provides the highlights of the WECEC Priorities 2018 – list of priority
themes and corresponding objectives.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor Santos,
That the document entitled “WECEC Priorities 2018 – List of Priority Themes and
Corresponding Objectives” **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

6.3 Participation in Content's Processing Centre's (CPC) Earth Day Celebration

K. Williams advises the CPC was created to help the restoration companies clean the contents of a building following a disaster such as fire or floods. An Open House will be held on April 20, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Contents Processing Centre located at 4500 North Talbot Road, Tecumseh.

6.4 City of Windsor Earth Day Celebration – April 22, 2018

K. Williams reports the Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 22, 2018 at Malden Park and asks if WECEC is interested in manning a booth at the event. D. Grant and K. Williams volunteer. The cost of the booth is \$35.00.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by D. Grant,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$35. for the procurement of a booth at the Earth Day Celebration event to be held April 22, 2018 at Malden Park.

Carried.

6.5 WECEC Newsletter

K. Williams proposes a WECEC Newsletter that outlines what's going on in the area including a calendar identifying environmental events be provided to the Committee every other month.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,
That the Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to provide a Newsletter every other month to WECEC that highlights environmental issues including a calendar of events.

Carried.

6.6 City of Windsor/County of Essex WECEC Involvement

K. Williams proposes that equal input from the County of Essex/City of Windsor be provided as discussion items at WECEC meetings.

Councillor Francis suggests the City of Windsor Chief Administrative Officer contact the CAO's in the County to request this input relating to environmental issues.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the update relating to the City of Windsor/County of Essex involvement in WECEC **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

6.7 Role of WECEC in the Study of Eco Passages for Ojibway Nature Complex

Members of WECEC request that information relating to the study of eco passages for the Ojibway Nature Complex be provided.

6.8 Role of WECEC in the Canada-Ontario Lake Erie Action Plan

K. Williams provides an overview of the document entitled “Governments of Ontario and Canada release action plan to reduce harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie – *Over One Hundred and Twenty Actions with Partners to Restore Health of Lake Erie*”. She adds the document also includes the roles of municipalities to reduce harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,

That the update provided by the Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator relating to the document entitled “Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Governments of Ontario and Canada release action plan to reduce harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie” **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

6.9 Active Transportation Master Plan Workshop

K. Williams states she attended the first Stakeholder Workshop on behalf of WECEC held March 22, 2018 at the WFCU Centre. She indicates the Master Plan will require a year and a half to implement and adds 82% of people residing in Windsor drive cars.

Mayor N. Santos suggests looking into the possibility of connecting the active transportation routes to the County, i.e. the County Wide Active Transportation System.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the update provided by the Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator relating to the Active Transportation Master Plan Workshop **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

6.10 Pat on the Back Awards

K. Williams notes the Pat on the Back Awards have been historically held with an annual budget of \$2500. She requests volunteers to assist in this initiative. R. Tamr and D. Grant volunteer as judges of the event.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That **APPROVED BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,500 for four prizes to be awarded at the Pat on the Back Awards to be held on a date to be determined at the Ojibway Nature Centre.
Carried.

M. Nelson suggests inviting past award recipients to the Pat on the Back Awards event.

7. Coordinator's Report

7.1 WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report

K. Williams provides the highlights of the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – April 2018 including the potential Green Speakers for 2018.

8. Subcommittee Reports

8.1 Air

D. Coronado reports the Climate change Action Plan Progress is available on line at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-climate-change-action-plan-progress-report-2017>.

D. Coronado indicates on January 30, 2018, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario released the 2017 Greenhouse Gas Progress Report, Ontario's Climate Act From Plan to Progress to the Ontario Legislature.

D. Coronado refers to the document entitled "A Collaborative Report from Auditors General – March 2018 – Perspectives on Climate Change Action in Canada".

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor Santos,
That the update provided by D. Coronado relating to the Air Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

8.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

M. Nelson reports the subcommittee recently met and the topic of discussion focused primarily on provincially significant wetlands, i.e. low impact development, green infrastructure, rain gardens and mitigation measures.

8.2.1 Update on green infrastructure in Windsor/Essex County

M. Nelson advises a “Grey to Green” Conference will be held in Toronto from May 15-16, 2018. The “Grey to Green” will bring a line-up of leading-edge and inspirational speakers, interactive workshops, and world-class tours of some of Toronto’s best green infrastructure projects.

9. New Business

9.1 Update on City of Windsor environmental initiatives

9.1.1 Sewer Master Plan and Stakeholder Advisory Committee Participation

K. Williams states the Stakeholder Advisory Committee has been established. She adds 10 meetings will be held every other month over a two year period. She asks if any WECEC members wish to be part of this committee and, at this time no response is received.

9.1.2 Grant Funding for a Climate Change Adaptation Plan

K. Williams indicates a grant has been received for the Climate Change Adaptation Plan – Degrees of Change.

9.1.3 Environmental Master Plan

K. Williams reports the update Environmental Master Plan was approved at City Council’s meeting held March 26, 2018.

9.1.4 Partners 4 Action

Partners for Action (P4A) is an applied research network advancing flood resiliency in Canada in the face of a changing climate and extreme weather. P4A’s collaborate approach brings together diverse stakeholders to create and share knowledge, address information needs, and drive action. P4A is based out of the Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo.

K. Williams refers to the Windsor Flooding Online Survey available at - https://uwaterloo.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9KBdh1O0qi3WEi9. Windsor residents are encouraged to share their flood experiences and to voice how prepared they are for future flood events.

9.2 Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives

9.2.1 Town of Lakeshore Initiatives

K. Williams provide an overview of the letter from the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Services, Town of Lakeshore relating to the “Environmental Initiatives completed by the Town of Lakeshore – 2017”.

9.2.2 Town of Leamington Initiatives

K. Williams provides the highlights of the “Leamington Environmental Initiatives for 2017/2018”.

9.3 Screening of the “Earth Seen from the Heart” Documentary

K. Williams states a screening of the documentary Earth Seen from the Heart will be shown on April 29, 2018 at Silver City.

10. Communications

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by R. Tamr,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 10.1 City of Windsor Council seeks federal protection for Ojibway Shores
- 10.2 Ford Motor Company – Flat Rock Assembly Plant
- 10.3 Carmeuse Lime & Stone facility public comment period
- 10.4 Amherstburg Class Environmental Assessment Notice
- 10.5 DTE Dearborn CEP LLC proposed facility
- 10.6 Climate Change Status Report

Carried.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor Santos,
That Mayor Aldo DiCarlo **BE ELECTED** Vice Chair of the Windsor Essex County
Environment Committee.
Carried.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:59 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR