

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee – Meeting held January 25, 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 Nelson Santos, Town of Kingsville
Derek Coronado
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa (arrives at 5:40 p.m.)
Dr. Edwin Tam

Regrets received from:

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg
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Guest in attendance:

Michael Schneider

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Karina Richters, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change
Kelsey Williams, (A) Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The 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:

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

4. Minutes

Moved by D. Grant, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held October 26, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. Business Items

5.1 Set 2018 Meeting Dates

It is generally agreed meetings of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee will be held every other month on the last Thursday of the month.

5.2 Completion of City of Windsor Draft Environmental Master Plan Public Engagement

K. Williams advises eight public engagement sessions regarding the Draft Environmental Master Plan were recently held. On-line surveys were also conducted with great support received from the respondents.

Moved by D. Grant, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the update regarding the City of Windsor Draft Environmental Master Plan provided by the (A) Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6. Coordinator's Report

K. Williams provides an overview of the January 2018 Coordinator's Report. She requests members provide names of possible Green Speakers for the 2018 series.

J. Passa suggests inviting a planner from Toronto to speak to the topic zero emissions and green roofs.

D. Grant requests a list of previous green speakers be provided including the topics of discussion.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor Santos,
That the update relating to the January 2018 Coordinator's Report provided by
the (A) Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

7. Subcommittee Reports

7.1 Air

D. Coronado indicates the Province recently released an updated Nuclear Emergency Response Plan. The update makes the plan more transparent and accountable, increases alignment with national and international standards, and enhances emergency planning.

D. Coronado refers to the Environmental Registry and the Policy Proposal Notice entitled "Cumulative Effects Assessment in Air Approvals". He notes the public comment period ends February 7, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,
That the WECEC Air Subcommittee update provided by D. Coronado **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

7.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

D. Coronado states damage has been caused by all terrain and motorized vehicles in the Ojibway Shores area adjacent to the Black Oak Heritage Park.

Councillor Francis indicates there is evidence of tree stands and poaching of deer. He adds bike trails were built by mountain bikers without authority to do so.

K. Richters advises the mountain bikers have provided assistance in clean up events of the park in the past.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,
That the Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues Subcommittee update **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

8. New Business

8.1 Update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives

In terms of the Active Transportation Master Plan and the Sewer Master Plan, K. Richters reports there will be opportunities for public engagement.

K. Richters states Earth Hour will be held on March 24, 2018 at 8:30 p.m. She adds Earth Day will be held on April 22, 2018.

Moved by Mayor Santos, seconded by Councillor Francis,
That the update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives provided by the Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

8.2 Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives

Mayor Santos advises CWATS plans on connecting the paths and trails throughout the Town of Kingsville in order to provide more active transportation options. The investment by CWATS in the amount of \$7M will connect bike lanes between Leamington and Kingsville.

Mayor Santos indicates the Town of Leamington will proceed with the 2nd phase of the sewer separation program to Pointe Pelee at a cost of \$17-20 M.

Moved by D. Grant, seconded by Councillor Francis,
That the update on Essex County environmental initiatives provided by Mayor Santos **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

8.3 2018 Goals: Objectives and Work Plan

K. Williams provides an overview of the WECEC Work Plan 2018 and some of the priorities noted in the document are reiterated and additional comments are provided as follows:

- Greening the City – specifically more green roofs
- Walkability, complete streets, active transportation
- Right to Know by-law
- Sewer Use Master Plan
- Shift the focus to 50/50 City/County
- Ban plastic bags
- Group priorities into themes

In terms of the discussion relating to green roofs, Councillor Francis suggests a representative from Planning be invited to a future meeting of WECEC.

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Tan,
That the list of priorities identified in the WECEC Work Plan 2018 **BE AMENDED**
to add the issue of banning plastic bags, and to group the priorities into themes.
Carried.

9. Communications

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by D. Grant,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 9.1 Release of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan 2017
- 9.2 Study Commencement: Class Environmental Assessment Combined Sewer Overflow Control in the Riverfront Area West of Caron Avenue
- 9.3 EBR Posting 013-2083 – Community Emissions Reduction Planning: A Guide for Municipalities
- 9.4 EBR Posting 012-5806 – Guide: Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario
- 9.5 EBR Posting 013-1520 – Climate Change Adaptation (Ontario)

Carried.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

11. Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:35 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR