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Windsor, Ontario June 5, 2014

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

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Councillor Hilary Payne
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Roger Dzugan
Paul Henshaw
John Miller
Kevin Money (alternate for Mike Nelson)
Lindita Prendi
Phil Roberts (alternate and non-voting)
Tamara Stomp

Regrets received from:

Pauline Cheslock
Teresa Czerwinski
Mike Nelson
Radwan Tamr

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Greg Atkinson, Planner III, Economic Development
James Bryant, County Engineering Department
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

C. Wright, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:35 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 disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its
meeting held April 3, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

None.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 **Green Speaker Series Update**

A. Parent reports Green Speaker Susan Chan is confirmed to speak on July 8,
2014 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre. Her topic of discussion will be
neonicotinoids (found in pesticides) which may be threatening pollinators.

6.2 **Pat on the Back Awards**

A. Parent advises 14 "Pat on the Back" applications were received from local
environmental groups and schools. She notes 7 were chosen to present their
environmental project at the Pat on the Back Award Ceremony held on May 27, 2014 at
the Ojibway Nature Centre. The following schools were awarded funding to assist with
their environmental projects:

- Assumption College Catholic High School Green Industries Program
- Colchester North Public School, GMO Free Windsor Essex
- Queen Elizabeth Public School
- Southwood Public School

A flyer entitled "Queen Elizabeth wins "Pat on the Back" Award" is distributed
and **attached** as Appendix "A".

7. **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

A. Parent states she and C. Wright attended the 3rd Provincial EAC Symposium held in Brampton on May 3, 2014. The theme of the Symposium was public engagement. Presenters spoke about the Brampton Environmental Master Plan, the Brampton Clean City Committee, the Cambridge City Green Action Committee, the Brampton library environmental initiatives and the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance. There were great examples of public engagement, specifically the Oshawa 30 day Carbon Reduction Challenge and the Oshawa Food for Thought initiative. Councillor Halberstadt suggests a working group be established to take on a 30 day challenge locally in 2015.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair remarks there was little publicity for the Earth Hour event. A. Parent explains no group locally championed this initiative; however, the City of Windsor shuts down all non-essential lighting.

P. Roberts indicates Windsor's tree coverage has diminished due to the enormous loss of Ash trees. He states the Tree Cutting By-law would protect the natural areas and the urban environment. It is noted Report No. 80 of WECEC was deferred at the May 20, 2014 Council meeting pending City of Windsor tree canopy coverage information from Administration.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

D. Coronado indicates a detailed report relating to greenhouse gases will be provided for the July 10, 2014 meeting of WECEC.

8.2 Transportation

The Transportation Subcommittee report dated May 31, 2014 is distributed and attached as Appendix "B".

Councillor Halberstadt suggests Communication #10.4 entitled "City of Windsor Report at June 9, 2014 Council meeting: *Transportation/Transit Windsor Service Delivery Enhancement Governance Model*" be discussed at the next meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Megahospital Recommendation from May Meeting Presentation

T. Stomp provides the following comments as it relates to the Megahospital:

- Location should be accessible for the greatest number of users
- The 50-50 acre assumption should be challenged and brownfield sites should be considered before looking at green sites.
- Megahospital should be located with access to public and active transportation methods.
- If the hub is located in close proximity to Leamington, the Leamington Hospital may close.

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

That the WECEC coordinator **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter on behalf of WECEC to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) with a copy to the Citizens for an Accountable Megahospital Planning Process (CAMPP) reflecting the following principles for the new megahospital:

- Focus should be on access for the greatest number of users, not geographic centre;
- Challenge the 50-60 acre assumption;
- Greenfield only if no suitable redevelopment (brownfield) options exist;
- Must understand the locations effects on neighbourhoods and sprawl/blight;
- Ensure urban planning experts are heard and their concerns addressed.

Carried.

Councillor Payne abstains from voting on this matter as there is insufficient background information and expertise.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

J. Costa Gardner states an “Ojibway Shores Blitz” will take place on June 28, 2014. The public is invited to participate and to hike and discover the various species in the area which includes breeding birds and amphibians.

P. Roberts reports the Field Naturalist’s Club is conducting an environmental assessment/biological work and land inventory of the Ojibway Shores. He notes the year long data collecting exercise will result in a public report.

8.4 Water Quality

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by L. Prendi,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for the production of a video on Low Impact Development/Urban Best Management Practices to improve water quality and limit basement flooding.

Carried.

9.2 Suggested WECEC Structure, Meeting Schedule and Location Opportunities

A. Parent explains that due to the lengthy process to send information to Council (reports/minutes must first be reviewed by the Environmental, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee) that WECEC meetings be held the last week of the month instead of the first week of the month.

As it relates to the WECEC Mandate/Terms of Reference, A. Parent proposes the following possible changes:

- Remove the sectors outlined in the Terms of Reference as the sectors are prohibitive. Rather, allow citizens not restricted by an organization to apply to sit on WECEC.
- WECEC monthly meetings to alternate at City/County venues. The minute taking will also be shared with the County.

D. Coronado expresses concern with the fuel costs to travel every other month to a venue in the County.

Councillor Halberstadt suggests the possible downsizing of the Committee to 14 members.

T. Stomp proposes the following:

- A. Parent to undertake a revision of the Terms of Reference.
- Hold WECEC meetings the last week of the month.
- As it pertains to the location of the meeting, ensure there are sufficient funds to hold the monthly meetings at the Windsor Airport.
- No need to hold meetings in the County.

P. Henshaw proposes WECEC hold one meeting a year in the County. He states there is a need for diverse members which can be built into the selection process.

P. Roberts indicates the Striking Committee of Council determines who sits on WECEC. As the County contributes to the WECEC annual operating budget, he suggests the elected members of WECEC, i.e. Councillor Halberstadt, Councillor Payne, C. Wright and T. Stomp determine who sits on WECEC.

C. Wright proposes WECEC visit the Seacliff Energy Plant in Leamington.

It is generally agreed future meetings of WECEC be held at the Windsor Airport.

Moved by K. Money, seconded by T. Stomp,

That YQG Board of Directors **BE REQUESTED** to consider waiving the \$50 monthly fee for the meeting room rental at the Windsor Airport for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee's monthly meetings.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 The response from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to WECEC's letter of concern regarding proposed petcoke storage along the Detroit River is received for information.
- 10.2 The proposed 8th Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health is received for information.
- 10.3 The Windsor Star, May 22, 2014: Jarvis: Proposed offers more buses, more routes" is received for information.
- 10.4 The City of Windsor Council Report at June 9, 2014 Council Meeting: Transportation/Transit Windsor Service Delivery Enhancement Governance Model is *referred to the Transportation Subcommittee of WECEC.*
- 10.5 The May 15, 2014 New National Conservation Plan announcement is received for information.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room, Windsor Airport.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:25 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on June 5th 2014
Meeting at 5:30p.m at the Ojibway Nature Centre (5200 Matchette)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Quorum was not reached at the May meeting. No minutes were taken.

5. **PRESENTATION**

None.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Green Speaker Series update

6.2 Pat on the Back Awards

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

8.2 Transportation

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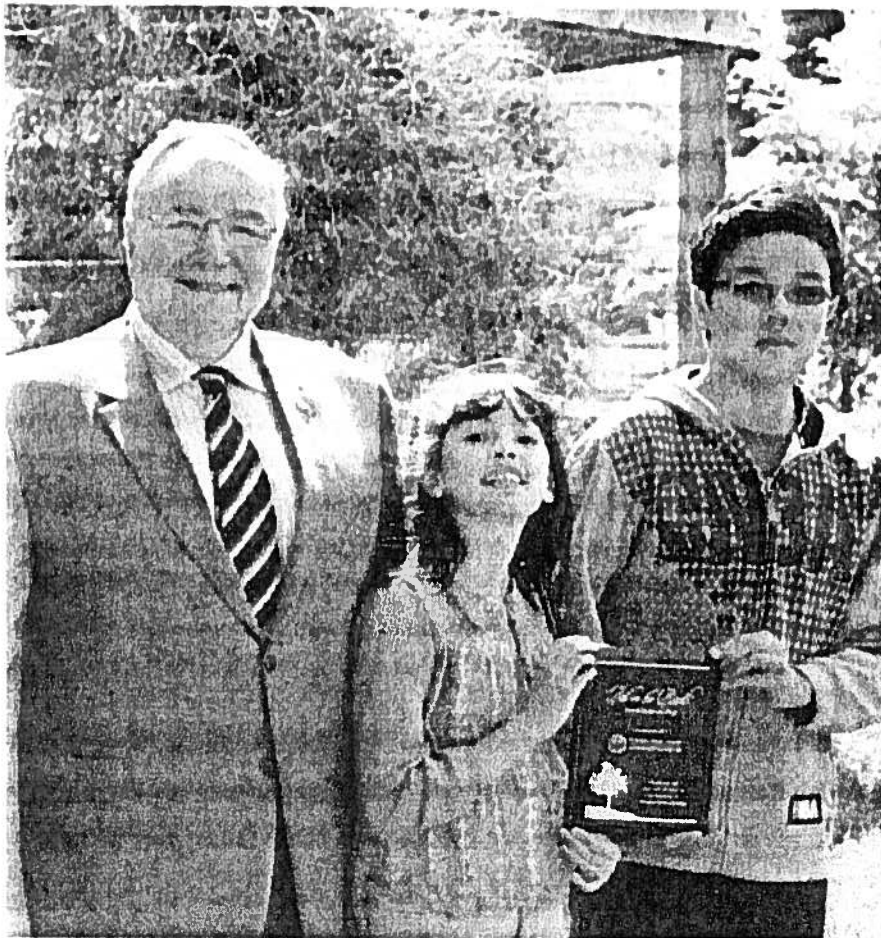
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11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **July 10th, 2014** at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**



Queen Elizabeth wins “Pat on the Back” Award

Charlie Wright, a member of the Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee, presented Queen Elizabeth Public School students Lily Macleod, centre, and Sean Leng with the “Pat on the Back” plaque that they won as part of the school’s Eco Club.

(Sun Photo) (STORY ON PAGE 2)

Queen Elizabeth School wins “Pat on the Back” for environmental projects

By Sheila McBrayne

Queen Elizabeth Public School in Leamington received a “Pat on the Back Award” from the Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee last week.

Queen Elizabeth was one of five recipients competing against other environmental groups for the four awards of \$500. Competition included the University of Windsor, Leamington District Secondary School, and other community groups.

Two Eco Club members from Queen Elizabeth – Grade 7 student Sean Leng and Grade 4 student Lily Macleod - presented their proposal for a totem pole to be erected in the school's outdoor classroom. "Our school will benefit from this because it will show that we are a community. In future years, it could be used as a reminder of what we have accomplished by having our Eco Club," stated Leng in his written presentation to the Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee.

"They had an excellent presentation. Probably the best one there and they only asked for \$180, instead of the \$500," said Charlie Wright, Leamington's deputy-mayor and a member of the Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee. "I was very proud of them. They are the first group from Leamington to win the ward," said Wright. Because the Queen Elizabeth Eco Club only asked for \$180 (and received \$200), the Committee was able to award the remaining \$300 for another project.

The Queen Elizabeth Eco Club has between 80 and 100 members, from a school of 500 students, which equates to almost one-fifth of the student body. There are about half a dozen teachers who volunteer their spare time to help the group. Teacher overseeing the group is Paul Foreman. The club meets every Tuesday after school, from 3 to 4 p.m.

"I was thrilled to hear we won. I'm very proud of my students," said Queen Elizabeth principal Helen Dean. The club is very busy with many environmental projects, including collecting shiny wrappers for recycling, building a greenhouse, community gardens, planters, birdhouses, a butterfly garden, and planting many trees.

The totem pole will be purchased and sent to Leamington District Secondary School for carving and placed in the school's outdoor classroom. LDSS students will be carving the Queen Elizabeth Knights shield, a trillium, a Canadian flag, the recycle logo and symbols representing the environmental projects at the school.

Leamington Clean Up Challenge

The Municipality of Leamington has announced the annual Leamington Clean Up Challenge will take place in June. Leamington businesses, schools, service clubs or other community organizations are encouraged to recruit a Clean Up Champion and select a park, trail or neighbourhood street to clean up during the month of June. WFS Ltd. has generously donated garbage bags and cotton-style gloves for volunteers. Each registered group will receive a Clean Up Challenge kit that includes up to 10 garbage bags and gloves.

Organizations must register their date and time, and location of the clean up by calling the Community Services Office at 519-322-2337. There are numerous locations throughout Leamington and groups can register for any date or time that is convenient for them. "We are hoping that everyone in Leamington will team up to clean up litter and garbage in the parks, trails and streets as a way to show your pride in your hometown," said Greg Rice, chair of the Tidiness Efforts Committee which is part of the Communities in Bloom – Leamington Committee. "The Clean Up Challenge will happen all month long so there is lots of time to get involved."

A clean community will also assist with the municipality's Communities in Bloom efforts.

To find out more about the Communities in Bloom – Leamington Committee, call co-chair Charlie Wright at 519-324-5412 or co-chair Ken Clark at 519-325-0769.

To register for the Leamington Clean Up Challenge, call the Community Services Office Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at 519-322-2337.

Transportation Subcommittee Meeting

May 31st/'14

Present: Frank Butler, Roger Dzugan, Bernie Drouillard

Regrets: Rick Coronado, Radwan Tamr, Averil Parent

The subcommittee met on Friday May 2nd @ Lour Romano Plant board room. The following issues we're discussed.

Regional Hospital Planning

The subcommittee was impressed with the May 1st presentation to WECEC on the lack of input to date on the regional hospital proposal and the impact on urban sprawl, transportation and public accessibility that could occur if not strategically planned. The proposed size of the project is one example of this. These issues/stressors all impact on the local environment. The subcommittee feels that WECEC should participate in the process so informed recommendations can be made. The subcommittee is willing to participate in the process.

Recommendation:

Whereas the placement of infrastructure such as hospitals and the subsequent urban sprawl, public accessibility and other stressors have significant impact on the local environment.

Be it resolved that WECEC request input from the working group and participate in the discussion regarding the proposed regional hospital.

Leamington Active Transportation Master Plan

The subcommittee had a brief discussion of the above file and have agreed to review and make recommendations. We expect to review the file in June and to write a letter of support for an integrated bicycle and pedestrian network and the infrastructure required to support it.

Amalgamation of Windsor Tunnel, Windsor Airport and Transit Windsor

A May 24th Windsor Star article identified that a proposal to merge three distinct operations together to share CEO, CFO and related operational functions in one administration. The issue will go before Council on June 10 and given the present process between the standing council committee, WECEC and Council it will not be possible to review the documents and make recommendations through WECEC in time for the City Council vote on this issue.

The subcommittee request that since there is to be a follow up report later this year, that WECEC request to be consulted over the follow up report to ensure there is input.

Submitted by

Frank Butler

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Next Meeting of Subcommittee will be noon on Friday June 3rd @ Lou Romano Plant