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Windsor, Ontario June 8, 2017

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  
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg  
Derek Coronado  
Debby Grant  
Mike Nelson  
Joe Passa  
Dr. Edwin Tam  
Radwan Tamr

**Regrets received from:**

Jesse Gardner Costa  
Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville

**Guest in attendance:**

Michael Schneider

**Also present are the following resource personnel:**

Amandeep Hans, Windsor Essex County Health Unit  
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:34 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

The Chair welcomes Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg to WECEC.

**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 January 26, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

A. Parent indicates Dr. Negin Minaei, EnDesign is unable to attend this meeting but will try to attend the WECEC meeting to be held on August 31, 2017.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.1 Environmental Master Plan Update – Brainstorming Session**

A. Parent provides an update as follows relating to the Environmental Master Plan:

- The City of Windsor is in the process of updating the Environmental Master Plan (EMP) in 2017.
- A public survey was sent to all WECEC members to collect comments. The comment period is now closed. Any further comments can be emailed to A. Parent.
- The draft 2017 EMP update will be provided to WECEC at the August 31, 2017 WECEC meeting.

In response to a question asked by J. Passa regarding if “green roofs” are included in the EMP, A. Parent responds the EMP includes language such as “to develop a green roof policy” and adds green roofs are also included in the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

J. Passa requests the development of a green roof incentive policy.

The Chair states the City of Windsor has experienced economic challenges and notes the requirement to add a green roof to new developments would impose extra burden on developers.

R. Tamr notes the challenge lies in enticing developers to build in smaller municipalities and he suggests the city could incent developers to provide green roofs.

Councillor Francis advises the suggestion for a green roof policy is currently in the EMP and adds the policy has not yet been created.

Mayor DiCarlo states if the green roof initiative goes County-wide, he questions what model will be used and what size building would require a green roof.

## **6.2 Matchette Road Motion Update**

A. Parent indicates Report No. 95 of WECEC relating to a pilot project for a seasonal road closure of Matchette Road between Titcombe and Sprucewood Roads to coincide with turtle nesting and snake migration periods was not approved by City Council. Councillor Francis notes City Council will be considering ecopassages in this matter.

Dr. Tam expresses concern that ecological issues related to species crossing on Matchette Road may be sacrificed due to financial constraints. D. Coronado questions whether the scientific analysis, along with the financial analysis, for the best alternatives will be completed internally by City staff or by an external consultant.

Moved by Mayor DiCarlo, seconded by M. Nelson,  
That the update related to Report No. 95 of WECEC **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

## **6.3 Pat on the Back Awards**

A. Parent announces the winners of the 2017 Pat on the Back Awards as follows:

- John A. McWilliam Public School
- Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative
- Pelee Island Bird Observatory
- The Bloomfield House

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Tam,  
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,500 for costs associated with the 2017 Pat on the Back Awards.  
Carried.

#### 6.4 Green Speaker Contest

A. Parent advises WECEC has proposed the expansion of the Green Speakers into a contest for quality environmental research, the winner of which would receive a \$1,000 bursary to further their research.

It is generally agreed the Green Speaker Contest will be open only to the University of Windsor and St. Clair College and will be deferred to 2018. A subcommittee to determine the parameters of the contest includes D. Grant, J. Passa, R. Tamr and Dr. Tam.

#### 7. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Parent provides an overview of the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – June 2017.

#### 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 8.1 Air Subcommittee

A proposed motion and background information relating to communities living in close proximity to the Fermi and the Davis-Besse Nuclear Stations, is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by J. Passa,

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has asked for the public and municipalities to provide recommendations on how it should update the province's Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) before July 15, 2017; and

**WHEREAS** Essex County and the City of Windsor are in close proximity to the Michigan-based Fermi nuclear station and Ohio-based Davis-Besse nuclear station; and

**WHEREAS** over forty civil society organizations, including the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), have called on the provincial government to address gaps in current emergency plans by strengthening transparency, protecting vulnerable communities, meeting best practices and protecting drinking water;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Windsor and County of Essex Council submit the following recommendations to the Government of Ontario to ensure communities living in proximity to the Fermi and the Davis-Besse nuclear stations be accorded the same level of public safety as communities living near the Ontario-based Bruce, Darlington and Pickering nuclear stations.

Recommendations to the Government of Ontario regarding the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP): Include requirements for the pre-distribution and availability of potassium iodide (KI) pills for communities living in proximity to the Fermi and Davis-Besse nuclear stations equivalent to requirements for Ontario-based nuclear stations;

- 1) Recognize public expectations for public safety by ensuring plans are in place to address Fukushima-scale accident;
- 2) Adopt a policy of meeting or exceeding international best practices in nuclear emergency response measures wherever feasible;
- 3) Require provincial and municipal authorities to regularly identify vulnerable communities within provincial nuclear response zones and prepare emergency measures adapted to the needs of such vulnerable communities;
- 4) Include new requirements for transparency and regular public review, especially with affected communities;
- 5) Ensure awareness campaigns are in place to inform the residents of Southwestern Ontario on how to prepare for a nuclear emergency; and
- 6) Ensure adequate measures are in place to protect drinking water in the event an accident at a Canadian or American-based reactor contaminates the Great Lakes.

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

The municipalities of Essex, Amherstburg, Lakeshore, LaSalle, Leamington,  
Kingsville, Tecumseh, Windsor, Chatham-Kent;  
Windsor Essex County Health Unit  
City of Toronto  
City of Toronto Office of Emergency Management  
Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
Members of Provincial Parliament  
Lisa Gretzky  
Percy Hatfield  
Taras Natyshak

Carried.

Mayor DiCarlo advises the province does not supply funding for the purchase of potassium iodide and adds the potassium iodide only protects children and not adults from exposure to radioactive iodine.

## 8.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by J. Passa,

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator position is currently vacant and the hiring process to replace the previous Outreach Coordinator is not currently scheduled; and

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator was responsible for various greening initiatives throughout Windsor and Essex County including but not limited to tree plantings, clean up events, native wildflower plantings and school greening projects; and

**WHEREAS** in 2016 in the Detroit River Watershed alone, this position was instrumental in the planting of 27,797 trees/shrubs/wildflowers/grasses, engaging 12,776 volunteers and coordinating 23 cleanups that resulted in 79 tonnes of debris being removed from the environment; and

**WHEREAS** the ERCA Outreach Coordinator was critical in managing all of the various "Friends of Watersheds" group activities and events; and

**WHEREAS** the importance of continued greening in Windsor Essex County is crucial as currently the natural coverage in the region is 8.5% compared to the ERCA goal of 12% by 2020; and

**WHEREAS** the loss of this position has been felt by numerous environmental organizations and school groups in the region;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that through City and County Council, the Essex Region Conservation Authority **BE REQUESTED** to maintain and fill the Outreach Coordinator position to ensure these important initiatives continue to improve the environment, human health and quality of life for all Windsor Essex residents.

Carried.

Councillor Francis requests a representative from ERCA attend the next WECEC meeting.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 Update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives

A. Parent refers to the Environmental Master Plan update discussed under Item 6.1.

## **9.2 Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives**

M. Nelson provides the highlights of the document entitled "Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives".

## **9.3 Report on the Performance of the Advisory Committees**

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Dr. Tam,  
That the report of the Committee Coordinator and the Supervisor of Council Services dated February 8, 2017 entitled "Report on the Performance of Advisory Committees for the calendar years 2015 and 2016" **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,  
That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 10.1 CTV News: Ontario city to close road for endangered salamander crossing
- 10.2 EBR posting re: Canada-Ontario Action Plan for Lake Erie
- 10.3 Letter from County of Essex appointing new WECEC County representatives
- 10.4 Windsor City Council decision to refer correspondence from the President of Earth Day Network to WECEC
- 10.5 Letter from Earth Day Network re: Global Day of Conservation

Carried.

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by D Grant,  
That City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider filling the recent vacancy left by Jesse Gardner Costa, Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.  
Carried.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held August 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR