

**Windsor Essex County Environment Committee**  
**Meeting held September 19, 2019**

A meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room, Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, there being present the following members:

Councillor Chris Holt, Chair  
Councillor Kieran McKenzie  
Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg  
Keri Banar  
Derek Coronado  
Rosanna Demarco  
Michael Schneider  
Richard St. Denis  
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:30 p.m.)

***Regrets received from:***

Hilda MacDonald, Mayor of Leamington  
Katie Kuker

***Guests in attendance:***

Dr. Anneke Smit, Associate Professor Faculty of Law, University of Windsor  
Aadil Nathani, Law student, University of Windsor  
Antonia Hristova, Law student, University of Windsor  
Stefan Sistilli Squazzin, Law student, University of Windsor  
Sharath Yoleti, Law student, University of Windsor  
Lina Chaker, Law student, University of Windsor  
Jessica Jakubowski, Law student, University of Windsor  
Christian Nianaris, Law student, University of Windsor  
Adrian Halport, Law student, University of Windsor

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

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

**1. Call to Order**

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 5:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

**2. Election of Chair**

The Committee Coordinator calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Councillor McKenzie nominates Councillor Holt seconded by Deputy Mayor Meloche. The Committee Coordinator asks if there are further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Seeing none, the Committee Coordinator asks Councillor Holt if he accepts. Councillor Holt accepts and assumes the Chair.

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Meloche,  
That Councillor Chris Holt **BE ELECTED** Chair of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.  
Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Meloche,  
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

**7.5 Community Energy Plan – CEP Community Strategy Update**

Carried.

**3. Declaration of Conflict**

None disclosed.

**4. Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by R. St. Denis,  
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held July 4, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

## 5. Business Items

### 5.1 WECEC Report No. 103 – Temporary Road Closure at the Ojibway Nature Complex

City Council at its meeting held September 9, 2019 adopted the following (CR463/2019):

*“That Report No. 103 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee – Temporary Road Closures at the Ojibway Prairie Complex BE RECEIVED for information, and further,*

*That administration BE DIRECTED to develop a capital project proposal to address road mortality through the Ojibway corridor for consideration for Council’s consideration in the 2020 capital budget along with funding opportunities provincially, federally and from the Town of LaSalle, and further,*

*That administration IDENTIFY additional measures that may serve to address road mortality throughout the entire Ojibway Prairie Complex; and further,*

*That administration DEVELOP this project proposal in consultation with community stakeholders.”*

Councillor McKenzie advises he met with Jonathon Choquette, lead biologist for Wildlife Protection Canada at the Ojibway Prairie Complex and locations for eco passages and barrier fencing were identified.

A. Parent reports the city will be hiring a consultant to study ecopassages.

In response to a question asked by Deputy Mayor Meloche regarding if contact has been made with the Ministry of Natural Resources for funding, A. Parent responds Jonathon Choquette will partner with the city and will assist with funding.

A. Parent suggests WECEC undertake a public service radio campaign to provide information regarding migration season for endangered species.

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded by Councillor McKenzie,  
That the update regarding WECEC Report No. 103 – Temporary Road Closure at the Ojibway Nature Complex **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,000 plus HST for a public service radio campaign to provide public awareness of the migration season for endangered species.

Carried.

## 5.2 Priorities and Subcommittee's Discussion

The priorities that were identified at the April 25, 2019 meeting are discussed and the most relevant as provided by WECEC in terms of importance are as follows:

- Public Engagement
- Single use plastics ban
- Waste diversion education
- Endangered species protection/education around the Ojibway Nature Complex

Councillor McKenzie volunteers to sit on the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Subcommittee.

A. Parent suggests that a Public Engagement subcommittee be established and R. St. Denis volunteers.

In terms of waste diversion education, Deputy Mayor Meloche suggests contacting the Windsor Essex Solid Waste Authority.

A. Parent to email WECEC and resource to confirm involvement in all subcommittees.

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

### 6.1 Air

Councillor McKenzie refers to the Climate Change Emergency Declaration provided by the Air Subcommittee and adds the wording is consistent with what other municipalities are moving forward with.

A. Parent reports the Climate Change Adaptation Plan will be presented to the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee on November 20, 2019.

A. Parent suggests the declaration be forwarded to both the City and the County of Essex as they are at different stages of climate change planning work however the region should be united and support the climate change work already being done by ERCA and the Health Unit. If approved, the follow up administrative reports will differ as

the City has a Community Energy Plan and a Climate Change Adaptation plan to draw from whereas the County does not yet have a Community Energy Plan.

Dr. A. Smit presents the law students who offered research support and a robust approach to the wording in the Climate Change Emergency Declaration. She further adds this is a model of experiential learning and one of many liaisons between the University of Windsor and the City of Windsor.

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by K. Banar,  
That the Climate Change Emergency Declaration provided by the Air Subcommittee **BE FORWARDED** to the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and City Council for approval.  
Carried.

## 6.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

No report.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 WECEC Mandate and Terms of Reference

A line by line review of the WECEC Mandate and Terms of Reference – July 2015 is conducted and minor amendments are made.

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by M. Schneider,  
That the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate **BE APPROVED** as amended.  
Carried.

### 7.2 WECEC 2020 Budget Request

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by M. Schneider  
That the WECEC 2020 budget submission **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

### 7.3 Green Speaker

A. Parent suggests hosting a Green Speaker Series event with an expert panel in ecopassages from around Ontario. Local expert Jonathon Choquette has agreed to be

part of a panel and has provided contact info for other experts. The event would be held late October/early November at a place to be determined. The event would be free to the public and the associated costs would include the rental of the facility and a stipend for the speakers.

R. Demarco suggests the event be held in a larger venue with adequate parking, i.e. David Suzuki School.

Moved by R. Demarco, seconded by R. St. Denis,  
That the update regarding the next Green Speaker Series to be held in late October/early November at a venue to be determined **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

#### 7.4 Eliquid Invoice

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by R. St. Denis,  
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$28.25 for the domain renewal of the WECEC website.  
Carried.

#### 7.5 Community Energy Plan Strategy Update

The Community Energy Plan Strategy Update is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "A".

A. Parent provides an overview of the document including the Community Performance Indicators.

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded Councillor McKenzie,  
That the document entitled Community Energy Plan Community Strategy Update **BE RECEIVED**.  
Carried.

### 8. Communications

Moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Meloche,  
That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- Windsor Star article dated September 9, 2019 entitled "City Council again delays decision on road closures to protect at-risk snake species"
- CBC article dated September 10, 2019 entitled "Ojibway Park roads won't be closed for fall migration"

Carried.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant.

**9. Adjournment**

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

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR