

REPORT NO. 95
of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)
of its meeting held
January 26, 2017
at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
Ojibway Nature Centre

Members present at the January 26, 2017 meeting:

Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Fred Francis
Derek Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Dr. Edwin Tam
Radwan Tamr

Regrets received from:

Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Passa

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by R. Tamr,

WHEREAS the Ojibway Prairie Complex is our most iconic green space in the city, and one of the most biodiverse areas in all of Canada as well as a hotspot for Species At Risk; and

WHEREAS despite the importance of the area and excellent stewardship by the City and its employees, the Complex is still under threat from roadways as a result of habitat fragmentation and road mortality; and

WHEREAS evidenced by the report in 2016 by local expert Jonathan Choquette of a one-day kill tally of 91 dead snakes around the Ojibway Complex and LaSalle woodlot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider initiating an environmental assessment to explore solutions to species crossings on Matchette Road,

And further, that City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider approving a pilot project to test the effectiveness of a seasonal road closure of Matchette Road between Titcombe Road and Sprucewood Road in May and June and in September and October of 2017 to coincide with turtle nesting and snake migration periods.

Carried.

Councillor Francis voting nay.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

NOTIFICATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
WECEC Committee including resource	On file
Nancy Pancheshan, resident of LaSalle	
Anna Lynn Meloche, resident of LaSalle	
Cathy Greenwell, Ward 2	
Derek Coronado, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario	
Jesse Gardner Costa, President, Essex County Field Naturalists	
Jonathan Choquette, SCC Ecological, Principal & Conservation Biologist	
Tracy Panchuk, Ward 1	
Giovani Abati	
Jenny Coco	
Anthony Rossi	
Tom Fleming	
David Hanna, Ward 1	
Russell Jones	
Peter Marra, Town of LaSalle	
Tom Bateman, County of Essex	
Sydney Steinberg	
Tracy Greenwood-Bennett	

