

**REPORT NO. 97**  
of the  
**WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)**  
of its meeting held  
June 8, 2017  
at 5:30 o'clock p.m.  
Ojibway Nature Centre

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***Members present at the June 8, 2017 meeting:***

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:***

Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

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

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**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.

**NOTE:** Letter from Mr. Richard Wyma, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer dated March 21, 2017 – **attached.**

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CHAIR

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

**Notification**

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