

REPORT NO. 53
of the
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)
of its meeting held February 3, 2011
Conference Room, Windsor Airport

Present: Charlie Wright, Deputy Mayor Town of Leamington
Tamara Stomp, Deputy Mayor Town of Kingsville
Frank Butler
Matthew Child
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Paul Henshaw
David Diemer
Phil Roberts
Dean Clevett

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Clevett, seconded by R. Coronado

That support **BE GIVEN** from City and County Councils to the Transportation Subcommittee recommending the creation of Windsor Essex Community Awareness and Emergency Response (WE CAER) organization in conjunction with CRTI project.

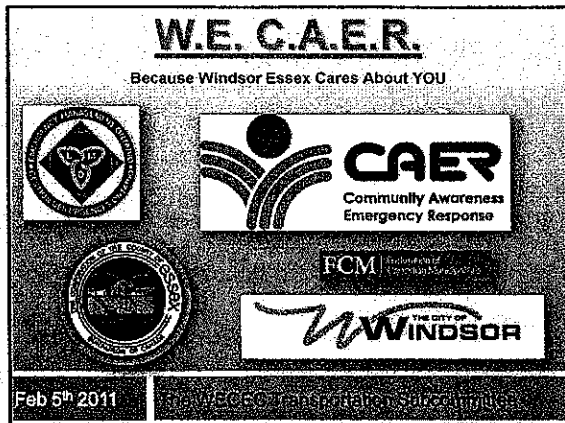
NOTE: The Report of the Transportation Subcommittee Power Point presentation dated January 26, 2011 is attached as Appendix "D".

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

CHAIRPERSON

Notification:

Name	Email Address
WECEC	ON FILE
County Council	ON FILE



What is CAER?

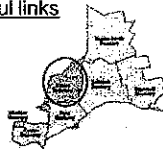
- A Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) organization deals with safety issues arising in various communities
- *Community Awareness* – keeps the community informed
- *Emergency Response* – brings municipal and industrial emergency responders together to identify risks and develop emergency plans

CAER Communities

- Thunder Bay
- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Toronto West, East and North
- Oakville / Mississauga
- Strathcona Industrial Association
- Sarnia – Case study (www.caer.ca)
- Contra Costa County California

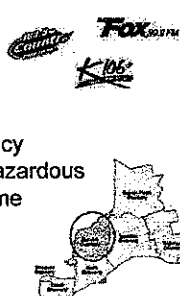
Community Awareness

- Website
 - What to do in an emergency
 - Chemical Valley Emergency Coordinating Organization
 - Personal Action Guide
 - Home Emergency Check List
 - CAER members, partners and useful links
- Local Media "infomercials"
- Emergency Preparedness Day




Emergency Response

- Community Warning System
 - Outdoor siren alerts
 - Radio notification
- Alerts the public and emergency responders when there is a hazardous materials incident or an extreme weather event



Shelter in Place

- Advise everyone to stay inside
- Close all doors, windows and other sources of outside air
- Turn off all air conditioning or heating systems
- Turn on your battery operated radio to a local radio station
- Stay off the telephone



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- Recommended that the Fire Chief apply for funding from CRTI for the Central Gateway Capability Based Planning Validation Project
- CRTI is the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Research and Technology Initiative
- CRTI project was mainly looking at a worst case scenario of a terrorist attack in Windsor



Background

- Windsor Essex County have been recognized as key areas of concern due to the chemical barge, bridge and tunnel
- CRTI and the Center for Security Science conducted a risk assessment in 2010 as a model to be used nationally
- The next step is to conduct a Capabilities Assessment, with the lead being the Windsor Port Authority



Where would CAER fit in?

- A Windsor Essex CAER organization would ensure readily available adequate public knowledge
- If people know to stay inside, stay off the telephone etc., emergency plans will be executed more efficiently by emergency responders
- Community Right To Know
 - RSO 1990, c. E.9, s. 2.1 (2) (c)
- Due Diligence



Transportation Subcommittee Recommends

- Creation of Windsor Essex Community Awareness & Emergency Response (WE CAER) organization in conjunction with CRTI project
- WE CAER is
 - Composed of Governmental (municipal, provincial and federal) first responders, private enterprises and NGO's
 - Focused on fostering community awareness of emergency response issues and cooperation between local industry, NGO's and first responders

Member Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE
September 29, 2010

Attention: Mayors, Councillors & CAO's

Get Involved in FCM's Partnership Toward Safer Communities

Do you have responsibilities for - or an interest in - making our communities safer and more resilient? Do you like to connect and collaborate with like-minded individuals online?

Get involved!

Partnerships Toward Safer Communities (PTSC) is an initiative that was started a decade ago by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC). The recent spate of wildfires in B.C. saw the PTSC Online Community generating advice and attracting some of our FCM members to join the initiative.

For more info about getting involved this initiative: Partnerships Toward Safer Communities - Online Community

Online Community

Thank you,

John McGowan
CEO

Specific Actions

- Approve resolution requesting that city and county commit to involvement
- Ad Hoc subcommittee be formed to develop details and work with stakeholders. All work to be in alignment and cooperation with other current ER efforts or to be incorporated into them

Benefits to Regional Community

- Improved communications between hazmat handling industries and first responders
- Improved state of readiness for hazmat incidents
- In alignment with CSA Z1600 and NFPA 1600 standards for disaster and emergency management
- In alignment with Partnerships Towards Safer Communities (PTSC)
- Establishment of a permanent group to promote community awareness of emergency response issues.

Resources

- Emergency Management Ontario
- EMO Amateur Radio Emergency Services (EMOARES)
- Ontario Association of Emergency Managers
- Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act
- Public Safety Canada
- Partnership Towards Safer Communities
- Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities