



WECEC ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Earth Day events

WECEC participated in the first Earth Day event hosted by the Contents Processing Centre (CPC). This event brought local environmentally focused groups to talk about what they do while the CPC promoted their business with insurance brokers. The event was also captured by Snap'd. Many people were interested in the WECEC and signed up to be on the Green Speaker Series list.

WECEC also had a booth at the City of Windsor's Earth Day event at Malden Park.

Overall, these events were a great way for WECEC to promote awareness and the environment. This added to our ongoing initiatives to promote awareness. Participating in these events also initiated talks of Climate Change as the CPC was showcasing their ability to restore household items that could be damaged in disasters such as floods.

Pat on the Back Environmental Awards

The WECEC Pat on the Back Awards successfully awarded 4 applicants with \$500 prizes towards their environmental projects. The awards were announced at the Pat on the Back ceremony on June 11th at the Ojibway Nature Centre.



The following organizations were selected to receive Pat on the Back funding:

1. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School for their vegetable garden;
2. Win in Windsor for their clean up event on the Ganatchio Trail;
3. Prince Edward Public School for their nature nook; and
4. The Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative for their butterfly garden.

WECEC BUSINESS

Meetings

WECEC held three meetings in 2018, in January, April and November. All were held at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

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Website Hosting

The WECEC Coordinator maintains our website, www.wecec.org. Here we post news and events along with information about WECEC and our meeting agenda's and minutes. The website is an important part of our communication and advocacy strategy. We pay yearly website hosting fees as well as a domain renewal fee.

Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page where the WECEC Coordinator posts information about our event and other environmental events in the City and County, as well as other environmental information.

Promotional Supplies

WECEC often participates in community events such as Earth Day. At our booth we hand out promotional supplies such as WECEC customised pens or magnets to encourage members of the public to visit our website and learn more about what we do. Currently we have water bottles, coffee cups, magnets, pens and brochures to give away to the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS

October 26th, 2017 – Report 100 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by D. Grant,

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor has committed to enhancing the quality of Windsor's natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the property known as Ojibway Shores and owned by the Windsor Port Authority, has important natural heritage characteristics, including significant wetland, habitat of threatened and endangered species, significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat, ecological function, diversity, significant species, significant communities, and condition; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 biodiversity goals and targets for Canada include by 2020 at least 17 percent of terrestrial areas are conserved; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is the sole shareholder of the Windsor Port Authority;

THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Windsor request the Government of Canada conserve the significant natural condition, biodiversity and biological function of the Ojibway Shores property as an environmentally protected area.

Carried.

This report was approved at the December 20th 2017 Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and subsequently by City Council on January 29 2018.

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November 29th, 2017 – Report 101 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee

Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by D. Grant,

That Administration from YQG Windsor International Airport BE REQUESTED to provide a formal submission and/or for a representative to attend a future next meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to address the matter of tree planting on the airport lands

M. Nelson and D. Coronado voting nay.

Clerk's Note: The motion provided by the Public Advisory Council, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup is **attached**:

Public Advisory Council, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup
Motion to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee regarding Airport Woodlands

“Whereas the Essex Region Conservation Authority and the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup received permission by Windsor City Council decision M250-2013 dated June 17, 2013 to plant trees and shrubs on a 7.5 acre parcel of land between the middle and easternmost woodlots at a cost of \$30,000 utilizing ERCA and DRCC professional staff, elementary school students and adult volunteers; and

Whereas 83.9% of the trees and shrubs were reported as surviving as of Fall 2014 as per survival monitoring surveys completed by ERCA's Restoration Biologist and Acting Forester; and

Whereas in 2015 Airport management refused ERCA permission to enter the area to maintain the planting resulting in 90% loss, as determined by Windsor Airport staff, due to wild grassland weeds taking over within the tree rows which were no longer being maintained;

Therefore, be it resolved that Windsor Airport be required to underwrite the \$30,000 cost to replace the lost trees and to agree that ERCA be permitted to enter the property in the future as required to maintain the planted trees, shrubs and native herbaceous groundcover.”

Submitted by:
Tom Henderson, Chair
Public Advisory Council, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup

This report will go forward at a meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and subsequently City Council sometime in 2019.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018 Budget			
Expense	Credit	Expenditure	Status
2018 Budget	\$8,000.00		
Pat on the Back		\$2,333.82	Spent
Website Hosting Fee		\$400.00	Committed
Website Domain Renewal		\$6.80	Committed
TOTALS	\$8,000.00	\$2,740.62	
ESTIMATED NON-ALLOCATED REMAINING			\$5,259.38

This Budget is as of November 16th 2018.