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Windsor, Ontario April 3, 2014

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room, Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, there being present the following members:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Hilary Payne
Frank Butler
Eileen Chen (non-voting)
Derek Coronado
Roger Dzugan
Paul Henshaw
John Miller
Mike Nelson (arrives at 6:05 p.m.)
Lindita Prendi
Phil Roberts

Regrets received from:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Mark Bartlett
Pauline Cheslock
Jesse Gardner Costa
Tamara Stomp
Radwan Tamr

Guests in attendance:

Peter Fry
Kyle Edwards, Dillon Consulting Limited, regarding *Item 5.0*

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Josette Eugeni, Manager of Transportation Planning
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by R. Dzugan, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held March 6, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Kyle Edwards, Dillon Consulting Limited and Josette Eugeni, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Windsor are present to provide information relating to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Sixth Concession Road/North Talbot Road. The document entitled “City of Windsor – Sixth Concession Road/North Talbot Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #1, February 26, 2014” is ***attached*** as Appendix “A”. The salient points of discussion relating to the presentation are as follows:

The purpose of the Study is to address:

- existing and future roadway operations for a 20 year horizon considering impacts of proposed alternatives on the adjacent arterial/collector road network and existing/future land uses
- provisions for active transportation including pedestrian and bikeway connections and transit
- traffic calming measures
- drainage

The limits of the study area are Sixth Concession Road, from Cabana Road East to North Talbot Road (approximate distance 2.1 km) and North Talbot Road from Howard Avenue to the east City limits (approximate distance 1.9 km).

As part of this EA Study, examples of documents reviewed by the study team include:

- City of Windsor Official Plan
- North Roseland Secondary Plan and related Schedules
- Bicycle Use Master Plan (May 2001) – Aims to expand the City’s existing cycling network, promote awareness, improve the cycling-transit link and provide end-of-trip facilities
- Community Based Strategic Rail Study (April 2008) – A strategic planning study to assess opportunities for rail rationalization and modal integration in the City;

identifies a number of at-grade crossings, including one along Sixth Concession Road.

The following is a representation of comments/concerns received from the public:

Traffic

Concerned about current traffic volumes on Sixth Concession and Ducharme Street

Ongoing traffic violations in the area

Consider the addition of more 4-way stops on North Talbot Road to slow traffic

Any traffic volume study included in the EA study will be impacted by the closure of North Talbot Road at the 401 bridge.

Solutions to Consider

The new subdivision requires additional access roads, including level rail crossings from the subdivision to Provincial Road, extending Nova Street and/or Wallace Street through Sixth Concession Road and closing Ducharme Street west of Sixth Concession Road.

Consider an all-way stop at Sixth Concession Road/Ducharme Street, the existing all-way stop at Holburn St./Sixth Concession should remain; stop signs are no longer required at the Morand Street/Sixth Concession Road and Scofield Avenue/Sixth Concession Road Intersections; prohibited left turns should be eliminated.

Remaining ditches on North Talbot Road should be closed to improve aesthetics and vehicle safety.

Sidewalks/Bike Paths

Sidewalks/bike paths should be included in the recommended design (Sixth Concession Road is a key active transportation link to the City)

Concerned about safety of pedestrians on Sixth Concession Road, including rail crossing. Residents travelling to/from Conservation Area and convenience store (across the tracks) are at risk.

Perceived Need

Other major roads in the area require attention more urgently

Concerns about impacts to property limits and values, increased traffic flow, noise, pollution, safety issues and traffic speeds associated with a potential widening of Sixth Concession and/or the addition of an exit ramp from Dougall Parkway.

Study Area Collisions include the following statistics:

Total of 105 vehicle collisions at study area intersections

11 midblock collisions within the study area

38 collisions or 32% of collisions involved personal injuries

Provincial Road and Sixth Concession is ranked 7th overall within the City for highest collisions per million vehicles entering a signalized intersection

Summary of Alternative Solutions include:

1. Do nothing.
2. Traffic Demand Management (TDM) – this alternative consists of implementing strategies to reduce the demands on the roads and shifting demands to time periods outside of the congestions periods. Examples of TDM strategies include the use of alternative modes of transportation (i.e. transit, cycling, walking).
3. Urbanize Corridors – This alternative consists of widening corridors just enough to provide pedestrian/cycling facilities and curbs/gutters and enclose remaining open ditches.

4. Improve Other Roads in the Network – this alternative consists of upgrading adjacent and/or parallel roadways to reduce the travel demand on North Talbot Road and Sixth Concession Road.

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair thanks Kyle Edwards and Josette Eugeni for their presentation.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Green Speaker Series Update

A. Parent reports the topic for Dr. Robert Krausz Green Speaker Series is “All for Naught Zero Waste’s Reality Check for Community-Led Sustainability”. The event will be held on May 10, 2014 at the Malden Park Visitor’s Centre at 10:00 o’clock a.m.

7. COORDINATOR’S REPORT

In terms of the WECEC website, it is generally agreed to continue with the local host company and to determine if any cost savings can be realized.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air Quality

The “WECEC Air Quality Subcommittee report – April 2014” is **attached** as Appendix “B”. D. Coronado provides an overview of his report as follows:

- The World Health Organization reported in 2012, approximately 7 million people died – one in eight of total global deaths as a result of air pollution exposure. This report confirms air pollution is the world’s largest single environmental health risk.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued a report that concluded the effects of climate change are already occurring on all continents and across the oceans.

8.2 Transportation

It is generally agreed a Committee report (motion from the March 6, 2014 WECEC meeting regarding the development of regional transportation for Windsor Essex County) along with the letter from Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair and Charlie

Wright, Co-Chair will be forwarded to the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

P. Roberts indicates WECEC at its meeting held January 9, 2014 endorsed Phase 3 of the tree planting initiative (including a community tree planting project and an ERCA tree planting project) to take place on the Airport lands in the Spring 2014. He states the Airport has recommended the deferral of the ERCA tree planting for 2014 as there is discussion regarding future land use developments. The community planting has been approved by the airport and a council report from city administration is currently being drafted.

8.4 Water Quality

P. Roberts reports he will Chair the Water Quality Subcommittee meetings and the next steps are to roll out the phosphorous campaign to County municipalities.

Councillor Payne advises the State of Ohio is a contributor to phosphorous in Lake Erie and subsequently will enact regulations in 2017 to control fertilizers.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2014 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by F. Butler,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$500 for Averil Parent, Charlie Wright and Eileen Chen (registration fee of \$25. each) to attend the 2014 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium to be held on May 3, 2014 in Brampton, Ontario.
Carried.

9.2 Pat on the Back Awards

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,500 for costs associated with the 2014 Pat on the Back Awards.
Carried.

C. Wright, R. Dzugan, L. Prendi and J. Miller volunteer to judge the Pat on the Back Awards event.

9.3 Rose City Clean Sweep

A. Parent states a flyer outlining the particulars of the 2014 Rose City Clean Sweep event will be e-mailed to WECEC members.

9.4 Meeting at the Ojibway Nature Centre

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by J. Miller,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure of \$100 for meeting room costs for the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee to convene the May 1, 2014 meeting at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The letter sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality dated March 11, 2014 on behalf of WECEC regarding the proposed petcoke site is received for information.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:05 o'clock p.m.

CHARLIE WRIGHT, CO-CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR