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Windsor, Ontario April 30, 2015

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, 4155 Ojibway Parkway, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Acting Chair
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Derek Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:55 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Councillor Bill Marra
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Edwin Tam

Guests in attendance:

Rick Coronado
Alexis Hand
Michael Schneider

Also present are the following resource personnel:

James Bryant, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, County of Essex
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Phil Roberts, Executive Director, Parks
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Coordinator 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. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee **BE DEFERRED** to the May 28, 2015 meeting to allow all elected officials to be in attendance.

Carried.

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by D. Coronado,
That Councillor Francis **BE APPOINTED** Acting Chair for the April 30, 2015 meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

5. MINUTES

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held November 13, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 Year End Report 2014

A. Parent provides an entertaining visual presentation highlighting WECEC's accomplishments from 2010 to 2014 which includes fluoride removal from the water supply, Pat on the Back Awards, location of the new Megahospital and the Green Speaker Series.

In response to a question asked by J. Passa regarding green features for the New City Hall, A. Parent advises the Project Manager will be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting of WECEC.

J. Passa expresses concern there are no planners and only hospital administrators on the Megahospital Committee and he wants to ensure the hospital is built on a brownfield site.

The Acting Chair indicates this is an arm's length process and he states there is a planning process being undertaken by the Site Selection Committee and, notes they already have a short list of potential sites.

P. Roberts indicates the megahospital discussion is outside of the purview of WECEC and states sites identified have planning elements with the inclusion of some brownfield sites.

Moved by J. Passa, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the slide show depicting WECEC's accomplishments from 2010 to 2014 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

6.2 Terms of Reference/Mandate

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by D. Coronado,

That the WECEC Terms of Reference/Mandate discussion **BE DEFERRED** to allow all members to be in attendance.

Carried.

The "Draft" Terms of Reference are distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

6.3 2015 Operating Budget and Business Plan

A. Parent provides an overview of the 2015 Budget Cost Drivers, i.e. Green Speaker Series, Pat on the Back Awards and continuation of the Environmental Awareness Campaigns.

It is generally agreed P. Roberts, M. Nelson and A. Parent will discuss alternate locations for the WECEC meetings and will report back.

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

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$2,500 for the 2015 Pat on the Back Awards event.

Carried.

A. Parent requests members volunteer to assist with the event. D. Grant, J. Passa, J. Bachetti and R. Tamr volunteer.

6.4 WECEC Priorities for 2015 Discussion

The following comments/ideas are put forth relating to WECEC's 2015 priorities:

- Initiatives for more "greening"
- Suggestion for Walkability (Dan Burden's concept) for the Town of Tecumseh
- Link trails/pathways in the City/County

- Tree Cutting By-law
- Climate Change mitigation – City/County doing poorly in comparison with the rest of the Province.
- Toronto Environmental Alliance reports on toxic substances to the community – Consideration of “right-to-know” for the City/County
- Provide awareness of WECEC to City/County
- Cessation of “butchering” trees located near power lines
- Discussion regarding WECEC subcommittees

6.5 Financial Summary Variance Report

A. Parent states the City/County each contribute \$4,000 to the 2015 Operating Budget of WECEC.

7. COORDINATOR’S REPORT

A. Parent requests members provide bios and photos to be placed on wecec.org.
J. Bachetti suggests the link be provided to all neighbouring municipalities for information purposes.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

It is generally agreed a discussion regarding WECEC subcommittees be added to the May 28, agenda.

8.1 Air

D. Coronado reports he will continue to coordinate the Air Subcommittee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

M. Nelson suggests investigating committees in other municipalities to avoid duplication of efforts. The Acting Chair recommends results of the investigation be added to the Coordinator’s monthly report.

J. Passa suggests holding a Town Hall Meeting.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by R. Tamr, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the following communications **BE RECEIVED** for information:

- 10.1 Response from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change regarding WECEC letter advocating for Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority (LEEP) report.
- 10.2 Letter from Brian Masse, MPP regarding his appointment as the Official Opposition Critic for the Great Lakes and future initiatives.
- 10.3 Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change releases Climate Change Discussion paper for public consultation.

Carried.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at a location to be determined.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:50 o'clock p.m.

ACTING CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR