

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee--held August 31, 2017

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre, there being present the following members:

Councillor Paul Borrelli, Chair
Councillor Fred Francis
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Derek Coronado
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa (arrives at 5:35 p.m.)
Dr. Edwin Tam (arrives at 5:40 p.m.)
Radwan Tamr

Guests in attendance:

David Hanna
Michael Schneider

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Karina Richters, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change
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:

The Chair welcomes Mayor Nelson Santos to WECEC and introductions are provided.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None.

3. Declarations of Conflict

None disclosed.

4. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Mayor DiCarlo,

That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held June 8, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

5. Business Items

5.1 Environmental Master Plan Update

The City of Windsor Environmental Master Plan (EMP) 2017 is **attached** as Appendix "A".

K. Richters provides an overview of the EMP as follows:

- The original EMP was approved by Windsor City Council on July 24, 2006 and is meant to be updated every 10 years.
- New to the EMP is consideration of climate change, invasive species, local food and other relevant issues.
- The EMP is implemented alongside the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and the Community Energy Plan.
- The Plan does not stand on a pier of environmental performance alone, but also incorporates economic and social aspects which are crucial to the overall health and quality of life of Windsorites.
- The EMP will proceed to the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and will be tabled for 30 days to allow for public comment.

D. Coronado suggests targets and timelines be added to the EMP document and notes the public comment period of 30 days is short.

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

That the public comment period for the City of Windsor Environmental Master Plan 2017 of thirty (30) days **BE INCREASED**.

Carried.

5.2 Potential Film Screening

K. Richters suggests as there is no Green Speaker scheduled to speak in the Fall, that consideration be given to the showing of the film "Before the Flood". This film presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to

witness climate change firsthand. She adds preliminary costs for weeknight rentals are approximately \$1,500 for SilverCity or, \$700 for Lakeshore Cinema.

It is noted Michael Schneider, guest has requested to provide a presentation as a Green Speaker. The topic of his speech would be energy efficiency in the residential home market.

Moved by D. Grant, seconded by J. Passa,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the amount of \$5,228.99 for costs associated with the following initiatives:

- The showing of the film “Before the Flood” at a theatre to be determined
- A panel discussion to follow after the filming
- A Green Speaker to **BE RETAINED** to speak on a date and venue to be determined.

Carried.

5.3 2018 Operating Budget

Moved by Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the draft 2018 budget of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee **BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried.

5.4 2017 Annual Report

K. Richters advises the draft WECEC 2017 Annual Report will be provided at the October 26, 2017 meeting.

5.5 Meeting Dates for 2017/2018

The next meeting of WECEC will be held October 26, 2017.

The meetings in 2018 will be held every two months for a total of 6 meetings.

6. Coordinator’s Report

Moved by Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, seconded by M. Nelson,

That the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – August 2017 **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

7. Subcommittee Reports

7.1 Air

No report.

7.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

No report.

8. New Business

8.1 Update on City of Windsor environmental initiatives

K. Richters indicates City Council at its meeting held July 17, 2017 approved the Updated Draft Community Energy Plan (CR426/2017).

8.2 Update on Essex County environmental initiatives

M. Nelson questions his role in providing the county update relating to environmental initiatives as he is employed by ERCA, he does not work for the County and is a volunteer on WECEC. He expresses concern initiatives in the County may be missed in his report.

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo suggests a letter on behalf of WECEC be sent to the Clerk of the surrounding municipalities soliciting updates relating to their respective environmental initiatives.

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

That the Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Clerks in the surrounding municipalities in Essex County requesting updates regarding their respective environmental initiatives to be provided for discussion at the bi-monthly meetings of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.

Carried.

9. Communications

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

That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- a) Kinder Morgan Detroit River Crossing Replacement Project Notice of Public Consultation

- b) Detroit District, Corps of Engineers Public Notice for habitat enhancements and restoration in the Detroit River
- c) News Release – Ontario Supporting Municipalities in Fighting Climate Change
- d) Letter from the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition and the Canadian Environmental Law Association – Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Guidance Manual
- e) Ontario Nature’s Greenway Guide Series/July 2017 – Navigating the Swamp

Carried.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:45 o’clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR