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Windsor, Ontario June 7, 2012

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:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Mark Bartlett (arrives at 6:00 p.m.)
Matthew Child
Dean Clevett
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Jesse Costagardner (alternate for Phil Roberts)
Roger Dzugan (alternate for Mark Bartlett)
Karen Fallon
Evan Freeman-Gibb
Paul Henshaw
John Miller
Juliet Mohammed
Phil Roberts
Tamara Stomp (arrives at 6:05 p.m.)
Radwan Tamr (arrives at 5:42 p.m.)

Regrets received from:

Councillor Hilary Payne
Shahbaz Ahmed
Pauline Cheslock

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Greg Atkinson, Planner III, Economic Development
Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

C. Wright, Co-Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:32 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.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by J. Miller,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee held March 29, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Karina Richters, Environmental Coordinator, City of Windsor is not present and A. Parent proceeds with the presentation regarding the Environmental Attitudes Survey. The report of the Environmental Coordinator entitled “2011 Environmental Attitudes Survey” is distributed and attached as Appendix “A”. The document entitled “Municipal Solutions for a Greener Earth – City of Windsor – 2011 Syndicated Survey” is distributed and attached as Appendix “B”.

The Summary in the Municipal Solutions for a Greener Earth identifies::

The top 5 “top of mind” issues of Windsor residents include: Environment and transportation;

- The environment should be a Very High/High Priority with local leaders;
- Only 4% think we are spending too much time and resources on the environment;
- Air Quality continues to be the #1 concern of residents;
- The cost of the Survey was approximately \$15,000.

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by P. Henshaw,
That the results of the 2011 Environmental Attitude Survey and the Municipal Solutions for a Greener Earth **BE UTILIZED** as a reference and guide when recommendations are forwarded by WECEC to the City/County Councils.
Carried.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Renewable Energy Media Campaign

A. Parent reports the Renewable Energy Media Campaign launch entitled “Stand Up for Solar” will be held on June 18, 2012. The campaign advertisement is distributed and attached as Appendix “C”.

A. Parent states the following clause has been added to the WECEC Terms of Reference to encompass the collection of funds from organizations::

- *“coordinate partnership funding by collecting funds from organizations, committees and agencies and further collaborative environmental projects and events for Windsor and Essex County,”*

Moved by J. Mohammed, seconded by R. Tamr,

That the following clause **BE ADDED** to the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee Terms of Reference:

- *“coordinate partnership funding by collecting funds from organizations,, committees and agencies and further collaborative environmental projects and events for Windsor and Essex County”*

Carried.

7. COORDINATOR’S REPORT

A. Parent indicates the Earth Day 2012 event held at Malden Park was a great success with over 2,000 Windsor-Essex residents in attendance. She notes the theme of the event was “I like my food naked, near and natural!”.

A. Parent advises the second Green Speaker Series event with Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario held at the Dr. David Suzuki Public School was also very successful with over 50 attendees. The subject of Mr. Miller’s presentation related to climate change and the potential impacts to biodiversity in Southern Ontario.

Moved by M. Bartlett, seconded by K. Fallon,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$100. payable to eliquid MEDIA for the domain renewal for wecec.org.

Carried.

Moved by R. Coronado, seconded by K. Fallon,

That the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Reports for April 2012 and May 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

The report of the Air Subcommittee – June 2012 is attached as Appendix “D”.

D. Coronado provides the following highlights relating to the Air Subcommittee report:

- Ontario submitted a Friend of the Court Brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, contending that areas of the Province near the U.S. border cannot meet their ozone air quality standard because of power plant pollution that crosses into Canada. The Province is supporting U.S. states and environmental groups that are challenging the 2008 national ambient air quality standard for ozone of 0.075 ppm as not protective enough. The Province is closing all of the coal-fired plants by 2014, but still will not meet the 0.065 ppm standard because of U.S. pollution.
- On June 5, 2012 the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario released Volume 1 of the Annual Energy Conservation Progress Report – 2011, *Restoring Balance*, which reviews the government’s progress to date on its energy conservation promises, and makes recommendations on how the government can fulfill its Green Energy act commitments.

8.2 Transportation

D. Clevett indicates the City of Windsor recently announced the purchase of ten electric buses from BYD Manufacturing. The report of the Transportation Subcommittee dated June, 2012 is attached as Appendix “E”.

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

That Transit Windsor **BE REQUESTED** to provide the specifications for the electric buses to the Transportation Subcommittee of WECEC.

Carried.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

City Council at its meeting held May 22, 2012 approved the following motion:

M253-2012 “That Report No. 51 of the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee of its meeting held April 25, 2012 regarding Candidate Natural Heritage Site No. 37 – Supplemental Information BE DEFERRED to a future meeting of Council to allow Administration to provide additional information.”

P. Roberts requests in terms of the foregoing motion, that WECEC be apprised of discussions with the Port Authority. It is suggested the Provincially Significant Wetlands Subcommittee invite the City Planner to their next meeting to develop a strategy.

P. Roberts indicates the Black Oak Park Cleanup in partnership with the City of Windsor, Port Authority, WECEC and the DRCC was a great success. He notes that approximately 50 volunteers removed 189 tires and 5.5 tonnes of garbage.

The letter from Bartlet & Richardes, Barristers & Solicitors for the Essex Terminal Railway Company and Morterm Limited dated May 18, 2012 regarding Report No. 51 of the Environment & Transportation Standing Committee is attached as Appendix “F”.

R. Tamr leaves the meeting at 6:44 o’clock p.m.

In response to a question asked by D .Coronado relating to Administration’s report pertaining to the airport woodlots, Councillor Halberstadt responds he will inquire and report back on the status of the report.

8.4 Water Quality

M. Child reports the Water Quality Subcommittee met with representatives from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the results of the Greenhouse Wastewater Monitoring Project. It is noted of the greenhouses sampled, 65% had a discharge with high to extremely high levels of nitrate, phosphorous, potassium and copper.

M. Child indicates the agenda at the next Water Quality Subcommittee meeting will include a discussion relating to educational and outreach materials for landowners. He suggests Public Service Announcements be developed as an information piece for landowners.

M. Child suggests “water quality” as the subject for the next Green Speakers Series to be held in the Fall 2012.

M. Child states there is potential to utilize airport lands to undertake an agricultural drain buffer strip monitoring pilot project.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Pat on the Back

A. Parent advises WECEC is contributing \$2,000 for (four \$500) awards to the successful “Pat on the Back” applicant organizations. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- School greening
- Clean up events
- Conservation efforts
- Native plant gardens
- Re-use, recycling or composting
- Environmental education or advocacy
- Environmental art
- Community gardens

A. Parent indicates the “Pat on the Back” applicants will be asked to present their projects to the judging panel during the 2012 Pat on the Back Award Ceremony to be held at 7:00pm on July 4, 2012 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by M. Child,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the amount of \$2,500 (\$2,000 for the Awards and \$500 for the ceremony) for the Pat on the Back Awards to be held on July 4, 2012 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Carried.

9.2 Provincial EAC Symposium

A. Parent reports the Provincial EAC Symposium is an excellent opportunity to network with other environmental committees. Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair suggests the City of Windsor host the Provincial EAC Symposium in November 2012.

Moved by C. Halberstadt, seconded by M. Bartlett,

That the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to proceed with the logistics required to host the Provincial EAC Symposium in November 2012.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair states an article regarding the Gord Miller Green Speaker Series recently appeared in the Windsor Star. He requests articles such as these be added to the Communications portion of future WECEC agendas.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:20 o'clock p.m.

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair

(A) Committee Coordinator