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Windsor, Ontario May 2, 2013

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:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair
Derek Coronado
Rick Coronado
Roger Dzugan
Karen Fallon
Evan Freeman-Gibb
Jesse Costa Gardner
Mike Nelson
Phil Roberts (alternate member)
Tamara Stomp

Regrets received from:

Councillor Hilary Payne
Charlie Wright, Co-Chair
Mark Bartlett
Dean Clevett
Paul Henshaw
Radwan Tamr

Delegations in attendance:

Bruce Melmer, regarding Item 4.1
Brian Watling regarding Item 4.1

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-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. PRESENTATION

4.1 Pristine LED Lighting

Bruce Melmer, President and Brian Watling, Marketing, Pristine LED Inc. are present to provide information relating to the benefits of LED lighting. An information package is distributed and attached as Appendix "A".

Mr. Melmer provides the following comparison between LED lighting and traditional lighting technologies:

- **Dramatically longer life** – *5 to 10 times longer life over traditional lighting*
- **Eliminates maintenance and the liability that comes with it** – *Breaks the cycle of a 2-3 year throw away bulb.*
- **A far superior light source for the human eye and well being** – *Eliminates all health related issues from lighting.*
- **Eliminates hazardous waste and the extra disposal costs**
- **Dramatically lowers heat creation and extremely durable** – *Lower air conditioning costs.*
- **Huge environmental impact, the carbon removal numbers are staggering.** There is no better way for a company to go green.
- **Reduces consumption averaging 40-60%.**

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair thanks Mr. Melmer and Mr. Watling for their presentation.

5. MINUTES

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by E. Freeman-Gibb,

That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee at its meeting held April 4, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented
Carried.

A. Parent advises she contacted the Department of Environmental Quality to request a copy of the petcoke report. She notes at this time, the report has not been received.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Letter submitted to the Environmental Registry in response to Coco's Big Box Development

D. Coronado indicates a decision from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the big box development is expected within 60 days.

6.2 Guest Speaker Series Update

A. Parent reports Dan Burden, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute has been retained as a Green Speaker to do a walking audit of the Walkerville and Wyandotte Business Improvement Areas (BIA) on June 7, 2013. She notes Mr. Burden's \$6,000 fee will be derived from the following sources:

WECEC	\$1,000
City of Windsor Environmental Master Plan	\$1,000
City of Windsor Planning Department	\$1,000
Wyandotte Street BIA	\$1,000
Wyandotte Street BIA	\$1,000
St. Clair Society of Architects	\$1,000

7. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Parent reports the Renewable Energy Media Campaign with Generator Design has been launched successfully. A Press Conference was held on April 19, 2013 at St. Clair's Centre for Construction Innovation and Production and included a tour of the facility. Campaign advertisements were placed in the County newspapers and the Windsor Star online. WECEC and our partners participated in an Expert On Call session held April 7, 2013 with another session to be held on April 27, 2013.

A. Parent advises the tour of the Detroit Wildlife Reserve will be held on June 14, 2013. She notes environmental groups, City of Windsor staff, City and County Councillors and the media have been invited to tour the Reserve along with WECEC.

A. Parent indicates approximately 1,000 visitors attended the Earth Day event held April 28, 2013 at Malden Park.

A. Parent states WECEC partnered with the City of Windsor and the Downtown Windsor BIA to organize a successful kick-off event for the Rose City Clean Sweep Campaign held April 5, 2013.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Air

The salient points of discussion relating to the Air Subcommittee report as provided by D. Coronado are as follows:

- The most recent provincial annual air quality report has been published in the “Air Quality In Ontario 2011 Report”. An excerpt from the report is as follows:
- “This annual report, summarizes the state of ambient air quality in Ontario during 2011 and examines 10 year trends. It reports on the measured levels of six common air pollutants: ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and total reduced sulphur compounds.”
- Canada’s largest annual inventory of greenhouse gas emissions was released in March/April 2013. It showed an overall increase in emissions of 0.14% to about 702 million tons.
- The report identified Canada has the largest growth in emissions among G8 countries over the past two decades. It is also among the top sources of greenhouse gases in the world, representing approximately two percent of global emissions, and one of the highest sources of greenhouse gases per person.
- Smog alerts are primarily announced during the summer months. Smog is directly related to weather conditions and the amount of air pollution.
- There is a need to target efforts on transportation issues.
- The United States takes the lead on transportation emissions.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair suggests WECEC meet with representatives from the state and federal government regarding air pollution. He requests the Smog Action Plan be discussed at the June 6, 2013 WECEC meeting.

M. Nelson advises smog days are generally represented by hot, dry weather. He indicates the Essex Region Conservation Authority’s Smog Action Policy will be provided to A. Parent for dissemination to WECEC.

8.2 Transportation

A. Parent states the deadline to submit comments to the Canadian Environmental Agency regarding the environmental assessment of the Ambassador Bridge is May 13, 2013.

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

No report.

8.4 Water Quality

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair states a meeting of the Water Quality Subcommittee will be held at the end of May 2013.

8.5 Surplus Parks Strategy

J. Costa Gardner advises consideration is being given to the development of a surplus parks strategy.

M. Nelson states a review of the Parks Master Plan will be undertaken and, surplus parks will be looked at on an individual basis.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Confirm and Ratify Motion to approve \$1,000 for the Sponsorship of Dr David Suzuki

It is generally agreed that the following e-mail poll conducted and approved on April 18, 2013 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by K. Fallon,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 to be derived from the Green Speaker Series budget for the sponsorship of Dr. David Suzuki who will address students from Windsor-Essex County on climate change and protecting our environment to be held on April 25, 2013 at the WFCU Centre.

Carried.

9.2 Pat on the Back Awards

A. Parent advises "Pat on the Back Award" application packages will be sent to environmental groups and both Windsor Essex County school boards. She indicates the award winners will be honoured at a ceremony to be held on May 29, 2013 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Moved by R. Dzigan, seconded by T. Stomp,

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

Carried.

9.3 Eliquid Media Domain Renewal

Moved by T. Stomp, seconded by J. Costa Gardner,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$84.75 payable to eliquid MEDIA International Inc. for the annual Domain Renewal for wecec.org.

Carried.

9.4 Windsor Air Quality Index Comparison

Discussed under Item 8.1.

9.6 Possible Representation from Non-Smoking Group

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair reports there is interest in banning smoking on sports fields. After discussion, WECEC decides not to pursue this as an environmental issue.

9.4 Strategic Plan Review

The “Strategic Plan Review 2012” is discussed to determine which items are relevant at this time.

The following comments are made relating to the Strategic Plan Review 2012:

- Suggestion to promote WECEC to municipal levels of government (City/County Councils) Presentation to City/County Councils prior to budget deliberations.
- Suggestion to provide an annual report to all municipalities in Windsor Essex County.
- Suggestion to hold two WECEC meetings a year at the Ojibway Nature Centre
- Suggestion for performance reviews.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1** The Plugged in World Needs to Unplug – The Windsor Star article dated April 20, 2013 is received for information.
- 10.2** The Clean Sweep crew kicks litter’s butt – The Windsor Star article dated April 12, 2013 is received for information.
- 10.3** Mad about your hydro bill? Blame nuclear and gas plants – The Toronto Star article dated April 18, 2013 is received for information.
- 10.4** Spring and litter editorial – The Windsor Star article dated April 12, 2013 is received for information.

10.5 Planning Standing Committee Agenda Item – Development Applications is received for information.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 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 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Councillor Halberstadt, Co-Chair

Committee Coordinator



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held on Thursday, May 2, 2013
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**
4. **PRESENTATION**
 - 4.1 Prestige LED Lighting – Energy conservation possibilities through LED lights
5. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held April 4th, 2013 – *emailed separately.*
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 6.1 Letter submitted to the Environmental Registry in response to Coco’s Big Box development application to the Ministry of Natural Resources - *attached.*
 - 6.2 Green Speaker Series Update – Dan Burden
7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 8.1 Air – *attached.*
 - 8.2 Transportation
 - 8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands
 - 8.4 Water Quality
 - 8.5 Surplus Parks Strategy
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 Notice of Motion regarding Dr. David Suzuki sponsorship for \$1,000 as part of the Green Speaker Series
 - 9.2 Pat on the Back Awards
 - 9.3 Eliquid Media Domain Renewal invoice for \$84.75 – *attached.*
 - 9.4 Strategic Plan review – *attached.*
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