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Windsor, Ontario September 29, 2016

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
Jesse Costa Gardner
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa
Dr. Edwin Tam
Radwan Tamr

Regrets received from:

Debbie Grant
Derek Coronado
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Dustin Carey, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator (A)
Karina Richters, Supervisor, Environment
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:40 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

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Dr. Tam,
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

9.3 Environmental Bill of Rights meeting with Dr. Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner

Carried.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Dr. Tam,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment
Committee held July 28, 2016 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. PRESENTATION

Heather Grondin, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholder Relations,
Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority is present to provide a presentation relating to the new
border crossing. The Presentation entitled “Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority – Windsor
Essex County Environment Committee Windsor, Ontario, September 29, 2016” is
attached as Appendix “A”.

The highlights of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) Presentation are
provided as follows:

- The WDBA will manage the procurement process for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of the new bridge through a public-private partnership.
- The project objectives include – Provide new border crossing capacity to meet increased long-term international trade and travel demand. Improve system connectivity to enhance the continuous flow of people and goods. Improve operations and processing capabilities at the border and provide alternative and secure crossing options.
- Two design types could be used for this signature Bridge: Suspension, which is recognized by its elongated “M” shape or the Cable-stayed, which has more of an “A” shape.
- Six lanes – three Canadian bound – three US bound.
- Clear span of 850 metres with no piers in the water. Total length of approximately 2.5 kilometres.
- Species at risk which are known to occur in the project area are – Dense Blazing Star, Willowleaf Aster, Kentucky Coffee tree and Butler’s Gartersnake.

In response to a question asked by Dr. Tam regarding if there will be bike lanes on the new bridge, H. Grondin responds they are working with the CBSA to determine

how processing will occur with bikes crossing the bridge. She adds the question is how to safely process pedestrians and cyclists with trucks on the bridge and where will they exit the bridge.

The Chair thanks Heather Grondin for her presentation.

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

6.1 **WECEC 2017 Budget Request Ratification**

D. Carey provides an overview of the 2017 WECEC Operating Budget submission to City Council.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the 2017 WECEC Operating Budget submission to City Council **BE RECEIVED** and further, that the \$4,000 contribution from the City and County remain at the 2016 level.

Carried.

6.2 **Water Brothers Funds Authorization**

Clerk's Note: The Water Brothers is an eco-adventure documentary series following brothers Alex and Tyler Mifflin, as they explore the world, uncovering the most important water stories of our time.

D. Carey suggests retaining the Water Brothers at a cost of \$1,000 (from WECEC) to provide a presentation at a school in the City of Windsor to discuss the merits of using tap water over bottled water. He states the Environmental Master Plan and Social Services will partner in this event and will provide an additional \$3,000.

Moved by Dr. Tan, seconded by R. Tamr,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 as a contribution from WECEC to retain the Water Brothers to provide a presentation in 2016 on a date, time and location to be determined.

Carried.

6.3 **ERCA Invasive Species Green Speaker Series Funds Authorization**

D. Carey requests funding in the amount of \$425 for costs associated with hosting a panel to discuss Invasive Species at a venue to be determined.

Moved by R. Tamr, seconded by M. Nelson,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$425 for costs associated with hosting a panel to discuss Invasive Species on a date, time and location to be determined.

Carried.

6.4 Brainstorming Session – Remaining 2016 Funds

D. Carey reports there is \$1,700 remaining in the 2016 WECEC Operating Budget. Suggestions for use of the remaining funds include the purchase of promotional items, i.e. water bottles, mugs, caps, and tote bags with drawstrings.

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator **BE REQUESTED** to report back at the November 24, 2016 meeting regarding suggestions for the purchase of promotional items including the costs to an upset limit of \$1,700.

Carried.

Dr. Tam suggests consideration be given to use the remaining funds for the development of an “app” to provide awareness of WECEC.

7. COORDINATOR’S REPORT

D. Carey provides the following updates relating to ongoing initiatives:

- Marathon Refinery – The office of Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change provided a letter to Mayor Dilkens advising the Government of Canada will continue to monitor the situation with Marathon Refinery and work on reducing transboundary pollution from the United States.
- Idling – The Council of Essex at its meeting held July 18, 2016 reviewed and supported correspondence regarding the possibility of a regional idling standard.
- Presentations – Lee Tome, Deputy Fire Chief, Town of Amherstburg is meeting with representatives from Health Canada in the mock disaster to be held on this day. Mr. Tome will provide a presentation at the November 24, 2016 WECEC meeting.
- Microplastics – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) adopted the following resolution and has written to the Federal Government calling for action of microplastics:
 - *“BE IT RESOLVED, that FCM urge the Government of Canada to prohibit, through the list of toxic substances (Canadian Environmental Protection Act), the manufacture, use and sale of personal care and cleaning products containing plastic microbeads.”*

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Dr. Tan,
That the report of the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator dated
September 2016 entitled "WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report" **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 **Air**

No report.

8.2 **Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues**

No report.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 **Update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives**

D. Carey provides the highlights of his document entitled "City Initiatives",
attached as Appendix "B" as follows:

- The City of Windsor has continued to work on the development of its Community Energy Plan. Preliminary goals, targets and conclusions have been drawn which are acceptable to the Community and Corporate Task Forces.
- The City's contribution to the Carbon Disclosure Project has been aggregated with contributions throughout North America. The City of Windsor has exceeded the continental average in climate change adaptation, emissions measurement and water management.
- When organizing the second Open Streets event, the City consolidated the environmental portion of the Environment and Food Hub with the Alternative Transportation Hub to create the Healthy Communities Hub. This hub showcased aspects of sustainable communities such as energy use, active transportation, nutrition and effective use of transit services.
- City Council received for information a number of options that the City may employ to help control nuisance goose populations in the City.

9.2 **Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives**

M. Nelson reviews his document entitled "Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives".

M. Nelson notes a meeting will be held this evening in Amherstburg relating to the Tree Cutting By-law. He advises it is imperative to ensure there are compelling reasons to cut down a tree, i.e. trees are hazardous or diseased.

9.3 Environmental Bill of Rights meeting with Dr. Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner

D. Carey distributes a flyer entitled “Environmental Bill of Rights Meeting with Environmental Commissioner Dr. Dianne Saxe” to be held on October 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre, **attached** as Appendix “C”.

Moved by Dr. Tan, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,
That the members of WECEC **BE ENCOURAGED** to provide advertising through the WECEC website and Social Media for the Environmental Bill of Rights Meeting to be held with Dr. Dianne Saxe on October 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by R. Tamr,
That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED:**

- 10.1 Response from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change re: Marathon Refinery
- 10.2 Response from Essex re: Regional Idling Initiative
- 10.3 Great Lakes & St. Lawrence River Basin – Waukesha Diversion Application
- 10.4 Remington Park Cancer Cluster Investigation
- 10.5 A Multi-Jurisdictional Water Quality Trading Framework for Western Lake Erie
- 10.6 Widespread Plastic Pollution Found in Great Lakes Tributaries

Carried.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:55 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR