



AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on April 3rd 2014
Meeting at 5:30p.m. At the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant (4155 Ojibway)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held March 6th, 2014 – *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION**

City of Windsor Transportation Planning and Dillon Consulting representatives to discuss the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the 6th Concession Road/North Talbot Road

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Green Speaker Series update

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report – *attached.*

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Air

8.2 Transportation – *attached.*

8.3 Provincially Significant Wetlands

8.4 Water Quality

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 EAC Symposium invitation – *attached.*

9.2 Pat on the Back Awards

9.3 Rose City Clean Sweep

9.4 Meeting at the Ojibway Nature Centre

10. **COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1 Letter to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality from WECEC re. proposed petcoke site – *attached.*

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is **May 1st, 2014** at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**WECEC COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORT
AVERIL PARENT**



– MARCH 2014 –

ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Green Speaker Series: Robert Krausz

Robert Krausz is confirmed as a WECEC Green Speaker. The title of his presentation is: *All for Naught: Zero Waste's Reality Check for Community-Led Sustainability*. He will present on **Saturday May 10th at Malden Park at 10:00am**. A poster will be made and advertised through the usual methods of a media release, website, Facebook, email blast, and posted in library's and coffee shops. The event will also be advertised at Earth Day.

2. WECEC Website

As directed, the WECEC coordinator has begun investigating other alternatives for a host website company. Spotvin, a local company, charges \$30 per month to host website and \$25 per year for the domain renewal (compared to what we are currently paying - \$35 per month to host and \$75 per year for the domain renewal). There will likely be no charge to transfer the website, unless our current provider charges one. I am also talking with Charity Advantage, who does websites for non-profits.

3. Tour of the Hon. Herb Grey Parkway project

WECEC and the Ministry of Transportation have previously discussed a tour of the endangered species work being conducted as part of the Hon. Herb Grey Parkway. A tentative date for this tour is **Tuesday April 29th**. More details to follow.

WECEC BUDGET – SUMMARY

2014 Budget		
Expense	Credit	Expenditure
2013 Budget	\$8,300.00	
Website domain renewal		\$76.32
Website hosting fee		\$427.10
Earth Day		\$40.00
Pat on the Back		\$2,500.00
Green Speaker – Krausz		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #2		\$1,000.00
Green Speaker #3		\$1,000.00
Totals	\$8,300.00	\$6,043.42
TOTAL REMAINING		\$2,256.58

Transportation Subcommittee

March 7th, 2014

In attendance

Bernie Drouillard, Frank Butler Coordinator, Averil Parent

Regrets

Rick Coronado, Roger Dzugan, Radwan Tamr

General discussion on status of Transit Windsor and the call for a Regional Transportation Authority. A draft letter to municipalities to support the recommendation to encourage involvement was discussed. A draft copy is attached for Averil to amend and send out. With WECEC's approval this letter will be sent to the Mayors and Members of Council of every Essex County municipality.



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<Municipal Council address>

Re: Participation and support for a Regional Transit Authority and system

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

In February of this year, the chair and board of Transit Windsor proposed a meeting of Essex -Windsor municipalities to discuss the potential for and establishment of a Regional Transportation Authority and system to benefit the citizens of our region.

Though previous proposals have not been timely or considered advantageous, certainly it is time to revisit the issue of a regional system given the increase impact of congestion on our roads and the changing needs of citizens for convenient and affordable transportation. Given the stress of upkeep on infrastructure felt by all municipalities and the changing demographics, a collective response to address those needs is logical. Certainly students, seniors, workers and other commuters would benefit from a reliable and dependable system. The environmental benefits of a reduction in vehicle emissions, road congestion and road repair and enhanced community health and other factors are tangible.

One indisputable fact shared by all municipalities is that funding for needed infrastructure is increasingly difficult to access. One clear advantage of a Regional Transportation Authority will be the ability to increase access to federal and provincial funds earmarked for public transit. A collective proposal through a regional authority could access funds that municipalities to date has not been successful in accessing. Certainly there are a number of regional transportation systems in southern Ontario that illustrate the success of a regional approach to moving citizens. The logic of a regional response to transportation will continue to increase and should not be ignored.

Participation in discussions and creating a task force to study how to proceed with establishing a regional transit authority is a first step. Being involved at the inception of a project also ensures process and structures are set up to build consensus and address local concerns.

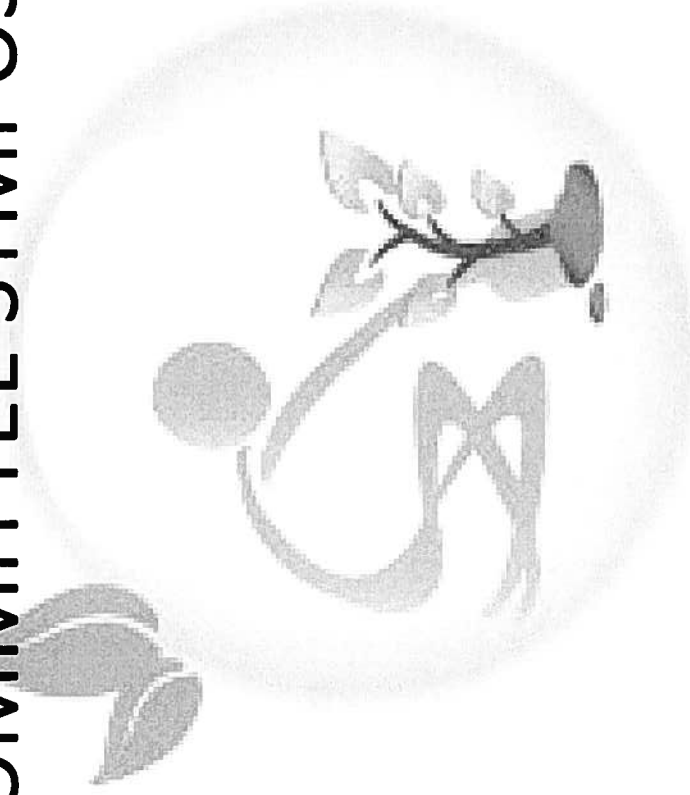
In closing, WECEC encourages all municipalities to participate fully in this proposal and these seminal discussions in establishing a regional transit system for the Essex-Windsor region. Further, the committee would be willing to assist your council with information as your advisory committee on environmental topics. Working together, we can enhance the quality of life of citizens and improve the environment of our region.

Respectfully,

Alan Halberstadt
Committee Co-chair

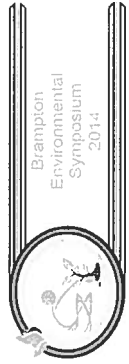
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May 3, 2014, Brampton



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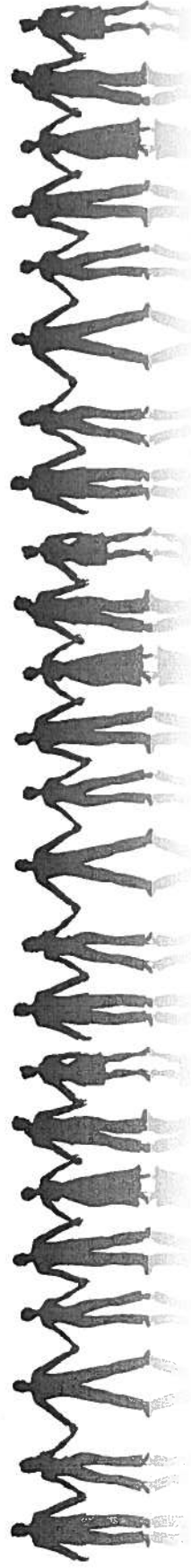
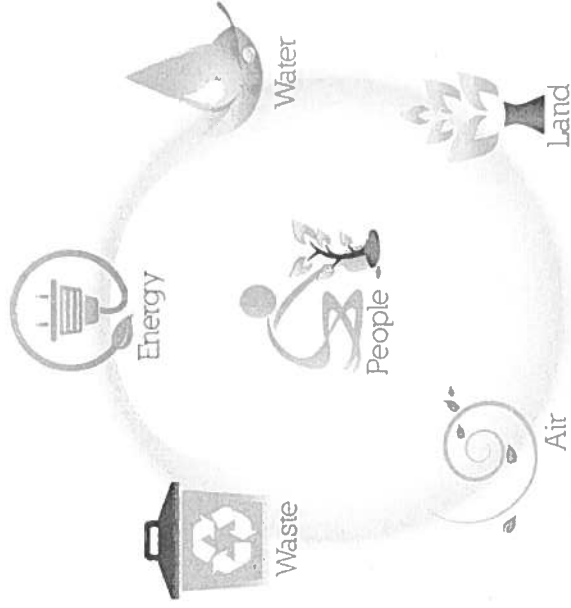
*Learn how to reach
your community*

Come join us to talk about how you engage with your community !

- At the EAC Roundtable, share your success stories and hear success stories from other EACs;
- Participating in a mini-workshop; and
- Through community partner presentations.

BEPAC is also pleased to host several EAC speakers from other communities that will share how they developed :

- Long term community programs, and
- Innovative community conservation challenges.



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Registration Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

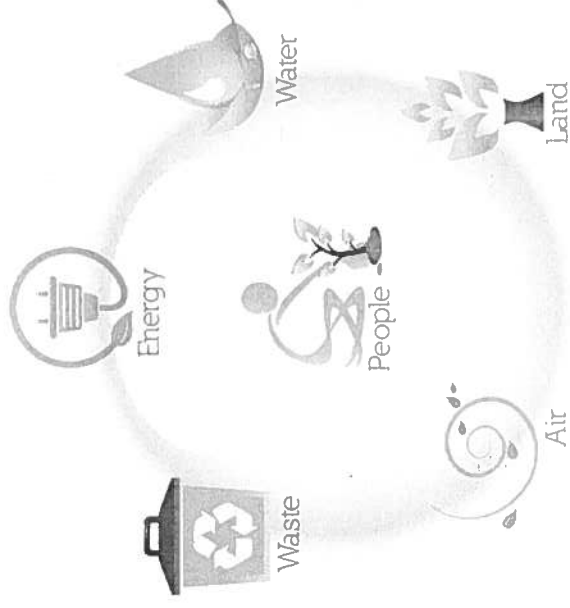
Email: _____

Dietary or access requirements: _____

- Yes my registration fee (\$25 per person) is included with my registration form.
- Yes I would like to present at the EAC Roundtable. (NOTE: this will help us to budget appropriate time in the Symposium Agenda).

Please make your cheque payable to the City of Brampton

Return to
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State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Dan Wyant, Director
Constitution Hall
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March 11th 2014

Dear Mr. Wyant,

Please find this letter on behalf of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee addressing the permit being applied for by Detroit Bulk Storage to store petcoke along the Detroit River.

The Windsor Essex County Environment Committee strongly urges U.S. environmental authorities to enforce its standards if the petcoke is allowed to be stored along the Detroit River. The substance should be covered and kept in bins to prevent it from becoming airborne or entering the Detroit River as runoff.

It is our preference that storage would not be allowed at any point along the Detroit River for aesthetic reasons alone. This eye pollution is harmful to the image of Windsor, Detroit, Canada and the United States and undermines the significant efforts over the last few years to upgrade the appearance of the shorelines of this great international heritage river.

If, however Detroit Bulk Storage is able to store petcoke along the Detroit River, we urge you to consider implementing an environmental quality fund that this company would contribute to as part of their permit that can be used to enhance air and water quality or be available for environmental cleanup at any time during the storage or removal of petcoke from the site.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Halberstadt
Committee Co-chair

Charlie Wright
Committee Co-chair