

A meeting of the **Executive Committee** of Council is held this day commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers there being present the following members:

Mayor Francis (Chair)
Councillor Dilkens
Councillor Gignac
Councillor Halberstadt
Councillor Jones
Councillor Marra
Councillor Payne
Councillor Sleiman

Absent: Councillor Valentinis

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Francis calls the meeting of the Executive Committee of Council to order at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None disclosed.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Marra,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held October 28, 2013
BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

4. **Requests for Deferrals, Referrals and/or Withdrawals**

None requested.

5. **Communications**

Item 2 2013 KPMG Audit Planning Report

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the City of Windsor Executive Committee **RECEIVE AND ACCEPT** the
2013 KPMG Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Carried.

6. Presentations and Delegations

Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island – 2013 Year in Review

Gordon Orr, CEO, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island and Kris Racine, Director of Product Development

Gordon Orr, CEO, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island and Kris Racine, Director of Development, appear before the Executive Committee of Council to present the 2013 Year in Review in video format, and stress the importance of tourism industry and their activities designed to derive their fair share of the market place. Highlights include various conferences and expos, events, consumer shows, launches they were involved in, successful bids, advertising initiatives and different partnerships.

It is stressed that tourism is an important economic generator, with the latest data suggesting annual visitation is at 3.9 million visitors who generate \$471 million in economic activity and help support over 18,000 jobs.

Mr. Orr thanks the Mayor and Council for continuing to support and invest in tourism.

Councillor Payne asks about the closure of the Huron Church office. Mr. Orr responds by stating that there was a visitors service delivery review. There were new locations activated such as the Devonshire Mall location which is now year-round, in addition to seasonal operations at Pelee Island Winery and a location at the Riverfront, thus going to “traffic” locations.

Mr. Orr advises that there is a lot of buzz surrounding the new Family Aquatics Centre, which will provide for new marketing opportunities in that area.

Councillor Payne inquires about the status of Caesars Windsor. Mr. Orr advises that they are doing well and their occupancy levels are up and that their non-gaming side is doing very well, especially in terms of conventions and trade shows.

A question is raised regarding the geographic extension of promotions. Mr. Orr advises it's primarily southwestern Detroit, Michigan, Ohio and part of the GTA area, Kitchener-Waterloo and London area.

Councillor Gignac inquires about how the regional investment/budgets compare to that of other areas in terms of tourism. Mr. Orr advises that it is comparable, with a more successful shift in focus on domestic market from international market.

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Marra,

THAT the presentation by Gordon Orr, CEO, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island and Kris Racine, Director of Product Development regarding the 2013 Year in Review for Tourism **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

7. Committee Matters

Nil.

8. Administrative Items**Item 1 Ward Fund Policy Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Jones,

THAT s.5.9 of policy # CS.A10.07 – Ward Fund Policy **BE AMENDED** to read *“Use of Ward Funds for a project must not be committed, and the project must not be publically announced, in the six-months period immediately prior to a municipal election. The official commitment date shall be deemed to be the date on which the City Treasurer or designate receives the official Ward Funds use request form duly authorized by signature or attached e-mail request by the requesting councillor. It is understood that the work may actually be undertaken within the six-month period due to administration’s work priorities or climate requirements.”*

Carried.

Livelihood #16837, AF2013

Item 3 CQ36-2013 – Road Rehab Protocol Revision

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Marra,

THAT the City of Windsor’s listing for potential Road Rehabilitation inclusion in the Capital Budget program **BE AMENDED** to include roads without curb and gutter and/or that have ditches that are not within approximately 2,000 feet (2 blocks) of a proper storm outlet; and the Road Rehab list for the 2015 budget **BE REPRIORITIZED** to include these roads; and

THAT for local roads within 2,000 feet of a proper storm outlet, roads **BE CONSIDERED** for the Road Rehabilitation Capital Budget Program **ONLY** after they have exhausted the Local Improvement process, both resident and City initiated.

Carried.

Livelihood #16835, SW2013

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the Executive Committee of Council will be held on January 27, 2014 at 6:00 o’clock p.m. in Council Chambers.


10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:20 o’clock p.m.

Carried.


CHAIR


Deputy CITY CLERK