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Windsor, Ontario, November 23, 2011

A meeting of the **Environment and Transportation Standing Committee** is held this day commencing at 4:30 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers there being present the following members:

**Present:** Councillor Hatfield (Chair)  
Councillor Halberstadt  
Councillor Sleiman  
Councillor Payne  
Councillor Valentinis

*Also present are the following from Administration:*

Mike Palanacki, Executive Director of Operations  
Wes Hicks, Senior Manager of Infrastructure & Transportation Planning  
Wira Vendrasco, Senior Legal Counsel  
Agatha Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

**Delegations:**

Averil Parent, WECEC Coordinator (available for questions)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:35 o'clock p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None disclosed.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None.

4. **REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS**

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Averil Parent appears before the committee and is available for questions regarding Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) 2012 budget.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) – Business Plan and Financial Request for the 2012 Budget Deliberations**

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Payne,  
That the submission of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of their Business Plan and Financial Request for 2012 Budget Deliberations **BE REFERRED** to the 2012 Budget Deliberations.

Carried.

**Windsor Bicycling Committee – Business Plan and Financial Request for 2012 Budget Deliberations**

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,  
That the submission of the Windsor Bicycling Committee of their Business Plan and Financial Request for 2012 Budget Deliberations **BE REFERRED** to the 2012 Budget Deliberations.

Carried.

**Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority minutes of its meeting held September 14, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Payne,  
That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority meeting held September 14, 2011 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

**Windsor Bicycling Committee minutes of its meeting held October 11, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,  
That the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held  
October 11, 2011 **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

**Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee Minutes of its meeting held  
October 13, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,  
That the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee  
meeting held October 13, 2011 **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Item 1 Detroit Renewable Power (Detroit Incinerator)**

The salient points of discussion relating to the Detroit Renewable Power (Detroit Incinerator) are as follows:

- Windsor is not listed as an official commenter during the review period.
- The appeal/petition must be filed within 60 days of the expiration of the US EPA's 45 day review period, which was September 28, 2011.
- Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee to explore with our partners across the border to determine who is leading the appeal and if Windsor can be of any assistance.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,  
That the report of the Environmental Coordinator dated October 26, 2011  
entitled "Detroit Renewable Power (Detroit Incinerator)" **BE RECEIVED** for  
information and further,

That the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee make an offer of  
support with available resources to Zero Waste Detroit for its petition against the  
permit extension for Detroit Renewable Power (Detroit Incinerator).

Carried.

**Item 2 Update on the Climate Change Adaptation Initiative – Milestone 2**

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,  
That City Council **APPROVE** the development of a Corporate-wide  
climate change action plan with a focus on impacts with a medium-high risk or

above, as outlined in Milestone Three of the ICLEI climate change adaptation initiative; and

That City Council **APPROVE** the concurrent development of a comprehensive storm water management strategy as a first step to addressing the potential impacts related to storm water.

Carried.

**Item 3 Continued Partnership with Health Canada for the Heat Alert Response system (HARS) Pilot Program**

The salient points of discussion relating to the Heat Alert Response system (HARS) are as follows:

- Heat Alert and response systems are designed to prevent mortality and morbidity during extreme heat events
- The HARS plan was presented to the Regional Community Planning Committee on April 6, 2011, followed with recommendation that each municipality adapt the plan and include it as an annex in their emergency plans.
- The Stay Cool Heat Windsor – Essex Heat Alert and Response Plan was launched to the public in June 2011.
- The 2011 campaign was evaluated.
- The most vulnerable population are seniors, youth and infants.

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Payne,

1) That the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Health Canada, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer and in technical content to the City Engineer, to continue the partnership with Health Canada to enhance and expand the Pilot Heat Alert and Response System with an additional funding grant from Health Canada of up to \$60,000 over two (2) years.

2) That the report “Assessment of Vulnerability to the Health Impacts of Extreme Heat in the City of Windsor” produced in partnership with Health Canada and the City of Windsor, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

3) That subject to Windsor City Council approval of the above recommendations, the City Clerk **FORWARD** a copy of this report and associated Council Resolution(s) to Essex County Council for information.

Carried.

**Item 4 South-Western Ontario Clean Air Council**

The salient points of discussion relating to the South – Western Ontario Clean Air Council are as follows:

- In 2009 the Ministry of environment provided funds to host a Clean Air Summit in London, the Mayors of London, Windsor and Woodstock were all in attendance. The participants supported the need to establish a South-western Ontario Clean Air Council.
- The Ontario Medical Association estimated 5,800 deaths in Ontario due to air pollution in 2005, Essex County had 260 premature deaths , 900 hospital admissions and 2,750 emergency visits associated with poor air quality in 2005.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,  
That City Council **APPROVE** the continued participation in the South-western Ontario Clean Air Council; and further,

That Council **EXPLORE** strategies that would engage the Federal and Provincial Governments to lobby or engage our United States counterparts; and


That the Council **PURSUE** updated information as outlined by the Ontario Medical Association “Illness Costs of Air Pollution” from 2005.

Carried.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:27 o'clock p.m.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

  
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK