

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

All members will have the option of participating in person in Council Chambers or electronically and will be counted towards quorum in accordance with Procedure Bylaw 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic meetings. The minutes will reflect this accordingly. Any delegations have the option to participate in person or electronically.

MEMBERS:

Ward 3 – Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 – Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 – Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Vice Chairperson)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item #	Item Description
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1.	CALL TO ORDER
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READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We [] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

2.	DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
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3.	ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE
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| 3.1. | Adoption of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held June 25, 2025 (SCM 199/2025) |
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4.	REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS
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5.	COMMUNICATIONS
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6.	PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS
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7.	COMMITTEE MATTERS
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| 7.1. | Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held May 21, 2025 (SCM 195/2025) |
| 7.2. | Minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held May 22, 2025 (SCM 214/2025) |
| 7.3. | Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held June 3, 2025 (SCM 216/2025) |
| 7.4. | Minutes of the Transit Windsor Working Group of its meeting held May 27, 2025 (SCM 232/2025) |

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Waste Collection By-law Amendments – City Wide (S 81/2025)

Author: Ian Day, Senior Manager - Transportation

8.2. Response to CQ25-2024 – Illegal Car Rallies and Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicles – City Wide (S 86/2025)

Author: Stuart Diotte, Coordinator of Environmental Services

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. ADJOURNMENT



Committee Matters: SCM 199/2025

Subject: Adoption of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held June 25, 2025

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Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development & Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Corporate Services

Brian Lima, Executive Director Operations / Deputy City Engineer

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development

Donna Desantis, Senior Manager, Deputy Chief Building Official / Inspections

Rob Vani, Senior Manager, Deputy Chief Building Official / Inspections

Brandon Calleja, Senior Manager, Deputy Chief Building Official / Permits

Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation

Mark Spizzirri, Manager Performance Measurement & Business Case Development

Sokol Aliko, Manager Energy Initiatives

Craig Robertson, Manager Licensing and Enforcement & Deputy Licence Commissioner

Chris Gerardi, Engineer II

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:34 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held May 28, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held May 28, 2025 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 179/2025

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

8.6. Options for Licensing Hotels and Motels - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

THAT the report of the Manger of Licensing and Enforcement & Deputy Licence Commissioner dated February 13, 2025 entitled "Options for Licensing Hotels and Motels – City Wide" **BE DEFERRED** to a future meeting of Council to be considered when the Strengthen the Core Update report comes forward.

Carried.

Report Number: S 21/2025 & AI 17/2025

Clerk's File: ACL2025

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

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6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1. 2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide

Mary Sye and Megan Shannon, Enbridge Gas Inc.

Mary Sye and Megan Shannon from Enbridge Gas Inc. appear before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated November 14, 2024, entitled “2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide” and provide a brief overview of Windsor’s sources of greenhouse gas emissions and year-to-year results related to greenhouse gas reduction efforts.

Councillor Gary Kaschak requests confirmation related to Windsor reporting a 12% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2023. Ms. Sye replies that one large project that year contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by such a significant number.

Councillor Kieran inquires as to what Enbridge’s long-term plans are surrounding the increasing demand for energy and potential sustainability opportunities. Ms. Sye replies that the removal of the Carbon Tax makes it difficult to determine what the coming years will bring, but the long-term strategy is a more holistic view of available programs with the goal being more deep energy reductions. Awareness of available programs to help reduce energy use and GHG is also something that Enbridge would like to improve, and they would be happy to partner with the City to help raise that awareness.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie comments that high energy demand is a challenge that has been identified in the region, which has affected specific decisions that city council has made and inquires whether Enbridge is anticipating these increased needs long-term. Ms. Sye replies that they are, but because long-term planning has been affected by the Carbon Tax removal, there are no specific future plans to share at this time.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the impact public transportation has on greenhouse gas emissions in the region, as its impact is cited in the report as one of the top strategic priorities to address. Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development and Climate Change, appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated November 14, 2024, entitled “2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide” and replies that administration has been working on an Electric Vehicle policy with the Greening the Fleet initiatives, which would have a positive effect on the city’s GHG emissions targets. Jelena Payne, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated November 14, 2024, entitled “2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide” and adds that a number of hybrid buses have already been purchased in alignment with the Transit Windsor Master Plan, with many on the road already. Hydrogen power and other new technology is also being explored for the Transit Windsor fleet in future.

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Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the lack of capacity for charging is preventing electric buses from being considered. Ms. Payne replies that this is correct, and that funding a retrofit of the Transit Windsor garages to accommodate electric buses is not financially viable. A previous Council decision directed administration to take a more balanced approach, utilizing hybrid powered buses, increasing the efficiency of Transit Windsor garages and terminals. Opportunities for additional funding are continuously being explored to help align with GHG and climate change initiatives.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie returns to the “Greening the Fleet” initiative, with his main concern being charging capacity and inquires as to how administration are proceeding with this. Mr. Johnson replies that administration is in the early stages of developing a Council Report regarding this, and states that charging infrastructure is being discussed as one of the key components of the City’s EV policy. The report is being planned for presentation to Council later this fall.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether provincially mandated changes to waste management will have any impact on the city’s GHG targets, and if there is anything Council can consider to address any risks. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services and City Engineer, appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated November 14, 2024, entitled “2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide” and indicates that GHG emissions from organic waste disposal are significant, but the new organic waste program launching in the fall should help significantly.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about next steps required to make the energy retrofit grant program available to the community. Mr. Johnson replies that until the feasibility and funding of the retrofit program is finalized, anything the city can do to raise awareness of existing programs that offer similar supports to homeowners, and commercial and industrial partners should be encouraged.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino requests clarification that “the fleet” referred to in the Corporate Emissions section of the report means only Transit Windsor buses and does not include taxis or ridesharing vehicles. Mr. Johnson states this is correct.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is anything further the city can do in this area, for example, incentivizing rideshares or taxis to move to electric vehicles. Mr. Johnson replies there are no incentives currently in place.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1067**

THAT the report from the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change department dated November 14, 2024 entitled “2023 Community and Corporate GHG Inventory - City Wide” **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

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THAT the City of Windsor: 2022/2023 Data and Insights Dashboard provided by Enbridge Gas Inc. **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT Council **AUTHORIZE** administration to report back on the Community and Corporate GHG Inventory Reports to Council biennially (once every two years) consistent with practices in other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Report Number: S 158/2024

Clerk's File: EI/14519

8.5. Truck Route Study – City Wide

Anna Mori, Technical Manager, Mobility Advisory Ontario, Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc.

Anna Mori, Technical Manager, Mobility Advisory Ontario, Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc., appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated June 2, 2025, entitled “Truck Route Study – City Wide” and is available for questions.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires as to how keeping trucks to the proposed truck route will be enforced. Mr. Simpson replies that the city by-law will be the main parameter in terms of enforcement.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires about the funding for two overpasses proposed to cross the truck route. Mr. Simpson replies that a line item in the 2025 budget for near-term enhancements could be used for this project, subject to Committee and Council's endorsement. Administration is also looking for provisional funding required for a pedestrian crossing if a grant application is not successful.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires as to how the locations for the pedestrian crossings were selected. Mr. Simpson replies that a key application criterion was eliminating conflict and increasing safety between truck routes and active transportation initiatives.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there are other parameters that can be used for enforcement other than by-law officers – Ministry of Transportation or Windsor Police, for example. Chris Gerardi, Policy Analyst, Transportation Planning, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated June 2, 2025, entitled “Truck Route Study – City Wide” and indicates that consultation with the Ministry of Transportation was done, and they are available to perform enforcement blitzes if requested. The truck route was designed so the MTO could enforce the *Highway Traffic Act* per the city's by-law.

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Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about Wyandotte Street specifically, as in the past Council had considered banning trucks from Wyandotte altogether. He would like to know how the decision was made to keep Wyandotte Street as a truck route, instead of changing it to a local delivery route. Mr. Gerardi replies that there was a lot of discussion regarding this issue. He states that once the Gordie Howe bridge is complete, the western portion of Wyandotte Street near the Ambassador Bridge will be reduced to a lower tier truck route, so this should help alleviate the use of Wyandotte as a cut-through. The current option is to allow trucks on Wyandotte, or divert them to Riverside Drive, which is not viable.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether a report will be coming back to the Committee in the future to evaluate the changes. Mr. Simpson replies that this is expected to be a dynamic process as traffic patterns will continue to change over time. Mr. Simpson feels that revisiting the program every four or five years would be a good time frame to evaluate the changes and make sure the trucks are on the right roads.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires as to specific reasons why trucks are allowed on Wyandotte Street, and why so many trucks choose to use it. Mr. Gerardi replies that many trucks were found to be using Wyandotte as a way to avoid Huron Church road to approach the Ambassador Bridge. The rationale is that once the new approach to the Gordie Howe bridge opens, trucks will be utilizing that instead of the Ambassador Bridge, and the rules allowing trucks in that area of Wyandotte will change at that time.

Councillor Gary Kaschak comments that there was a recommendation in the Walkerville Heritage Conservation District study to eliminate trucks from Wyandotte in that area and inquires whether that report was considered when the truck routes were planned. Mr. Gerardi replies that the Walkerville area was deeply considered. It was decided that trucks proceeding directly down Wyandotte would be preferable to, and safer than, being forced to turn off and then back on to avoid the Walkerville area.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether Business Improvement Areas (BIA's) were in agreement with this. Mr. Gerardi states that the Walkerville BIA was very understanding, especially considering the deliveries required to the Hiram Walker plant. Wyandotte Street is multifaceted and restricting trucks from using it was not a realistic solution.

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1071**

- I. That Traffic By-law 9148 **BE AMENDED** as listed and attached in Appendix "A" of this report; and,
- II. That the City Solicitor **BE DIRECTED** to prepare the necessary documents to amend Traffic By-law 9148; and,

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- III. Whereas on February 21, 2025, the 2025 Capital Budget was deemed approved via Mayoral Decision MD08-2025 and subsequently as a result of the request outlined in this report City Council **SUPPORTS** an expenditure of \$50,000, therefore the City Treasurer **BE DIRECTED** to fund a new capital project to implement the Newly Designated Truck Route Segments with a transfer of surplus funds from the Environmental Study Reports project (#7086010); and,
 - IV. THAT the issues identified in the report, for the existing and future truck route segments, **BE CONSIDERED** for future safety upgrades; and,
 - V. THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to prioritize the Pedestrian Crossing on McHugh Street and Cypress Avenue to allow for the implementation of the truck route on McHugh Street; and,
 - VI. THAT provisional funding of \$84,000 in the Environmental Studies Report Project ID 7086010 **BE TRANSFERED** to the Pedestrian Crossings Project ID 7191010 to fund construction of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing on McHugh Street and Cypress Avenue, should the Active Transportation Grant application be unsuccessful; and,
 - VII. THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with an updated truck traffic data report 12 months after the Gordie Howe Bridge has opened.
- Carried.

Report Number: S 79/2025

Clerk's File: SW/14579

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held May 6, 2025

Councillor Kieran McKenzie comments on the changes seen since the transition to producer-paid recycling services. He feels that the municipality will take criticism for any issues when it is a Provincial responsibility. He asks how, as a municipality, it can be communicated to the community that these services are evolving for reasons beyond the city's control. He feels the community needs to be made aware that the decisions made around waste collection are now controlled by the province. Mr. Simpson replies that it is ultimately the producer's responsibility to inform the community about changes in the program. He suggests piggybacking on the provider's social media communications or directing any consumer complaints to the correct provincial authority.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie expresses his frustration that the province's enforced change has been put upon the municipalities to communicate to its residents. He feels the program put in place by the province will not meet the community's expectations, and the city will unfairly be held accountable.

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Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1066**

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) meeting held May 6, 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 177/2025

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.2. Energy Access and Poverty Pillar (EAPP) Report - City Wide

Councillor Kieran McKenzie comments that should the Committee choose to move forward with administration's recommendations, hard choices will have to be made to meet the new requirements. Mr. Johnson replies there is currently an RFP out for a consultant to do a full review of the requirements and secure an action plan for the four core plans and the associated 500 action items.

Councillor Keiran McKenzie asks if increased energy demand has the potential to put a drain on those already experiencing economic hardship. Ms. Payne indicates that the province is seeing the growth in our community, and the city reports these residential, industrial, and commercial numbers to upper levels of government. She hopes that balanced investment for all will be received.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether a future Framework Action Plan report will come back to this Committee. Mr. Johnson confirms this.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie states that he would like this report to go to the Environment and Climate Change Action Committee and asks the Clerk if this would need to be put into the motion. The Deputy City Clerk clarifies the procedure.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1068**

THAT the report from the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change department dated November 18, 2024 entitled "Energy Access & Poverty Pillar (EAPP) Report – City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT Council **ENDORSE** development of targets and a plan to meet the new Energy Access and Poverty Badge requirements, contingent on the completion of the Framework Action Review and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) being deemed a high priority. If GCoM is not a high priority, the commitment to the Badge requirements and reporting should be discontinued.

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Carried.

Report Number: S 167/2024

Clerk's File: EI/14519

8.3. Repeal of By-law 6366 – A By-law Respecting the Transporting, Storing, Handling and Use of Explosives in the City of Windsor – City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1069**

THAT By-law Number 6366 being “A By-law Respecting the Transporting, Storing, Handling and Use of Explosives in the City of Windsor” **BE REPEALED**.

Carried.

Report Number: S 47/2025

Clerk's File: AB2025

8.4. Repeal By-law 49-2018 and Pass an Amended By-law - A By-law Respecting the Issuance of Various Permits and the Scheduling of Inspections – City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1070**

THAT Council **REPEAL** By-law Number 49-2018 being “A By-law Respecting the Issuance of Various Permits and the Scheduling of Inspections”; and,

THAT Council **PASS** “A By-law Respecting the Issuance of Various Permits and the Scheduling of Inspections”; and,

THAT Council **AMEND** By-law Number 80-2025 - “Being A By-law to Appoint a Chief Building Official, Deputy Chief Building Officials and Inspectors to Enforce the *Building Code Act* and Regulations in Windsor” by **DELETING** Schedule B - Code of Conduct for Building Officials.

Carried.

Report Number: S 77/2025

Clerk's File: AB2025

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11. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Kieran McKenzie congratulates Councillor Fabio Costante on his new position and expresses his appreciation for the work the Councillor has done on behalf of the community in his time as City Councillor.

Councillor Gary Kaschak congratulates Councillor Costante on his new position and on his years of public service.

Councillor Fabio Costante requests an update on the proposed signal to be installed at Tecumseh Road West and Crawford Avenue to alert motorists to trains at the Tecumseh West crossing in advance. Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee meeting and indicates that the city is currently in the process of establishing a legal agreement with the railways and is very close to installing this signal.

Councillor Costante takes a few moments before his departure to say appreciative words to his fellow Councillors, the Mayor, and Administration.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:46 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held July 30, 2025.

Carried.

Ward 2 – Councillor Costante
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
Services



Committee Matters: SCM 195/2025

Subject: Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held May 21, 2025

WINDSOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Meeting held May 21, 2025

A meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in Room 522a, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Councillor Angelo Marignani
Sam Sinjari

Delegation in attendance:

Dr. Dante Capaldi, regarding **Item 7(a)**

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk and Licence Commissioner
Craig Robertson, Manager Licensing & Enforcement and Deputy Licence Commissioner
David McGregor, Fire Prevention Officer
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:30 o'clock a.m. and the Windsor Licensing Commission considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Renaldo Agostino discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 7(b) being 1287678 Ontario Inc. o/a Turbo Espresso Lounge as he is a close friend and former associate of the applicant.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Sam Sinjari,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission held December 5, 2024 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Requests for Deferrals, Referrals or Withdrawals

Craig Robertson reports there is a request to withdraw Item 7(c), applicant Patrick Kim, 2779590 Ontario Inc. o/a Harbour House. He advises that confirmation was received from the Fire Department that the applicant complied with the necessary deficiencies and requirements prior to the meeting. The Fire Department has approved the 2024 application and confirmed that the applicant came in to renew for 2025.

5. Communications

None.

6. Licence Transfers

None.

7. Applications/Hearings

7(a) 14048601 Canada Inc. o/a Cup or Cone

Craig Robertson advises that the applicant Khalifah Salah, 14048601 Canada Inc. o/a Cup or Cone is not present. He adds that the applicant has not responded to phone calls from the Fire Department or has reached out to Administration regarding the hearing.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Sam Sinjari,
That the Windsor Licensing Commission **REFUSE TO RENEW**, Hospitality Food Service licence, 24 034238 for 14048601 Canada Inc. o/a Cup or Cone, 4320 Howard Avenue, Windsor, ON N9G 1P4 285 submitted on July 26, 2024.
Carried.

7(b) 1287678 Ontario Inc. o/a Turbo Espresso Lounge

Dr. Dante Capaldi is present regarding the Entertainment Lounge licence (# 24 028779) for 1287678 Ontario Inc. o/a Turbo Espresso Lounge, 285 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

David McGregor, Fire Prevention Officer is also present

Craig Robertson provides the chronology of events as it relates to the licence transfer request as follows:

- June 20, 2024, renewal was submitted for the Entertainment Lounge licence for 1287678 Ontario Inc. o/a Turbo Espresso Lounge.
- December 17, 2024, Fire Prevention Officer, David McGregor, conducted an initial fire inspection and observed various violations under the Ontario Fire Code.
- February 5 and February 26, 2025, Fire Prevention Officer, David McGregor attempted to contact the applicant for re-inspection.
- March 6, 2025, Fire Prevention Officer David McGregor attended for follow-up inspection, and noted that many of the deficiencies remained outstanding.
- April 1, 2025, Fire Prevention Officer, David McGregor spoke to the applicant advising re-inspection needed to be completed.
- April 7, 2025 – Licencing Office issues a refuse to renew letter stating the application has not satisfied the fire inspection requirement and to contact the Fire Prevention Office, David McGregor at Fire & Rescue Services to bring the fire inspection into compliance by no later than April 22, 2025.
- April 25, 2025, Applicant has not satisfied fire inspection requirement to date.

Craig Robertson advises Administration's position on the matter is that they have been operating since 2024 with fire deficiencies that have not been addressed or, verified that they have been corrected, and it is not in the public interest to continue with this application.

Dr. Dante Capaldi provides the following remarks:

- He advises that he is the owner of the building who allowed the operator to manage the building. He adds that he neglected the property
- There was no communication between this institution and his company.
- Requests that the licence be suspended for a period of time to allow him to complete the deficiencies according to the Order.
- He states that the Registered Letter sent to 285 Ouellette was never received.

Craig Robertson responds they are not revoking or suspending the licence as the licence has not been issued. He indicates that the applicant does not have a municipal business licence at this time. Direction is to refuse the 2024 application, to correct everything and then apply for the 2025 licence.

In response to a question asked by Dr. Dante Capaldi regarding if the operator can continue operating without a licence, Craig Robertson responds at this point they are operating without a licence, and they could be subject to fines or penalties. Craig Robertson states they typically do not hold up a business operation when an application has been submitted. He states the issue they have is that the Fire Department who have visited the property has noted deficiencies. He indicates there is no revocation or suspension of the licence; they are refusing to renew the 2024 licence application. By the Committee refusing to renew the licence, this will provide an opportunity to comply

with the Fire Code and to get the building up to standards. Following that, the licensee can apply for the 2025 licence as a new application.

Discussion ensues regarding notice and as the Licensing Department has no record of the current applicant's address, it is generally agreed that the applicant is requested to provide that information at the time of the application. Craig Robertson confirms that the mailing address on file is that of the business as provided by the applicant.

Councillor Angelo Marignani asks that David McGregor, Fire Prevention Officer provide an overview of the Fire Code deficiencies. It is noted there are nine violations.

Sam Sinjari questions if a deferral would be easier as the operator is not present. Craig Robertson responds that the licence is not issued to the operator; the licence is issued to the corporation. He adds there are two options – can take Administration's recommendation or to provide the applicant with additional time to correct the deficiencies within a prescribed deadline. Once corrected, would apply for their 2025 renewal with penalty.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Sam Sinjari,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to allow the application for an Entertainment Lounge Licence at 285 Ouellette Avenue o/a Turbo Espresso Lounge to continue for 30 days and if compliance with the fire requirements has not been met, that the application would automatically **BE REFUSED** and,

If there is compliance, the applicant would **BE REQUIRED** to apply for the 2025 licence which would be subject to licence fees and penalties, and further,

That communication **BE IMPROVED** to ensure that all germane information is provided to the Licensing Department.

Carried.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino discloses an interest and abstains from voting on the matter.

7(c) 2779590 Ontario Inc. o/a Harbour House

This matter has been withdrawn as the applicant complied with the fire deficiencies.

8. Reports & Administrative Matters

8(a) Expired Application(s) for Business Licence

Moved by Sam Sinjari, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino,
That the report of the Deputy Licence Commissioner dated April 28, 2025 entitled
“Expired Application(s) for Business Licence” **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

9. In Camera

No In Camera session is held.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:05 o'clock a.m.



Committee Matters: SCM 214/2025

Subject: Minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held May 22, 2025

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ECCAC)

Meeting held May 22, 2025

A meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 204, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Kieran McKenzie, Chair
Councillor Angelo Marignani
Maria Boada
Frank Butler
Mike Fisher
Sandra Janzen

Regrets received from:

Jennifer Nantais

Guests in attendance:

Shane Potvin, Creative Director, Spotvin Design Co.
Kathy Roy
Phillippa von Zeigenweidt

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development, Climate Change and Development
Amy Nevills, Environmental and Sustainability Intern Student
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The 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. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Frank Butler,
That the minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Committee of its meeting held December 4, 2024, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.5 ECCAC Logo Design

Shane Potvin, Spotvin Design Co. is present and provides the three logo concepts outlined in the Presentation entitled “LOGO Environment & climate Change Advisory Committee”, **attached** as Appendix “A”.

The Chair advises in 2024 operating budget dollars were allocated to create a new logo and design esthetic for the newly named Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Shane Potvin provides an overview of the three concepts as follows:

- Concept 1** Icon graphic wrapped in a leaf with a water droplet to convey that the committee is trying to make a difference and to nurture the environment.
- Concept 2** Still working with the hands in a different context and loosely looks like an eye and a leaf bringing attention to the environment.
- Concept 3** – Simple graphics that includes the leaf working with the other concepts. The 3 leaves form the shape of a “w” as in Windsor and created a containment circle to tie it all in.

The Committee members review the concepts and provide their preferred design elements. The preferred designs are concepts 1 and 3.

Mike Fisher asks if this Committee is required to follow the City of Windsor’s brand standards for the new Logo. The Committee Coordinator to contact the Communication’s Department and to report back.

Mike Fisher asks if the next step is to choose one of the three concepts. The Chair responds it appears there is opportunity to potentially mix and match elements.

Moved by Sandra Janzen, seconded by Mike Fisher,
That the Presentation provided by Shane Potvin, Spotvin Design Co. regarding three concept designs for the Logo for the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4.1 Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) Overview and Report Update

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development, Climate Change and Development provides an overview of the Sandwich South SNAP document, **attached** as Appendix “A” as follows:

Project Background

- Phase 1 – Establish a Shared Vision Understanding and Vision
- Phase 2 – Developing the Strategies for Local Success
- Phase 3 – Co-creating the Path Forward

The vision

When developed, Sandwich South will be the most sustainable and climate-oriented neighbourhood in Windsor. Its planning and development will provide a replicable model of sustainable community building for the City and surrounding region.

Potential Actions:

- Theme #1 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure
- Theme #2 Green Jobs and Economy
- Theme #3 Climate Leadership and Green Energy
- Theme #4 Sustainable Transportation and Mobility
- Theme #5 Community, Land use and Design

Implementation:

- Making policy adjustments
- Providing incentive programs
- Creating partnerships
- Promoting education
- Establishing engagement forums

Immediate and Future Next Steps:

- Council Confirmation
- Submit Final Claim Form and Report
- SSSNAP as a working document – Utilize SSNAP as guiding document to inform administrative efforts toward sustainable development in the study area.

The Chair suggests that this matter be discussed at the next meeting to determine if there is more specific direction that members of ECCAC want to offer. The challenge in this plan will be the implementation

Maria Boada expresses concern regarding the composition of the climate change specialists in the Economic Development & Climate Change Department and suggests going back to the original composition of 3 employees or to expand it.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Councillor Angelo Marignani

That the recommendation of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee for City Council to consider filling the vacancies within the Economic Development & Climate Change Department in order to facilitate the implementation of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP). **BE APPROVED.**

Carried.

4.2 Environmental Assessment Process

Matthew Johnson states as part of the department, the environmental assessment reviews various projects that are received across different developments or investments in the city, provincially, federally, or internationally. In discussion with staff, in the past there was a process where members were provided the links to environmental registries to review environmental assessments that are out. He suggests reinstating this process where the links would be sent to ECCAC members to provide comment on their own.

Moved by Mike Fisher, seconded by Frank Butler,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** for Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development, Climate Change and Development to send assessment review links to members of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Carried.

4.3 Earth Day Debrief

Matthew Johnson advises that the 2025 Earth Day was held on April 27, 2025, at Malden Park with over 1,000 attendees. The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Councillor Fabio Costante, with remarks provided by Councillor Jim Morrison. He adds that great feedback was provided by those in attendance. He notes that planning for the 2026 Earth Day event has commenced and asks ECCAC if there is interest in participating in the 2026 event. The Chair requests that a spot be held for ECCAC for the April 26, 2026, event.

Councillor Angelo Marignani remarks that 1,200 trees were planted at the Little River Basin sponsored by ERCA with over 400 in attendance.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Mike Fisher,

That the update provided by Matthew Johnson regarding the 2025 Earth Day Event held at Malden Park **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

4.4 Committee Sponsorship/Partnership Opportunities

Matthew Johnson asks if ECCAC is interested in being an active sponsor of the Earth Day event. There is also another opportunity to be a sponsor for our community gardens which are operated across the city and run by volunteers. Oftentimes, there are expenses which include upgrading planting boxes or the need for hoses, etc. If there is interest, a fund could be developed for ECCAC, and individual gardens could apply for funds for planter boxes or whatever is required.

Frank Butler questions if the business community has been approached to fund the gardens. Matthew Johnson responds he is not aware if there are private sector sponsors, but this can be considered.

Discussion ensues regarding funding sources from the community for the community gardens.

4.6 Partnering on a Climate Change Workshop

The Chair advises that the initiative to invite various groups to hold a Mock Council session is still in progress.

4.7 Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF)

The Chair asks if the Committee is interested in supporting WIFF in 2025 with a donation of \$2,000.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Sandra Janzen,

That the discussion regarding the Community Sponsorship/Partnership Opportunities and the Windsor International Film Festival **BE REFERRED** to the next meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee for a larger budget discussion.

Carried.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 City of Windsor Bird Team Subcommittee

Jennifer Nantais, Chair is not present, however, the document entitled "Update on behalf of the Bird Team Subcommittee is **attached** as Appendix "A".

Councillor Angelo Marignani remarks there is an opportunity for ECCAC to partner with Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island as they have a birding pamphlet that identifies peak times to see various types of birds. He states that copies of the pamphlet will be provided at the next ECCAC meeting.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Mike Fisher,
That the update on behalf of the Bird Team Subcommittee by Jennifer Nantais,
Chair **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

5.2 Planning and Environment Subcommittee

Councillor Angelo Marignani, Chair advises there is no report at this time and adds there is a need for additional members as two members are no longer on the Subcommittee.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie, Chair suggests that the Planning and Environment Subcommittee review the recommendations of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) document.

Councillor Angelo Marignani remarks that there is concern with developments around Black Oak and suggests incorporating this with the trails.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Sandra Janzen,
That the update provided by Councillor Angelo Marignani, Chair, Planning and Environment Subcommittee **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

5.3 Public Education and Engagement Subcommittee

Maria Boada, Acting Chair reports, that a “Climate Chat” in partnership with Windsor of Change will be held on June 18, 2025 at Rock Bottom Bar & Grill from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Councillor Angelo Marignani,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$100 from the 2025 Operating Budget to support the event.
Carried.

Maria Boada requests that funding be provided to have a booth at Open Streets to be held on a date to be determined in September 2025.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Maria Boada,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$100 for a booth at the Open Streets event to be held in September 2025.
Carried.

5.4 Youth Subcommittee

Sandra Jansen volunteers to Chair the Youth Subcommittee.

5.5 Budget Committee

Frank Butler, Chair Budget Committee provides an overview of the Budget Subcommittee **attached** as Appendix “B”.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Maria Boada,
That the update from the Budget Committee from Frank Butler, Chair **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

6. New Business

Maria Boada recommends asking City Council to consider adding 2 additional members to ECCAC in order to bring it back to a full complement of members.

The Chair responds that Council looked at the Striking Committee and has opted to keep the complement as it is, however, ECCAC could raise the issue to determine if Council would be amendable to adding more members.

Moved by Maria Boada, seconded by Councillor Angelo Marignani,
That City Council **BE REQUESTED** to consider adding additional members to the Environment & Climate Advisory Committee in order to bring the Committee back to its full complement as approved by City Council.

Carried.

CLERK’S NOTE: In review of the ECCAC Mandate, it stipulates the full complement will consist of nine (9) members of which two (2) members be City Councillors. As the current structure of ECCAC consists of 9 members, the foregoing motion is not required.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:34 o’clock p.m.

LOGO

Appendix A

Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee

by Spotvin



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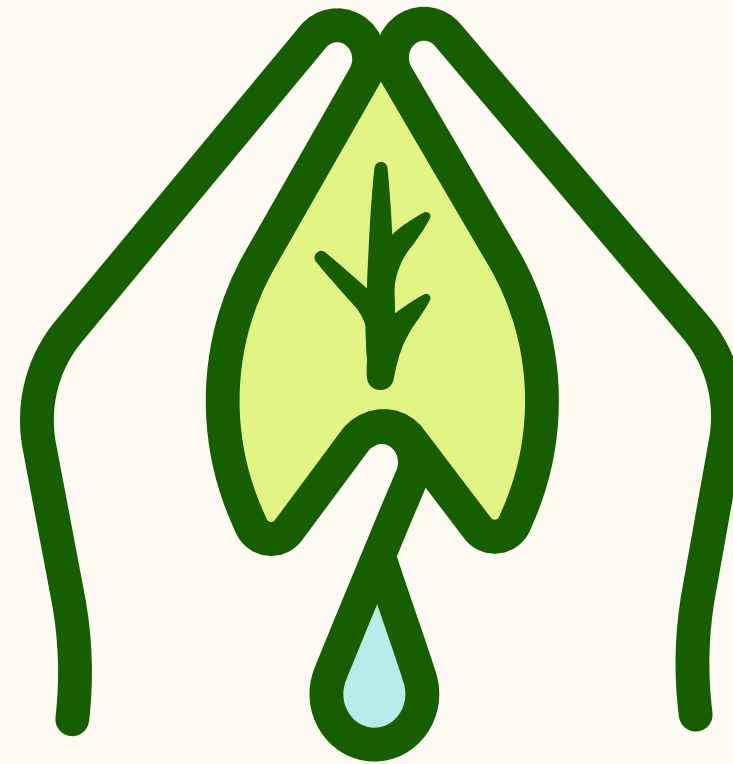
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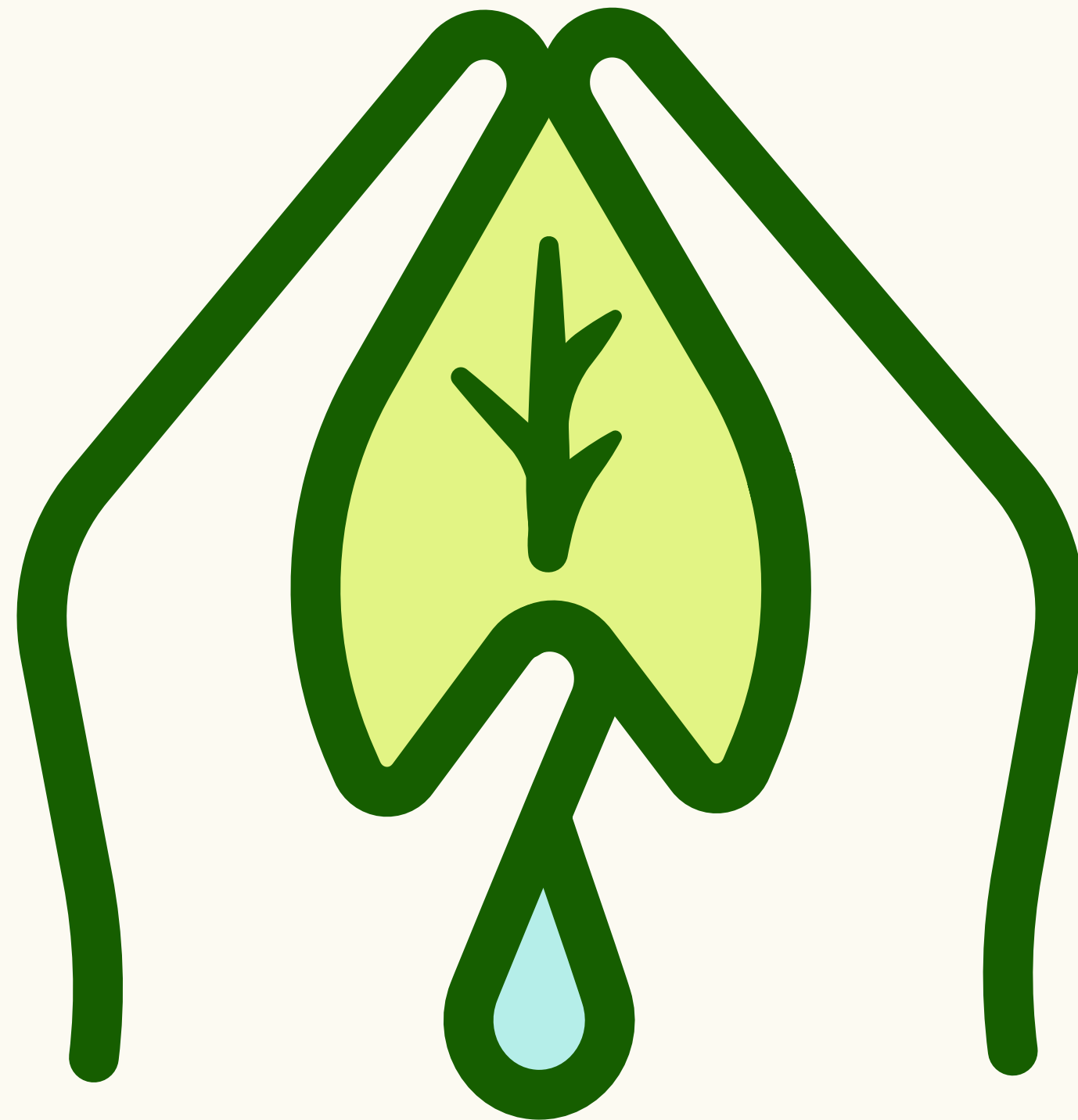
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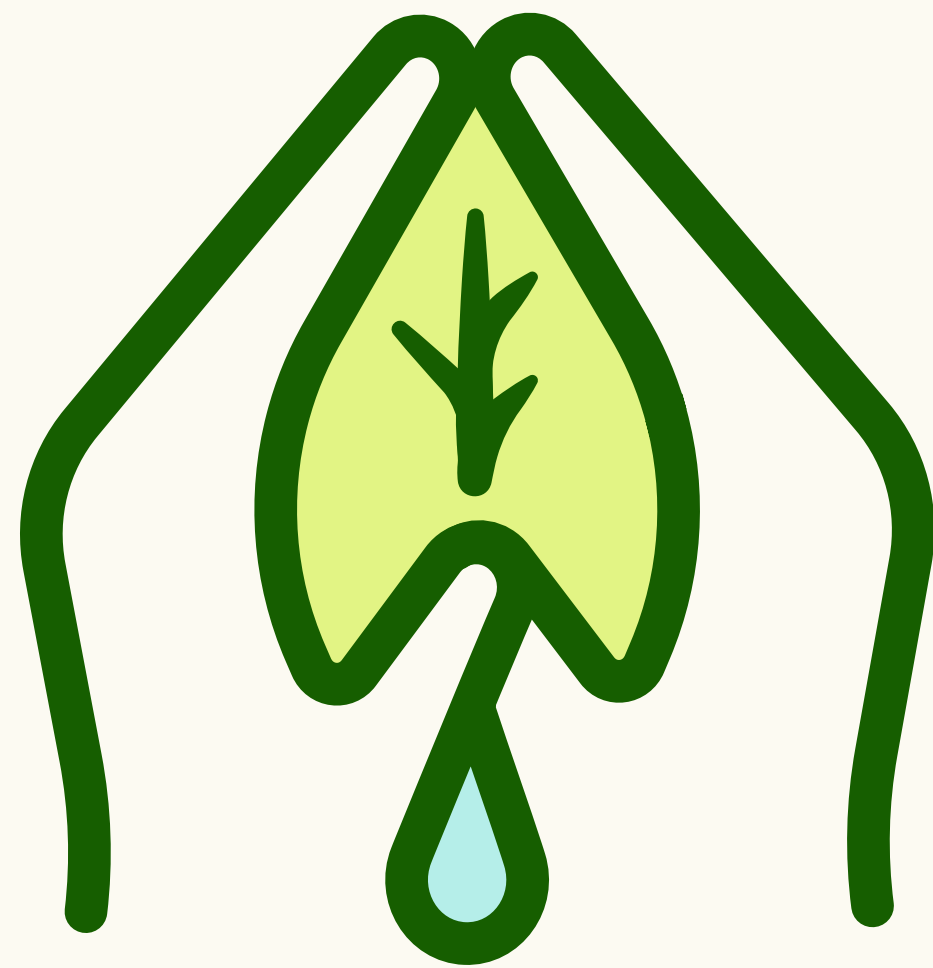


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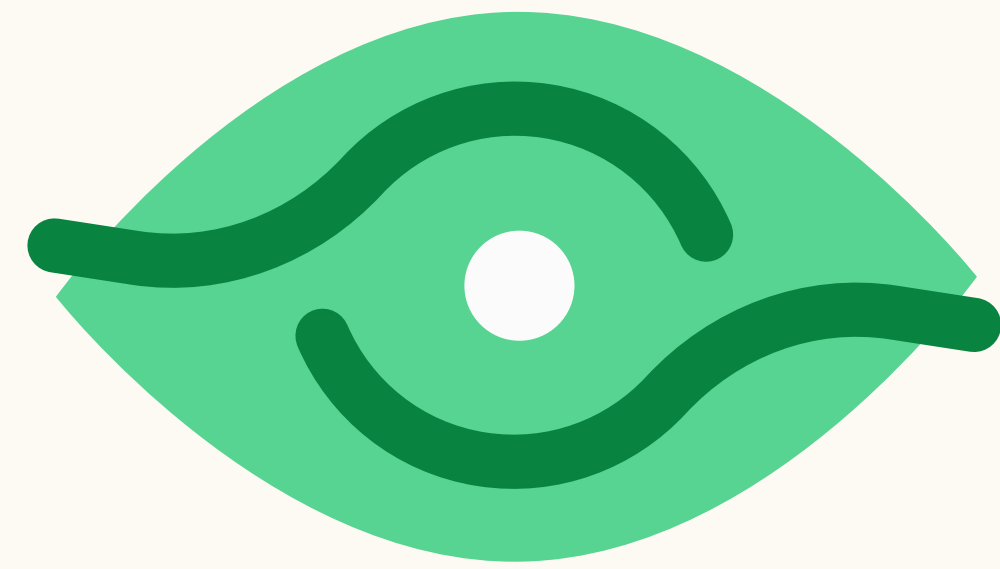
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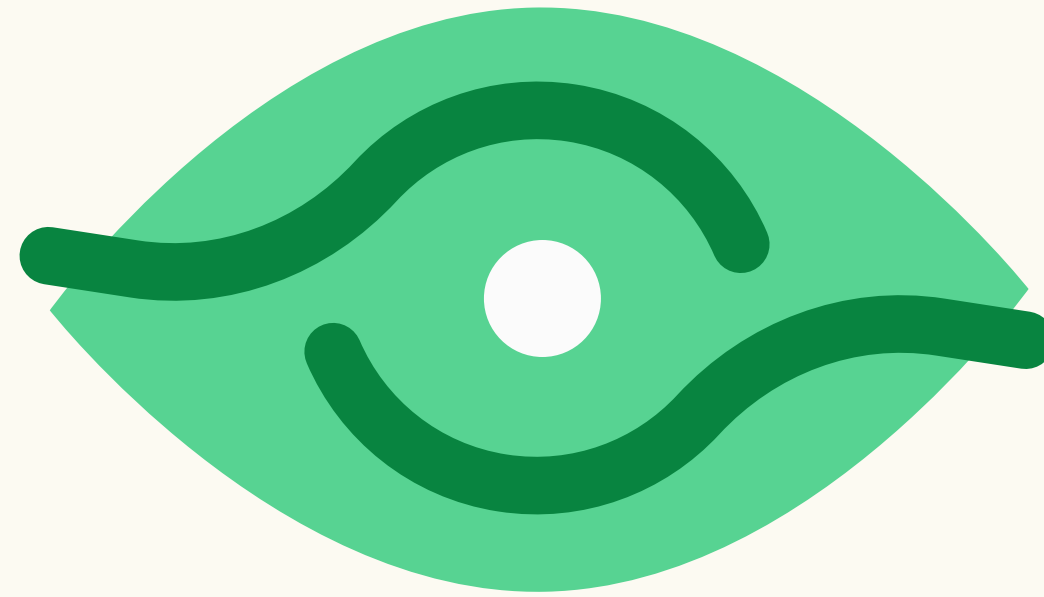
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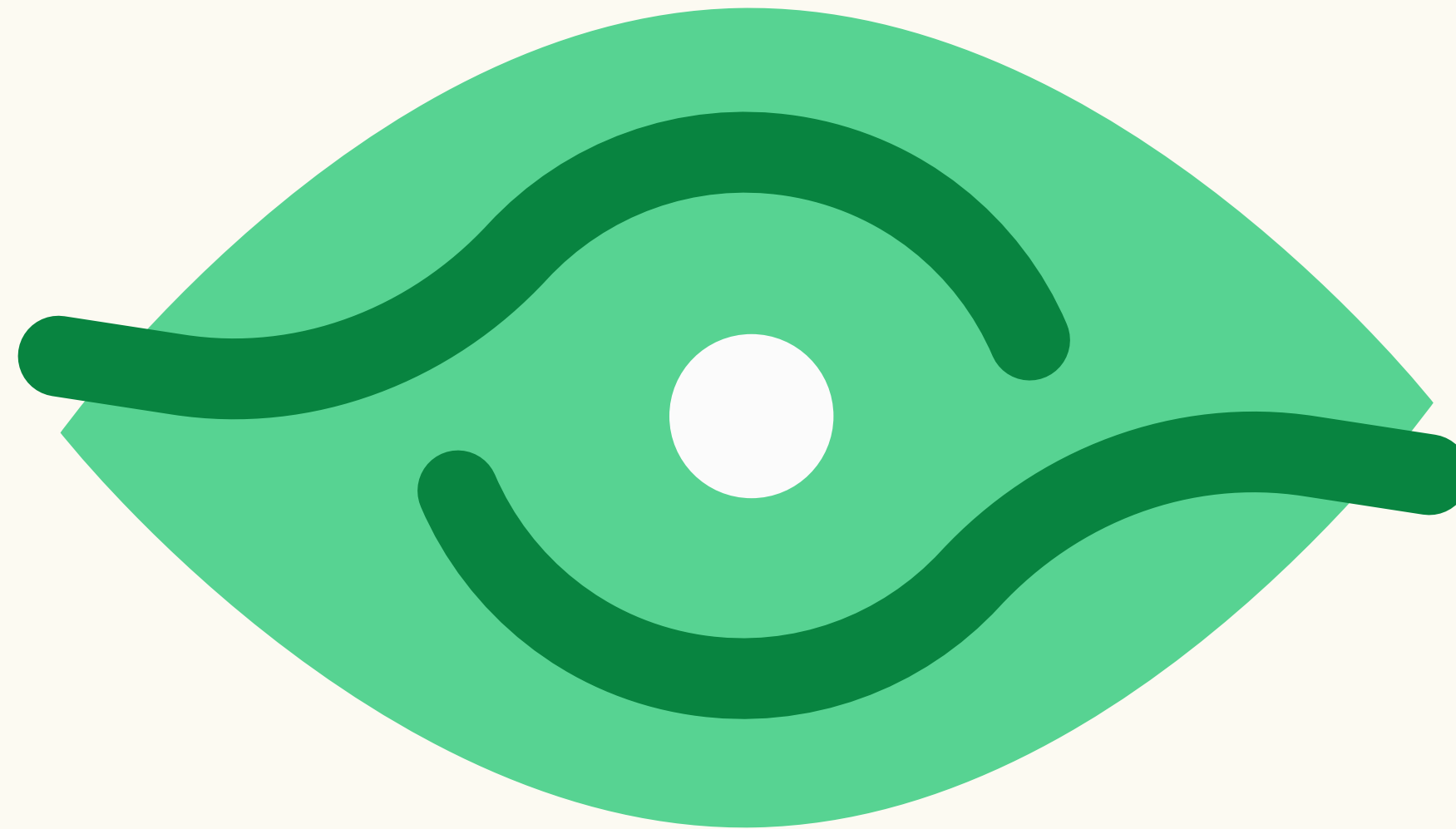
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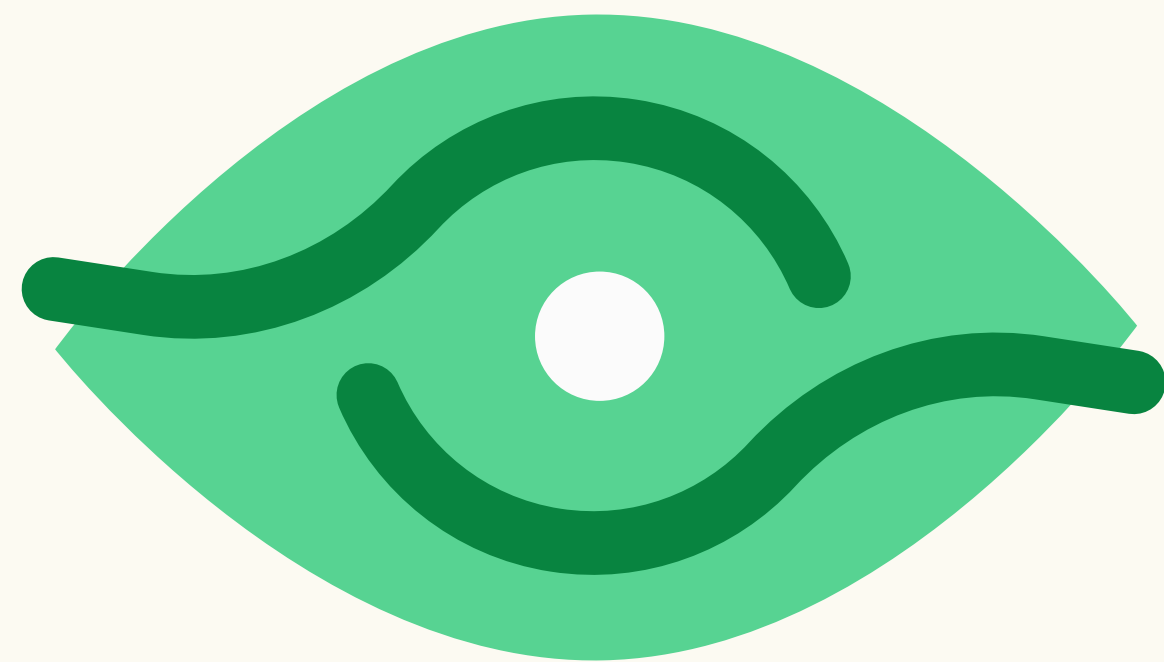
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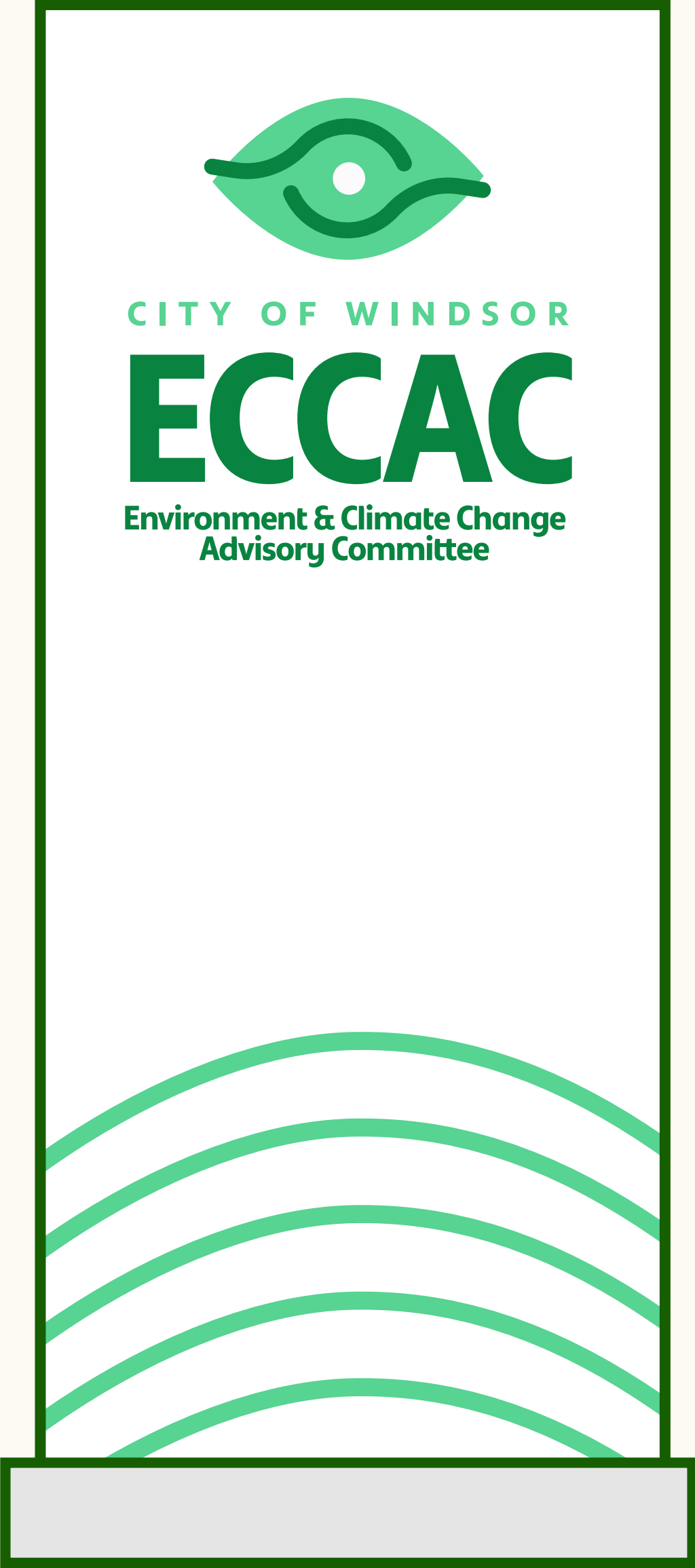
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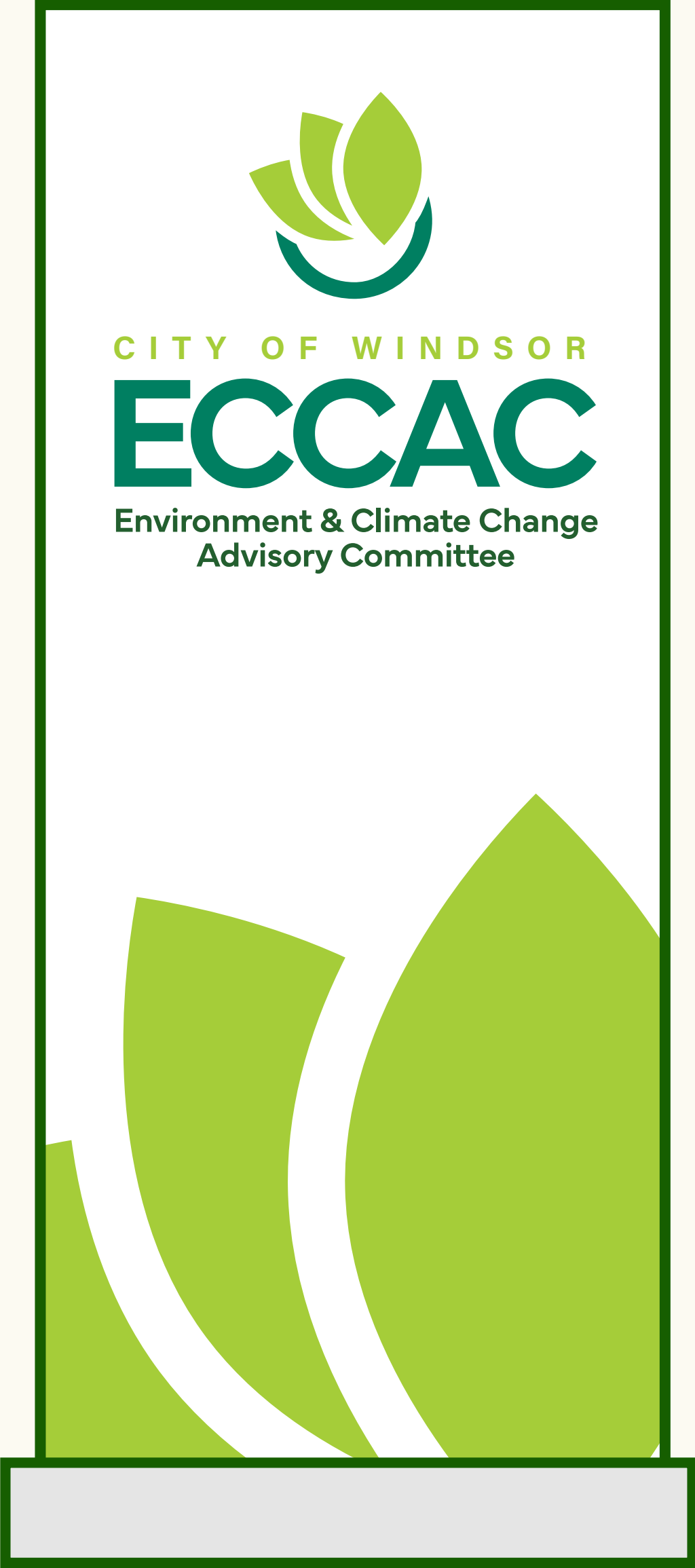
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Thank you!



Appendix B

Update on behalf of the Bird Team Subcommittee:

The Bird Team has met three times since the last report. With recent staff changes at the City, the team has been working to confirm and fill key roles. Current positions include:

- Chair: Jennifer Nantais
- Municipal Representative, Natural Areas: Karen Alexander
- Alternate Municipal Representative, Natural Areas: Chris Hart
- Municipal Representative, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change: Michelle Moxley-Peltier (Acting)
- Alternate Municipal Representative, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change: *Vacant*
- Nature Canada Liaison: Suzanne Friemann
- Communications, Volunteer Recruitment & Onboarding: Suzanne Friemann, with support from students and volunteers as available
- Secretary: *Vacant*

The team continues to work on several key focus areas, including:

- Establishing a recurring meeting schedule to ensure consistent collaboration
- Researching bird-safe building requirements by reviewing policies from other municipalities and responding to community inquiries
- Exploring safe disposal processes for fishing tackle to help protect local wildlife

Recent Accomplishments:

- In December 2024, Windsor's Bird Friendly City certification was successfully renewed with Nature Canada
- In March, the Pelee Island Bird Observatory donated 20 multilingual birding backpacks to the Windsor Public Library
- In April, we had a presence at two major outreach events:
 - April 12 at the Jack Miner Wildlife Week event, engagement with over 50 attendees
 - April 27 Earth Day event, where more than 150 people visited our booth

World Migratory Bird Day Celebrations (May 1–11): This year's theme was Shared Spaces

- Both Windsor Public Library and Essex County Library branches received themed materials
- Four branches in Windsor and nine in Essex County created informative displays on migratory birds and local birding opportunities, including promotion of the birding backpacks
- On Wednesday, May 7, Dr. Dan Mennill presented *How Wild Birds Learn to Sing* at the Ojibway Nature Centre, with 20 attendees. A gift basket including Vortex binoculars and Atwood blend coffee was raffled off
- On Thursday, May 8, Gill Holmes gave an online Bird Talk on their work with Canadian Wildlife Service. This drew 25 participants
- On Saturday, an Open House at the Ojibway Nature Centre featured informational booths from PIBO, the Essex County Field Naturalists' Club, and the Purple Martin Group, with over 200 attendees and guided hikes.
- On Sunday, Dr. Mennill gave an encore talk on Pelee Island, attended by 40 people

Upcoming Activities:

- Development of a native plant garden on the University of Windsor campus, in collaboration with Birds Canada
- Support for two public viewing events to observe a chimney swift roosts. These events will aim to raise awareness about this unique urban species and recruit volunteers for ongoing monitoring efforts. Both will be free, fun, informative and open to all. Details for the upcoming one are:

Chimney Swift Roost Watch & Talk

Saturday, May 25, 2025, 8:00 PM

1646 Alexis Rd, Windsor (Back of building near Ford Test Track

Join Gabriel Evans-Cook from Birds Canada for a brief talk on Chimney Swifts, their amazing migration, why they're declining, and how you can help through the SwiftWatch program.

As dusk falls, we'll watch swifts swirl overhead and funnel into a chimney to roost – a truly unique and memorable sight!

Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and snacks if you'd like.

Funding and Support:

As the Bird Team was unable to receive 2024 ECCAC funding, the team is currently exploring alternate opportunities to sustain and expand bird-friendly initiatives in support of the City's Bird Friendly status.

Appendix C

Budget Subcommittee Report

May 2025

The subcommittee would like the following unfinished items brought back to ECCAC, namely:

- WPS to attend or comment on the 529 bike registry option to register local bikes
- Legal Dept update on steps to control unauthorized & misuse of Black Oak Heritage Park & the unauthorized trails.

Note: Both items were agreed to @ Sept & Nov ECCAC mtgs.

Subcommittee chair noted contact of the Chair & cochair in regards to concerns on scheduling of Committee mtgs on Jan 30th, Feb 19th, & April 8th. On April 28th, the subcommittee chair spoke before Council in opposition to the Admin position in regards to Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (DEER-P).

With the recent posting of the SSNAP report, the subcommittee will review & assess the file & report back to ECCAC & work with any other subcommittee on the assessment to ensure all aspects of the project are considered.

The subcommittee will also move next to review of the DEER-R given the impact that components of the study can have on the City's long-term steps to address climate change & the urgent need for action.

Submitted by

Frank Butler, subcommittee chair



Committee Matters: SCM 216/2025

Subject: Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held June 3, 2025



Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Essex County Civic Centre
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
360 Fairview Avenue West
Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

Attendance

Board Members:

Gary McNamara – Chair	County of Essex
Hilda MacDonald	County of Essex
Michael Akpata	County of Essex
Rob Shepley	County of Essex
Gary Kaschak – Vice Chair	City of Windsor
Kieran McKenzie	City of Windsor
Mark McKenzie	City of Windsor
Jim Morrison	City of Windsor

EWSWA Staff:

Michelle Bishop	General Manager
Steffan Brisebois	Manager of Finance & Administration
Cathy Copot-Nepszy	Manager of Waste Diversion
Tom Marentette	Manager of Waste Disposal
Madison Mantha	Project Lead
Teresa Policella	Executive Assistant

City of Windsor Staff:

Jim Leether	Manager of Environmental Services
Brian Lima	Executive Director, Operations/Deputy City Engineer
Mark Spizzirri	Manager of Performance Management and Business Case Development

County of Essex Staff:

David Sundin	Solicitor/Interim Director, Legislative and Legal Services
Claire Bebbington	Deputy County Solicitor, Legislative and Legal Services

Absent:

Drew Dilkens	City of Windsor (Ex-Officio)
Kirk Walstedt	County of Essex
Tony Ardovini	Deputy Treasurer Financial Planning
Melissa Ryan	Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Motion to Move In-Camera

Moved by: Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Hilda MacDonald

That the Board move into closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 (2) (f), (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons:

- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**47-2025
Carried**

Moved by Mark McKenzie

Seconded by Gary Kaschak

That the EWSWA Board **rise** from the Closed Meeting at 4:38 PM.

**51-2025
Carried**

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair called for any declarations of pecuniary interest and none were noted. He further expressed that should a conflict of a pecuniary nature or other arise at any time during the course of the meeting that it would be noted at that time.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by Rob Shepley

That the minutes from the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Meeting, dated May 6, 2025, be ***approved and adopted***.

**52-2025
Carried**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were raised for discussion.

6. Waste Diversion

A. Green Bin Program: Promotion & Education Plan Update – (Verbal Report)

The Manager of Waste Diversion provided an update on Campaign 3: "The Green Bins are Coming". Administration is working with the municipalities on finalizing communication to residents through various channels such as municipal arena boards, notification in water bills, digital displays, etc.

Authority staff will have a booth at the "Meet the Machine" event at the WFCU Centre on June 7th. Authority staff will also be attending local markets and other municipal events.

Authority staff have been working on the "kit" that will be inside the green bin/kitchen catcher when residents receive their bins. The "how to" guide is being finalized. The Authority has secured a sponsorship with Glad. Glad will be donating one 7L compostable bag that will go inside each kit and will provide a coupon for a future purchase. This will assist in reducing P&E costs.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

Mark McKenzie asked about promotion and education with the local school boards.

The Manager of Waste Diversion stated that the Authority is working on a letter to request to schedule time in the upcoming school year. The plan is to visit schools as well as attending camps.

Discussion took place regarding attendance at other events such as City Ward meetings and partnership discussions with both the City and County or Essex Library.

There were no further questions.

Moved by Jim Morrison

Seconded by Michael Akpata

That the Board **receive** this verbal report as information.

53-2025
Carried

B. Circular Materials Single-Stream Recycling Update

The General Manager provided an update on the correspondence received from Circular Materials (CM), which was in response to the letter sent by the Authority's General Manager, Chair and Vice, regarding concerns stemming from the change from a dual-stream recycling system to a single-stream

recycling system effective January 1, 2026 for eligible sources in the City of Windsor and the seven County of Essex municipalities.

The General Manager noted concerns with CM's response. CM has reversed previous communication that residents would be allowed to use resident-owned carts alongside the carts that will be distributed by CM. CM has also indicated that residents would be required to hold on to excess material until the next collection day if material does not fit in the CM provided cart. Another concern is that the 95-gallon cart may be an accessibility issue for some residents due to the size and that no other option is offered.

Administration will be providing a response to CM regarding outstanding issues. Administration will also be requesting a meeting with the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) regarding concerns on regulatory obligations. A meeting with Windsor-Tecumseh MPP Andrew Dowie has also been scheduled to discuss these concerns.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Morrison asked if there will be an opportunity to drop off excess cardboard at the Authority depots

The General Manager stated that it would be at the direction from the Board. She noted that CM offers a small compensation to provide convenience depots, approximately \$100,000/year, to offset the costs at the depots. CM has indicated that they will look at those convenience depots later this year. If there are no changes, the cardboard would be accepted at the depot.

Moved by Gary Kaschak
Seconded by Rob Shepley

That the Board **receive** the report for information and direct Administration to report back on the outcomes of the meetings referenced in this report at a future meeting.

**54-2025
Carried**

7. Waste Disposal

A. Tender Award for the Supply and Service of One (1) Front End Wheel Loader

The Manager of Waste Disposal presented the report recommending the award of the tender for one new Front-End Wheel Loader, Model CAT 950-01GC, with a preventative maintenance contract and extended powertrain warranty to Toromont CAT. The loader will be used at the Regional Landfill (RL) as part of the waste diversion composting program and replace the 2014 Caterpillar 930K

Loader. The existing Loader will be utilized at the new Source Separated Transfer Station (SSO) for the Green Bin Program.

The public tender closed on May 22, 2025. Four bids were received with three submissions meeting all the requested specifications. Toromont CAT submitted the lowest tender bid price of \$385,560 (excluding tax). Toromont's bid price included a preventative maintenance cost of \$8.17 per hour and an extended powertrain warranty cost of \$14,340.

The unfavourable variance of \$32,320 which exceeds the \$360,000 capital budget will be covered by the Waste Reduction Reserve. The preventative maintenance costs and extended warranty will be funded through operational budgets.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Morrison asked if there any issues on purchasing the equipment from China.

The Manager of Waste Disposal stated that there are no tariffs on the purchase of the loader.

Moved by Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by Rob Shepley

1. **That** the Board **approve** the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Model 950 01GC, Front End Wheel Loader from Toromont CAT at a cost of \$385,560.00 plus applicable taxes.
2. **That** the Board **approve** a 5-year, 8,500 hour (whichever comes first) preventative maintenance service contract at a pre-tax cost of \$8.17 per hour for the Caterpillar 950 01GC Front End Wheel Loader as supplied by Toromont CAT.
3. **That** the Board **approve** the purchase of a 5-year, 8,500 hour (whichever comes first) Extended Powertrain Warranty at a pre-tax cost of \$14,340.00 for the Caterpillar 950 01GC Front End Wheel Loader as supplied by Toromont CAT.

55-2025
Carried

B. Extension of Specialized Equipment Operators Contract

The Manager of Waste Disposal presented the report recommending the extension of the contract for specialized equipment operators at the Regional Landfill and Transfer Station #2 with 1869096 Ontario Limited, operating as Canadian Transfer, for the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031 with

an extension option for a period of up to 2 years, at the Authority's discretion, under the existing terms and conditions.

Canadian Transfer has been providing excellent service since the contract began in 2016 with pricing increased only by Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments. Despite the CPI increases, the rates are still favourable compared to market trends.

There are no financial implications with regards to an extension of this contract.

The Chair asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

Moved by Hilda MacDonald
Seconded by Mark McKenzie

That the Board **approve** the extension of the contract for the Supply of Specialized Equipment Operators at the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill and Essex-Windsor Transfer Station 2 to 1869096 Ontario Limited, operating as Canadian Transfer, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031, with an extension option for a period of up to 2 years at the Authority's discretion, on the same terms and conditions contained in the existing contract, and that the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign an Amendment to the existing contract to that effect..

**56-2025
Carried**

8. New Business

No items were raised for discussion.

9. Other Items

Mr. Kaschak introduced Brian Lima, the new Executive Director, Operations/Deputy City Engineer for the City of Windsor. He welcomed Mr. Lima to the Technical Staff Committee.

No items were raised for discussion.

10. By-Laws

A. By-Law 10-2025

Moved by Mark McKenzie
Seconded by Michael Akpata

That By-Law 10-2025, Being a By-Law to Authorize the Execution of Agreement between the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority and Toromont CAT for the Supply of One (1) Front End Wheel Loader with Five (5) Year, 8,500-hour (whichever comes first) Preventative Maintenance Service Contract and purchase of 5-year, 8,500-hour (whichever comes first) Extended Powertrain Warranty.

**57-2025
Carried**

B. By-Law 11-2025

Moved by Mark McKenzie

Seconded by Michael Akpata

That By-Law 11-2025, Being a By-Law to Approve the Extension of the Contract for the Supply of Specialized Equipment Operators at the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill and Essex-Windsor Transfer Station 2 to 1869096 Ontario Limited, operating as Canadian Transfer, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031, with an extension option for a period of up to 2 years at the Authority's discretion, and that the Chair and General Manager be authorized to sign an Amendment to the existing contract to that affect.

C. By-Law 12-2025

Moved by Mark McKenzie

Seconded by Michael Akpata

That By-Law 12-2025, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Board of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority be given three readings and be **adopted** this 3rd day of June, 2025.

**58-2025
Carried**

11. Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

12. Adjournment

Moved by Jim Morrison

Seconded by Mark McKenzie

THAT the Board stand **adjourned** at 5:16 PM.

**59-2025
Carried**

All of which is respectfully submitted.



Gary McNamara
Chair



Michelle Bishop
General Manager



Committee Matters: SCM 232/2025

Subject: Minutes of the Transit Windsor Working Group of its meeting held May 27, 2025

TRANSIT WINDSOR WORKING GROUP

Meeting held Tuesday, May 27, 2025

A meeting of the Transit Windsor Working Group is held this day commencing at 2:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 522b, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Bernard Drouillard
Trevor Ramieri
Katie Stokes

Regrets received from:

Jaykumar Patel
Iain Sutcliffe

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Stephen Habrun, Acting Executive Director Transit Windsor
Jason Scott, Manager Transit Planning
Noel Mailloux, Project Manager, Economic Development
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Stephan Habrun, Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:32 o'clock p.m. and the Transit Windsor Working Group considers the Agenda being Schedule A, attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by Katie Stokes, seconded by Trevor Ramieri,
That the minutes of the Transit Windsor Working Group of its meeting held March 26, 2025 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Update on Tunnel Bus Service (Regular service and Special Events)

The Chair advises that the regular tunnel bus service will be ending on August 30, 2025, and adds that the Special Event service will be eliminated on or before December 20, 2025. He states that Transit Windsor will be providing official direction to the regular riders who use the tunnel bus.

4.2 Communication Plan for School Extras Elimination and Route Options for September 2025

The Chair reports that Transit Windsor will begin its school bus extra transition plan with the launch to be held on June 2, 2025. The four schools that have school extras include St Joseph Catholic High School, Riverside High School, Vincent Massey High School and Holy Names High School. He states that the Transit Windsor website will be updated with static pages showing routes and times available that are searchable by school. An in-person team will be available at the forementioned schools to provide direction to the students. A back-to-school campaign component will be provided.

Noel Mailloux, Project Manager, Economic Development remarks that they will create a welcome to Transit package for the students which will include safety tips, and a letter from Transit that says, "welcome to high school". Post cards will be placed on the seats in the buses so the students will be aware that city staff will be on site.

The Chair refers to the following components of Item 4.2 which includes the following:

- (b) Feedback/input on the plan
- (c) Suggestions for bolstering confidence with parents and students
- (d) Suggestions on how to promote the added benefits of the overall transit system.

In response to a question asked by Katie Stokes regarding what is meant by bolstering confidence in the students, Stephen Habrun responds that some parents who have students that use school extras are concerned about their children using public transit versus a dedicated service. Katie Stokes asks if data is available that exemplifies the safety of riding public transit.

The Chair reports that there are two areas in the city that are difficult to service which includes Devonshire Hights and Ducharme between 6th Concession and Walker Road.

Bernard Drouillard remarks that some municipalities were quite surprised to learn that Transit Windsor is still running school bus extras.

4.3 Vision/Focus for the Transit Windsor Working Group – Brainstorming and Discussion

Katie Stokes asks what the original purpose and intent was for the Transit Windsor Working Group.

Clerk's Note: The Mandate and Duties of the Transit Windsor Working Group are as follows:

Mandate

The Transit Windsor Working Group will provide advice on:

- Policies and procedures with respect to the operation of conventional transit services in Windsor
- The extent of service hours and days of operation
- Operational rules and regulations relating to transit services
- The Transit Windsor Working Group will act in an advisory role to the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee, City Council and Transit administration.
- To provide feedback and input on service development and improvements.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Review proposed service changes for feedback
- Make suggestions for future service improvements
- Provide feedback on current operations and fare policies and suggested changes for the same
- Provide feedback on customer-related policies/procedures

Stephen Habrun reports that the contract with the new vendor was recently approved which will allow for equipment to be installed on the buses. These validators will be mounted on the front of each bus. Phase 1 of this process is to transition the University of Windsor and St. Clair College over to that first transition followed by the City of Windsor pass holders. He adds that the current fare boxes will remain on the buses for a year or two.

Discussion ensues regarding the role of the Working Group and what is expected of them. The Chair advises that the minutes of the Transit Windsor Working Group are provided to the Environment and Transportation Public Safety Standing Committee and then to City Council.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in a room to be determined.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:50 o'clock p.m.



Council Report: S 81/2025

Subject: Waste Collection By-law Amendments – City Wide

Reference:

Date to Council: July 30, 2025

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Public Works - Operations
Report Date: 6/4/2025
Clerk's File #: AB2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

- I. That Waste Collection By-law 2-2006 **BE AMENDED** as listed and attached in Appendix "A" of this report (collectively, the "Amendments"); and further,
- II. That the City Solicitor **BE DIRECTED** to prepare the necessary documents to amend By-law 2-2006.

Background:

The Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) has scheduled food waste and organics collection to start in October 2025 in the City of Windsor. Currently, By-law Number 2-2006, being the City's Waste Collection and Disposal By-law, as amended (the "By-law"), only recognizes garbage, recyclable material and yard waste as collectable materials. The By-law was last amended on August 25, 2014, with By-law 148-2014.

Discussion:

The proposed Amendments to the By-law include new definitions and language related to Food Waste and Organics and Food Waste and Organics Containers. Additionally, existing definitions and language are modified to include Food Waste and Organics as a distinct collectable material.

The Amendments also propose changes to the By-law to enhance clarity and address other technological changes that have been implemented since the last amendments in 2014. A summary of the highlights of the Amendments is as follows:

Part 1.3 Definitions

- Food Waste and Organics Material means any materials the City has included in a recovery program as determined by the EWSWA.
- Food Waste and Organics Material Container means a container to place food waste and organics material in for storage and collection, as set out in Part 3 of this by-law.

Part 3 - Receptacles for Garbage, Recycling Material and Yard Waste

3.6 Food Waste and Organics Material Containers

- 3.6.1 Every owner and occupant shall place all food waste and organics material set out for collection in a food waste and organics material container as determined by the EWSWA.
- 3.6.2 Every owner and occupant shall prepare all food waste and organics material unmixed with any garbage, recyclable material, yard waste or non-collectable waste or it will be deemed non-collectable.

Part 4 - Collection Regulations for Garbage, Recyclable Material and Yard Waste

- 4.10 No person shall prepare or place waste for collection in such a way that it could present a safety hazard to another person, as determined by the Manager, or the material will be deemed non-collectable.

A comprehensive public engagement and education campaign has been launched by the EWSWA to communicate the new collection program to residents across the City of Windsor and County of Essex. The City of Windsor has also supported this communication with information in the annual Collection Calendar, pending updates to the City of Windsor website and by hosting public engagement events with the EWSWA.

Risk Analysis:

The City is required to start collecting food waste and organics in October, 2025. Without clear guidelines in place for implementation and operation of such new collection services, there may be public confusion. This risk is mitigated by implementing the Amendments. Without these changes, the City's ability to collect this material from residents may be limited.

Climate Change Risks:

Climate Change Mitigation

N/A

Climate Change Adaptation

N/A

Financial Matters:

There are no anticipated financial implications from the proposed amendments within this report to the By-law.

Consultations:

Rory Sturdy – Supervisor, By-Law Enforcement

Kate Tracey – Senior Legal Counsel

Jim Leether – Senior Manager of Environmental Services

Cathy Copot-Nepszy – Manager, Waste Diversion, Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority

Cindy Becker – Financial Planning Administrator

Conclusion:

The Amendments are recommended by Administration to appropriately address the collection of food waste and organics materials in the By-law and improve clarity to the public on the new collection processes and materials.

Approvals:

Name	Title
Mark Spizzirri	Manager, Performance Measurement and Business Case Development
Brian Lima	Executive Director of Operations and Deputy City Engineer
David Simpson	Commissioner, Infrastructure Services and City Engineer
Wira Vendrasco	City Solicitor
Lorie Gregg	On behalf of Commissioner, Finance and City Treasurer
Ray Mensour	Chief Administration Officer

Notifications:

N/A

Appendices:

Appendix A – Amendments to By-law 2-2006

Appendix A – By-law 2-2006 Amendments

New Food and Organics Material Language

Throughout the By-law the term “garbage, recyclable material and/or yard waste” is used. Delete and replace these references with “garbage, recyclable material, **food waste and organics material** and/or yard waste”.

New Food and Organics Waste Definitions

Food Waste and Organics Material means any materials the City has included in a recovery program as determined by the EWSWA.

Food Waste and Organics Material Container means a container to place food waste and organics material in for storage and collection, as set out in Part 3 of this by-law. (Also referred to as Green Bin Container in EWSWA communications).

New Food and Organics Waste Parts

3.6 Food Waste and Organics Material Containers

3.6.1 Every owner and occupant shall place all food waste and organics material set out for collection in a food waste and organics material container as determined by the EWSWA.

3.6.2 Every owner and occupant shall prepare all food waste and organics material unmixed with any garbage, recyclable material, yard waste or non-collectable waste or it will be deemed non-collectable.

Housekeeping Items

New Definitions

By-law Enforcement Officers means a person appointed by By-law as a By-law Enforcement Officer in and for the City.

Commercial Establishment means a building in which the activities are primarily the buying and selling of merchandise or the provision of services.

Add a new subsection to Curbside definition:

iii) add semi colon after part iii)

iiii) in alleys, the edge of alley shoulder that is behind the dwelling unit, or commercial business.

Amendments to Definitions

Remove size specifics from Approved Roll-out cart definition:

Approved Roll-out cart means a **90-gallon (340 litre)** wheeled container compatible with lifting mechanisms as approved by the City ~~that is available through a private contractor~~.

Remove Residence from Curbside definition

Replace Refuse with Waste in Scavengedefinition

Scavenge means to sort through, pick over, interfere with, disturb, remove or scatter ~~refuse~~ **waste** or material that is set out for collection.

Add Food Waste and Organics to Waste Definition:

Waste means any garbage, recyclable materials, **food waste and organics** or yard waste intended for collection.

General Amendments

Add language related to placement and spacing of carts:

4.4 Placement of Roll-out Carts

Approved Roll-out Carts shall be placed, **30cm (1 foot) apart where possible**, with the lifting mechanism **and/or directional arrows** facing curbside or alleyway.

Add language to clarify only loose animal waste is non-collectable:

5.2 b) **loose** animal waste, manure or excrement, carcass of any animals;

Add language to clarify loose bags not inside containers are non-collectable:

5.2 p) garbage in loose plastic shopping/grocery bags or in ~~plastic~~ bags of any kind **that are not inside an approved container**; and

Update language to replace Refuse with Waste

7.5 No person shall place ~~refuse in a proper refuse~~ **waste in an approved** container that exceeds a greater height than two inches (2") from the top thereof. (added B/L 156-2011, Sept. 6/11)

Add By-law Enforcement Officer to Part 8.3.1 and 8.3.2

8.3.1 Entry to Inspect

For the purposes of inspecting any land to determine compliance with the terms of this by-law, the Manager **or all By-law Enforcement Officers** may enter onto any public or private land.

8.3.2 Non-Obstruction of Manager

No person shall hinder or obstruct the Manager **or all By-law Enforcement Officers** in the enforcement of this by-law or from carrying out an inspection of land."

(Sections 8.3, 8.3.1 and 8.3.2 added by B/L 8-2014, Jan. 20/14, effective March 1/14)(effective date changed by B/L 8-2014 to July 1/14)

Addition to Part 4

No person shall prepare or place waste for collection in such a way that it could present a safety hazard to another person, as determined by the Manager, or the material will be deemed non-collectable.

Addition to Part 4 (mirror the language of existing Part 3.5 but reference Part 4)

To address operational issues, the Manager may, in his/her sole discretion, exempt an Owner or Occupant from any part or parts of the provisions of Part 4 for a specified period of time.



Council Report: S 86/2025

Subject: Response to CQ 25-2024 – Illegal Car Rallies and Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicles – City Wide

Reference:

Date to Council: July 30, 2025
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Public Works - Operations
Report Date: 6/25/2025
Clerk's File #: SP2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

THAT the report of the Senior Manager Transportation dated June 25, 2025 entitled "Response to CQ 25-2024 – "Illegal Car Rallies and Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicles-City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** by Council for information.

Background:

At the City Council meeting of April 22, 2024, Councillor Kieran McKenzie asked the following question:

CQ 17-2023

"Asks that given the significant public safety and public nuisance concerns raised in our community related to illegal car rallies and excessive noise from motor vehicles;

That Administration analyze and report back to Council on all available tools for Council consideration including strengthening by-laws as well as investments in new technologies including camera and sound detection devices and other hardware that can help to address these reckless driving behaviours;

And Further that Administration conduct a review of what other municipalities have implemented to address this concern and undertake this analysis in collaboration with Windsor Police Service and any other pertinent stakeholder."

This report is in response to CQ 25-2024.

Discussion:

Illegal car rallies, also known as car meets or stunt driving events are unauthorized gatherings that involve vehicles engaging in dangerous activities like excessive noise, speeding and stunt driving, often on private property or public roads without permission.

These events can disrupt traffic, cause property damage, and pose a significant risk to participants and pedestrians. Municipalities across Ontario, including Windsor, have experienced a rise in public safety and nuisance concerns related to illegal car rallies, street racing, and excessive vehicle noise. These activities typically occur during evenings and weekends. Residents have expressed frustration over noise disruptions, threats to pedestrian safety, and limited enforcement capacity.

Under Section 172(1) of the Highway Traffic Act in Ontario there are many different driving actions that fall within the stunt driving category:

- 50 km/h or more over the speed limit where the limit is above 80 km/h.
- 40 km/h or more over the speed limit where the limit is 80 km/h or less.
- Driving at a speed of 150 km/h or more.
- Tire squealing, burnouts, with intention to cause some/all tires to lose traction.
- Cutting off another driver intentionally or driving too closely.
- Doing doughnuts, drifting, or driving a vehicle with the intention to spin.
- Not allowing other vehicles, cyclists, or pedestrians to pass, change directions, or have the right of way.
- Driving your vehicle while not in the driver's seat ("ghost riding the whip").
- Driving with a person in the trunk of your vehicle or an extra seat.
- Driving without regard to road conditions and driving circumstances.
- Popping wheelies or driving with the intention to lift some/all tires from the road.

City of Windsor Noise By-Law

By-law No. 6176, A By-law Respecting the Emission of Sounds, also known as the "Noise By-law" was amended in 2020 to address an increase in community complaints and concerns because of unnecessary noise caused by motor vehicles.

Section 2 (i) of the General Prohibitions states:

"No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from unnecessary motor vehicle noise, such as the sounding of a horn, revving of an engine, squealing of tires, banging, clanking or any like sound that is clearly audible at a point of reception." Fines in Windsor are issued under Part 1 of the Provincial Offences Act. Set fines for the above listed offences are \$250.00. The maximum fine associated with breaking the Noise By-law is \$5,000.

The City relies on Windsor Police Service to enforce this specific regulation as municipal by-law enforcement officers do not have the authority to address “moving violations” or authority to enforce concerns prescribed under the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act*. Police will typically address these matters utilizing similar regulations under the provincial Act as the fines are significantly higher than those permitted under a municipal by-law.

In addition, car rallies and the nuisances that may surface from them occur in the evening hours, outside business operating hours for the City’s By-law Enforcement Division. In most cases and if evidence allows, By-law Enforcement Officers will address stationary noise concerns only. This is often done days after the incident has occurred.

Licensing & Enforcement Administration is planning to complete a comprehensive review of the City’s Noise By-law sometime in 2026 to address all types of noise, which may also include enhanced provisions for noise caused by motor vehicles.

Windsor Police

In the spring of 2024, the Windsor Police Service was made aware of regular street racing and drifting events held in industrial areas within the city. Videos from social media were publicly available and clearly demonstrated a safety issue for all in attendance.

Police resources were immediately assigned to these events, and a comprehensive strategy was implemented with enforcement and suppression as the goals. Although participants were persistent week after week, attempting to relocate and continue their events, the Windsor Police were able to successfully focus efforts and halt these events over a short period. For the first six months of 2025, the Windsor Police Service has received three (3) calls for service reporting a “car rally”, but none have been founded.

Noise complaints are received regularly by the Windsor Police Service, varying from reports of loud groups to loud vehicles. Noise complaints in general are down 14.97%, year to date compared to 2024. Noise complaints involving traffic are down 50% in the same period.

In relation to enforcement, the Windsor Police Service has had a 50% increase in Unnecessary Noise provincial offence notices issued, a 71.43% increase in Unnecessary Noise Warnings, and a 25% increase in Stunt Driving charges, all year to date compared to 2024. These fall under the umbrella of noise complaints involving traffic.

The Windsor Police Service continues to connect and network with key stakeholders as part of the follow-through to our anti-vehicle noise strategy while prioritizing safety and quality of life issues in our community.

Enhanced Technologies – Noise Enforcement

Automated noise enforcement involves using technology like "noise cameras" to detect and ticket vehicles exceeding permitted noise levels. These systems, similar to speed cameras, automatically measure vehicle noise and issue fines to the registered owner. This approach aims to address excessive noise pollution from vehicles, particularly in urban areas. Automated noise enforcement in Ontario, specifically noise cameras, is a developing area with varying degrees of implementation and success among different municipalities. While some cities are actively exploring or implementing noise camera programs, others have faced challenges in reliability and legal frameworks. Presently in Ontario there is no legal means for automated noise enforcement. Ontario Regulation 355/22 outlines the administrative penalties (fines) for contraventions detected using camera systems. Currently the following contraventions are listed:

- Automated speed Enforcement System
- Red Light Camera System
- Automated Streetcar Enforcement System
- Automated School Bus Enforcement System

Several municipalities, like the City of Toronto (Toronto), are conducting pilot programs or testing different noise camera models to assess their effectiveness and reliability.

In consultation with Toronto Bylaw enforcement staff, they advised that automated noise radar is not yet reliable enough to be used as evidence in enforcing their noise bylaw but has done targeted enforcement of high-complaint areas for motorcyclists along with Toronto police, something that is planned to be expanded to include cars this summer.

The City of Edmonton also ran a pilot program with several phases between 2016 and 2020. The cost of equipment rental, installation, monitoring, maintenance, and software was approximately \$192,000. Community Peace Officers were used to supplement police and had the authority to pull over vehicles to issue violations. The program is no longer in operation as it could not accurately determine offending vehicles. Edmonton continues relying on traditional enforcement methods, including on-the-spot tickets or witness statements until the Province of Alberta implements regulatory changes for automated noise enforcement.

Other Municipal Initiatives

Other municipalities such as Mississauga, Brampton, and Ottawa have started to implement enhanced enforcement measures, ranging from noise by-law updates and public education to advanced technologies. These strategies are designed to reduce disturbances, deter illegal activity, and improve community wellbeing.

Project E.R.A.S.E. (Eliminating Racing Activities on Streets Everywhere) is a multi-jurisdictional initiative involving the Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police, and the Ontario Provincial Police. The focus is combating street racing, stunt driving, and other dangerous driving behaviors. It involves police forces across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and other regions working together to enforce laws, educate the public, and deter these high-risk activities. The project aims to reduce injuries and fatalities on the roads caused by reckless driving.

Project Noisemaker is another traffic safety initiative undertaken by various police services across Ontario, including Peel Regional Police, Ottawa Police and Halton Regional Police, to address concerns about excessive noise from vehicles, street racing, and unsafe vehicle modifications. The project aims to reduce the number of vehicles with modified and loud exhaust systems on the roads and address aggressive driving and illegal street racing.

Project TORQUE (Targeting Operators, Rides and Equipment by Uniform Enforcement) was a Hamilton Police Service initiative to address community concerns about excessive noise, street racing, and dangerous driving. It was launched in June 2021 and finished August 31, 2021, with over 1,000 charges laid. The project focused on enforcing regulations related to loud mufflers, street racing, and other unsafe/illegal vehicle modifications.

Operation Silent Night was instituted by the City of Vaughan (Vaughan) to take a strong stance and prohibit unauthorized car rallies. Hosting or allowing an unauthorized car rally to take place on your property is prohibited in Vaughan and subject to fines and administrative penalties. Property owners are responsible for preventing unauthorized events from taking place on their property and reporting if any unauthorized events do occur. The City is working with local plaza owners to outline their role and responsibilities pertaining to the by-law, and how they can help deter unauthorized car rally events from taking place on their properties. Through this initiative, property owners will receive a letter from the City with detailed information. Property owners will also be able to download a sign template and install it at their property to educate residents that unauthorized car rallies are not allowed in Vaughan.

The City also possesses its own Noise By-law whereby a maximum fine in the amount of \$5,000 could be imposed on any person who is causing, or permitting sound or noise to be emitted from a car rally or may receive an administrative penalty of \$1,000 for a first offence (and \$2,000 for any subsequent offence). As well, any person spectating, attending, or riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle at an unauthorized car rally may be fined up to \$10,000 or may receive an administrative penalty of \$500.

Additionally, Vaughan also introduced a Special Events By-law in 2024 to prohibit any participation in unauthorized car rallies, including:

- sponsoring, collecting money for, co-ordinating, advertising or hosting a car rally.
- spectating, attending, or bringing a vehicle to a car rally.
- driving or riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle at a car rally.
- stopping, slowing, or impeding the movement of traffic, including pedestrian traffic, because of a car rally.
- being a vendor at a car rally.

In support of Vaughan's efforts, York Regional Police can also issue administrative penalties of \$1,000 for a first offence and \$2,000 for any subsequent offence. Any person spectating, attending, or riding as a passenger in a motor vehicle at an unauthorized car rally may be fined up to \$10,000 or may receive an administrative penalty of \$500.

Next Steps

Review and amend Windsor's noise and nuisance by-laws to further update municipal best practices.

Expand collaboration between by-law enforcement and Windsor Police to implement joint patrols and enforcement blitzes in known hotspots.

Risk Analysis:

There is no risk in receiving this report for information.

Climate Change Risks

Climate Change Mitigation:

N/A

Climate Change Adaptation:

N/A

Financial Matters:

While there is no current budgetary impact to receiving this report for information, Administration will continue to monitor the potential success of various municipal pilot projects utilizing enhanced technologies for noise enforcement.

Despite the limited success found to date, this could change quickly with rapidly improving technologies. However; as previously mentioned, given there is currently no legal means for automated noise enforcement within the Province of Ontario, it makes it difficult for municipalities to apply such technologies. While the use of automated enforcement may be effective in levying administrative penalties (fines) for other infractions such as red light infractions, there has been limited success thus far with respect to noise enforcement through automated means.

Consultations:

Cindy Becker, Financial Planning Administrator – Public Works

Jason Crowley, Deputy Chief – Windsor Police Services

Craig Robertson, Manager of Licencing and Enforcement & Deputy Licence

Commissioner – Council Services

Conclusion:

Several Ontario municipalities have demonstrated the benefits of integrated enforcement models, real-time data collection, and collaborative police and by-law enforcement strategies. These approaches have enabled them to identify offenders, target hotspots, and engage residents.

Municipal by-laws enforcement tools may be outdated relative to the current scope of the issue. In Windsor, By-law officers are typically limited to stationary complaints, and police resources are constrained. Public calls for action continue to rise, and Council must evaluate how to adapt tools proven effective in peer municipalities.

Planning Act Matters:

N/A

Approvals:

Name	Title
Mark Spizzirri	Manager of Performance Measurement and Business Case Development
Brian Lima	Executive, Director of Operations/Deputy City Engineer
David Simpson	Commissioner, Infrastructure Services and City Engineer
Lorie Gregg	On behalf of Commissioner, Finance and City Treasurer
Ray Mensour	Chief Administrative Officer

Notifications:

N/A

Appendices: