



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 05/27/2026

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

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

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 – Councillor Frazier Fathers

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Chairperson)

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Lisa Holmes, Council Agenda Coordinator

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

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

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

Janice Guthrie, Commissioner, Finance & City Treasurer

Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation

Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee (ETPS) to order at 4:31 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

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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 April 29, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee of its meeting held April 29, 2026, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 127/2026

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. DELEGATIONS

7.2. Report No. 5 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026

Mike Fisher, President, Friends of Ojibway Prairie

Mike Fisher, President, Friends of Ojibway Prairie, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding "Report No. 5 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026" and speaks in support of the positive momentum in the creation of the Ojibway National Urban Park, and is looking forward to future collaborations with Parks Canada and the City of Windsor. Black Oak Heritage Park is well known for species not found anywhere else and is located within the Ojibway Prairie. He adds his support for efforts to support the species at risk, and the Black Oak Heritage Park Management Plan to restore and protect the habitat.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the ongoing concern regarding graffiti and bike trails throughout the Black Oak Heritage Park. Mr. Fisher responds that there are authorized multi-use trails throughout the park for light recreation within the sensitive environment and he is supportive of efforts to ensure that at-risk species are not disturbed.

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Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether the issues at Black Oak Heritage Park will settle once becoming part of the National Park. Mr. Fisher responds that he is hopeful that there will be opportunities to develop a trail system that works with the existing ecosystems while supporting different user groups.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie notes that a cycling group has offered to assist with the clean up of the recent vandalism within the park.

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1118**

THAT Report No. 5 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026, indicating:

That City Council BE URGED to take steps to address habitat issues in Black Oak Heritage Park and, further,

That the Legal Department BE REQUESTED to provide a brief outlining the options available to regulate use within Black Oak Heritage Park.

Carried.

BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 122/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7.3. Report No. 6 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1119**

THAT Report No. 6 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026, indicating:

That the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee ENDORSES steps City Council has taken to move the Ojibway National Urban Park issue forward; and,

That Administration BE URGED to continue work with Parks Canada and other stakeholders to bring the park to fruition; and,

That City Council BE ENCOURAGED to promote greater public consultation in collaboration with all stakeholders; and further,

That Administration BE REQUESTED to continue working towards the solution that provides permanence in protecting the ecological integrity of the park.

Carried.

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BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 123/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held February 3, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1117**

THAT the Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held February 3, 2026, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 116/2026

7.4. Report No. 7 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1120**

THAT Report No. 7 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026, indicating:

That City Council DIRECT Transit Windsor to prepare a report to review Transit Windsor operations to make them more environmentally sustainable including a review of grant opportunities to support those initiatives from senior levels of government.

Carried.

BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 124/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7.5. Report No. 8 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

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Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1121**

THAT Report No. 8 of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026, indicating:

That City Council DIRECT Transit Windsor to report back on opportunities to electrify parts of the fleet without proceeding with a full reconstruction of the Transit Windsor garage.

Carried.

BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 125/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7.6. Minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1122**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee of its meeting held April 16, 2026, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 138/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7.7. Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held April 23, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1123**

THAT the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held April 23, 2026, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 139/2026

Clerk's File: MB2026

7.8. EWSWA - 2025 Essex-Windsor Residential Waste Diversion Annual Report

Councillor Gary Kaschak comments on the quality of the report and is happy to see that Waste Diversion numbers are increasing.

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Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks Administration about data sharing with provincial governments to provide feedback on the effectiveness of diversion efforts.

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the EWSWA 2026 Essex-Windsor Residential Waste Diversion Annual Report and indicates that the response would come from the Chair of the board of EWSWA and suggests that City Council support this initiative.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1124**

THAT the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Annual Report – Essex Windsor Residential Waste Diversion 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 141/2026

Clerk's File:

7.9. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held April 15, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1125**

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board meeting held April 15, 2026 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 142/2026

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to CQ 8-2026 – Traffic Calming Measures on Cypress Avenue – Ward 7

Councillor Frazier Fathers inquires whether traffic calming data can be made readily available to the public online. Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated April 28, 2026, entitled "Response to CQ 8-2026 – Cypress Avenue Traffic Calming Review– Ward 7" and indicates that a link can be provided to the GIS department to publish this data. He also states that the city is in the last stages of procurement of GPS data, which could be layered into the GIS data.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires where this data can be accessed. Mr. Day responds that the data is available to the public on the open data portal.

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Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks Administration to bring in communications staff to educate the public how to use this tool.

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks if the data was collected through the Armadillo process. Mr. Day responds that this was a 2 week study using the Armadillo device. Previous traffic calming studies had been done on this street, and the live data was compared to the previous data to determine that there was no speeding. He cites the perception of speed versus actual speed.

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks Mr. Day if the road's capacity is adequate for the vehicle volume levels. Mr. Day responds that the volume versus the capacity is not an issue based on the data.

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks if traffic calming measures would be advised. Mr. Day responds that Councillor Angelo Marignani has been advised of potential options for the area, either increasing parking, or changing parking to the opposite side of the road.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: **ETPS 1126**

That the report of the Senior Manager, Transportation dated April 28, 2026, entitled "Response to CQ 8-2026 – Cypress Avenue Traffic Calming Review – Ward 7 " **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 45/2026

Clerk's File: ACOQ2026 & ST/13863

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks about recent traffic related incidents and what initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to traffic safety and Vision Zero. Mr. Simpson responds that the team is continuing to deliver many of the strategic initiatives working towards the Vision Zero action plan. The city has continued to leverage existing road safety programs, such as the Traffic Calming Strategy and Community Safety Zones. Mr. Simpson specifically mentions the ongoing implementation of pedestrian safety programs, including pedestrian crossings across the city, the red-light camera program, which now has twenty intersections being monitored, and the school neighbourhood policy, to have safe crossings for students, teachers and residents. Another major aspect of Vision Zero implementation was establishing of a city-wide database for vehicle and pedestrian collisions to help identify high-risk locations, and tailor and target road safety initiatives in specific areas. Mr. Day adds that 2025 was spent building a foundation for the Vision Zero program. Five Armadillo units were purchased to help collect speed data. GPS data is being integrated into GIS for speed, volume, and turn movements. TES engineering software has been purchased to download collision data, with data from 2019 to March 2026 in the system for analysis of high accident areas. This data will show accidents per million vehicles entering an intersection. Priority lists for safety initiatives will be based on this data and collaboration with Windsor Police Services. Mr. Day also mentions that the Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) program was increased in 2025, with more crossings to be installed this year. He states a road safety update will be coming with the new data, proposed to go to Council in October.

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Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks if there has been any further conversation from the province regarding additional funding for other traffic calming measures. Mr. Simpson responds that a letter was sent seeking additional funding for various traffic calming measures after the cancellation of the speed camera project, but a response has not yet been received to date.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if red light camera data has been or will be included in reports. Mr. Day responds that the key for collisions is reported accidents. The red light camera system is not able to determine if there was a threat of an accident. The volume of data does not allow for more than 7 days of retention. Some intersections have been entered into a LIDAR detection pilot program that will give the ability to record movements and close calls.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if the correlation between red light camera data and high-risk intersections can be equated and used to identify priority for traffic calming. Mr. Day responds that an evaluation of the intersections where red light cameras were installed, showed that there was a reduction in accidents, and no increase in rear-end collisions. He explains that red light camera data shows the speed, the time the vehicle went through the intersection, and the time after the violation. This data can be used to determine if more “all clear” time (the short time all lights are red to clear out an intersection) needs to be increased.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if there are plans to expand the LIDAR pilot project. Mr. Day responds that after successful validation of the pilot project, there are hopes to expand it. He also states there are 5 FLIR thermal devices currently deployed which collect the same type of data. FLIR devices will also be used in the expansion of the Coordinated Corridors program approved by Council.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks if there is a plan for reducing pedestrian deaths on Class I arterial roads where pedestrians are crossing on larger 4-5 lane roads without PXO crossings. Mr. Day responds that the only option now is intermediate pedestrian signals on that type of roadway. Part of the problem is public behaviour. He states that a new PXO at Marentette and Wyandotte is not being utilized and pedestrians are still crossing without it. He says there are options for safe crossings, but the reality is that they are not being used.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks if we have looked at putting crosswalks not at intersections, but in the middle of the block. Mr. Day responds that a mid-block PXO is more dangerous than an intersection PXO due to lack of lighting, reduced parking, and poor sightlines.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks about raised PXO mid-block. Mr. Day responds that administration is continuing to analyze the data and explore options to improve pedestrian safety.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks about the potential installation of pedestrian fencing, to protect pedestrians and prevent mid-block crossing. Ian Day responds that fencing has been considered in particular areas, such as Ouellete at the overpass over Jackson Park and the cost was in the \$500,000 range.

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks Administration if the pending Windsor Police Services report on recent pedestrian collisions will help us determine the root cause and identify a solution. Mr. Day responds

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that the WPS reports are heavily redacted. The collision diagrams are the most useful information gained from those. WPS is not legally able to share information other than what is publicly available.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie refers to the discontinuation of the speed camera program, and recently published studies concerning the impact this has had on neighbourhoods. This new data may provide an opportunity to express Council's view to the Provincial government. Councillor Renaldo Agostino agrees that writing a letter to the province asking if a rollback might be considered given the negative impact of the program's cancellation.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: **ETPS 1127**

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to write a letter to the province recommending reinstatement of the speed camera program.

Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:15 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Chairperson)

City Clerk