Consolidated Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2026
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 By-law 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 2 – Councillor Frazier Fathers

Ward 3 – Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 8 – Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Chairperson)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item # Item Description

1. CALL TO ORDER

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We [I] 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

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES *(previously distributed)*

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held July 29, 2026 **(SCM 269/2026)**

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. DELEGATIONS (5 minutes)

7.3. Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee 2026 Annual Report
(SCM 331/2026) *(previously distributed)*

a) Mike Fisher, President, The Friends of Ojibway Prairie (in person)

Clerk's Note: The following written submission is ***attached***:

a) Michelle Bondy, Vice-President, The Friends of Ojibway Prairie

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS *(previously distributed)*

7.1. Minutes of the Transit Windsor Working Group of its meeting held September 16, 2026 **(SCM 309/2026)**

7.2. Transit Windsor Working Group 2026 Annual Report **(SCM 327/2026)**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS *(previously distributed)*

8.1. Update to CQ 25-2024 and S 86/2025 – Illegal Car Rallies and Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicles – City Wide **(S 115/2026)** *Author: Ian Day, Senior Manager - Transportation*

8.2. Response to CQ 22-2026 and CQ 23-2026 – Storm Response – City Wide **(S 116/2026)** *Author: Robert Barlozzari, Executive Initiatives Coordinator (A)*

8.3. 2026 Vision Zero Action Plan Update – City Wide **(S 125/2026)** *Author: Ian Day, Senior Manager - Transportation*

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. ADJOURNMENT

From: Friends Of Ojibway Prairie Ojibway Prairie Complex < >
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2026 11:44
To: clerks <clerks@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Written Submission to ETPS Standing Committee - November 25th - Item #7.3

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Ojibway Prairie. We are a charitable volunteer organization that, for 35 years, has worked collaboratively with the City of Windsor and numerous partners to protect, restore, and educate the public about the globally significant ecosystems within the Ojibway Prairie Complex. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on item #7.3 regarding the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee's (ECCAC) 2026 Annual Report.

We thank the ECCAC committee and City of Windsor administrative support team for their good work this past term in advancing environmental priorities in our city. We would like to encourage the next committee and council to continue the good work acknowledged in the report on two particular items.

1) Supporting efforts to advance the Ojibway National Urban Park

On April 16, 2026, ECCAC passed a motion in support of ongoing work with Parks Canada and partners to establish an Ojibway National Urban Park. As part of that motion, the committee encouraged greater consultation and collaboration with community stakeholders and continued work toward a solution that provides permanence in protecting the ecological integrity of the park.

As discussions with Parks Canada and partners continue regarding a framework for the park, we urge the City of Windsor to provide the community with opportunities to engage in conversations about what this framework entails, ensuring meaningful feedback can be provided. Our community has decades of passion and significant expertise regarding the Ojibway Prairie Complex and urban parks across the country. It is crucial that this community expertise be included as a key component of the conversation to ensure Ojibway is protected for future generations to enjoy.

2) Advocating for the protection of natural areas including Black Oak Heritage Park

We appreciate the committee's efforts to advocate for all of our wonderful natural areas, including beautiful Black Oak Heritage Park within the Ojibway Prairie Complex. Black Oak Heritage Park represents approximately one-third of the lands owned by the City of Windsor within the Ojibway Prairie Complex. It contains tallgrass prairie and black oak savanna ecosystems—among the most endangered in Canada.

We encourage ECCAC and the City of Windsor to continue advocating for and implementing the Black Oak Heritage Park management plan to address significant concerns related to habitat destruction and park safety. Unauthorized use of the park has led to significant issues, with the city's naturalist reporting approximately 12 kilometres of unauthorized trails averaging 6.5 feet in width. These trails are causing concern for a variety of rare species throughout the park. Unauthorized activities also present numerous

safety issues for recreational users, including the removal of signage and fencing intended to secure the industrial rail corridor that runs through the park lands.

With wonderful opportunities for nature-related activities brought by the Gordie Howe Bridge pedestrian path and the highly anticipated creation of a National Urban Park, it is crucial that the City of Windsor ensure all parks within the Ojibway Prairie Complex protect the rare species and habitats we are fortunate to have, while providing a safe experience for residents of all ages to enjoy.

Thank you again to the ECCAC team for your good work.

Best regards,

Michelle Bondy, Vice-President
The Friends of Ojibway Prairie

Sincerely,

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