



The Corporation of the City of Windsor

Mayoral Decision MD 24-2025

To Direct staff to undertake research and provide advice to the head of Council and City Council on policies and programs of the City

WHEREAS pursuant to Part V1.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Sections 284.3 (Direction to Employees) the Mayor may direct municipal employees to:

- a) Undertake research and provide advice to the head of council and city council on policies and programs of the City or of the head of Council as they relate to the powers and duties under this Part; and
- b) Carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the head of council under this Part; and

WHEREAS the following is true of **Peché Island**:

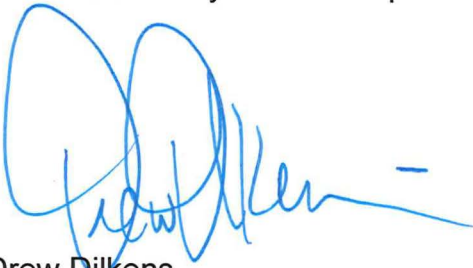
Peché Island is a gem worth preserving. In recent years, the City of Windsor along with the Essex Regional Conservation Authority have made considerable progress in undertaking shoreline protection initiatives designed to preserve the island for generations to come.

In the mid-1880's, Hiram Walker purchased the island. In the five-year period between 1885-1890, Hiram Walker commissioned the dredging of a series of inland canals, that for more than 130 years have served as recreational space for many outdoor enthusiasts. As a result of changing water levels, the flow of water serving these ponds has stopped due to sediment build-up that has not been experienced in recent history. If unaddressed, the inland canal system will dry up and become wetland. Should this happen, any future desire to reactivate the canal system will be extremely difficult.

THEREFORE I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor direct as follows:

In an effort to continue protecting Peche Island for the benefit of all Windsorites, I ask that City Administration report back to City Council before the end of 2025 on the following items related to Peche Island:

- Remaining work that needs to be undertaken to protect Peche Island from further erosion and programs available to offset capital works required;
- Cost and timing to excavate soil that has gathered under the pedestrian bridge preventing water to access inland ponds; and,
- Consult with Port Windsor or other federal authorities to determine how the City can access dredged material to use as fill to elevate certain parts of the island to ultimately allow for a pedestrian circuit around Peche Island.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Drew Dilkens', with a horizontal line at the end.

Drew Dilkens

Mayor, City of Windsor

Dated: November 6, 2025