

Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
Meeting held November 14, 2019

A meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room, Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, there being present the following members:

Councillor Chris Holt, Chair
Keri Banar
Derek Coronado
Rosanna Demarco
Katie Kuker
Michael Schneider
Richard St. Denis

Regrets received from:

Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Jerry Zhu

Guest in attendance:

Kingsville Deputy Mayor Gord Queen

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Averil Parent, Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator
Karina Richters, Supervisor Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change
Meraal Yared, Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator, Acting
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:05 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 R. St. Denis, seconded by R. Demarco,
That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held September 19, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 WECEC Green Speaker Series: Mitigating Species at Risk Road Mortality

A. Parent advises the recent Green Speaker Series was well received with approximately 60 people in attendance. She adds Councillor McKenzie presided as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded by K. Banar,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,480.07 for costs associated with the Green Speaker Expert Panel Series entitled "Mitigating Species at Risk Road Mortality" held October 30, 2019 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.
Carried.

4.2 Update WECEC Report No. 105: Declaring a Climate Emergency

A. Parent reports WECEC Report No. 105 – Declaring a Climate Emergency was discussed at the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee on October 23, 2019. The report was approved and amended to delete any reference to the County of Essex.

Moved by K. Banar, seconded by R. St. Denis,
That the update by the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator relating to WECEC Report No. 105 – Declaring a Climate Emergency **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

5. Subcommittee Reports

5.1 Air

No report.

5.2 Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Issues

No report.

5.3 Public Engagement

No report.

6. New Business

6.1 City of Windsor Climate Change Adaptation Plan

The “Draft” Climate Change Adaptation Plan: Degrees of Change dated November 13, 2019 is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”. A. Parent provides an overview of the document and adds it will be reviewed at the November 20, 2019 Environment, Transportation & Public Standing Committee and then tabled for 60 days to allow for public comment. It is suggested WECEC provide comments at its next meeting to be held on January 23, 2020.

Moved by R. Demarco, seconded by R. St. Denis,
That the “Draft” Climate Change Adaptation Plan: Degrees of Change – dated November 13, 2019 **BE RECEIVED**.

6.2 WECEC Year End Report

A. Parent reviews the WECEC 2019 Annual Report.

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded by D. Coronado,
That the WECEC 2019 Annual Report **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6.3 WECEC 2020 Work Plan

A. Parent provides a cursory review of the WECEC 2020 Work Plan.

R. St. Denis reports 2020 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Moved by R. St. Denis, seconded by D. Coronado,
That the WECEC 2020 Park Plan **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

6.4 Remaining 2020 Budget

A. Parent provides an update relating to the surplus WECEC 2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,728.63.

Discussion ensues regarding the purchase of WECEC promotional items as give-aways at events.

Moved by K. Kuker, seconded by D. Coronado,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,728.63 for the purchase of 2020 promotional items as give-aways at the Earth Day event with the purchase of trees as a priority.
Carried.

Moved by R. Demarco, seconded by D. Coronado,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$406.80 payable to eliquidMEDIA for hosting fees for the WECEC website from November 16, 2019 to November 15, 2020.
Carried.

7. Communications

Moved by R. Demarco, seconded by D. Coronado,
That the following Communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 7.1 CTV News Article – Green Speaker Series discusses eco passages and at risk species
- 7.2 AM800 News Article – Expert says eco passages are working in Long Point Bay
- 7.3 Notice of Environmental Assessment – Wyandotte and Jarvis
- 7.4 Notice of Oldcastle Stormwater Master Plan Environmental Assessment

Carried.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. at the Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR