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Windsor, Ontario November 26, 2015

A meeting of the **Windsor Essex County Environment Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre, there being present the following members:

Councillor Fred Francis, Acting Chair
Derek Coronado
Jesse Gardner Costa
Debby Grant
Mike Nelson
Joe Passa
Dr. Edwin Tam
Radwan Tamr

Regrets received from:

Councillor Bill Marra, Chair
Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh
Councillor Joe Bachetti, Town of Tecumseh

Delegations in attendance:

Doug Hayes, regarding Item 5
Robin Swainson, regarding Item 5

Guests in attendance:

Rick Coronado
David Hanna

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Karina Richters, Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change
Dustin Carey, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator (A)
Phil Roberts, Executive Director, Parks
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 5:31 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by M. Nelson,
That Councillor Fred Francis **BE APPOINTED** Acting Chair for the November 26, 2015
meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee.
Carried.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by M. Nelson, seconded by D. Coronado,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
held July 30, 2015 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Council of Canadians: Blue Communities Campaign

Doug Hayes and Robin Swainson, The Council of Canadians Windsor Essex Chapter are
present to provide information relating to the Blue Communities Campaign. The Presentation
entitled "The Council of Canadians Acting for Social Justice" is ***attached*** as Appendix "A". Mr.
Hayes and Mr. Swainson provide comments relating to the presentation as follows:

- The Council of Canadians advocate for clean water, fair trade, green energy, public health care and a vibrant democracy.
- Producing single-use water bottles requires 3-5 litres of water for every one-litre bottle.
- Bottled water companies argue that water bottles are recyclable. As few as 50% of the water bottles in Toronto are actually recycled. The number is as low as 20% in other communities.
- The sale of bottled water unjustly gives companies the right to extract and profit from a community's water source.
- The Canadian Government in 2012 conceded that the human right to water is integral to the right to an adequate standard of living under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

- In September 2015, there were 168 Drinking Water Advisories in effect in 120 First Nations communities across Canada, including British Columbia. This is in addition to the 1,880 homes in First Nations without water service at all.
- Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) - Increase in water prices, decrease in water quality, loss of jobs and corporate profit from people's need for water.
- A "blue community" is one that adopts a water commons framework by taking the following three actions:
 - o Recognizing water as a human right.
 - o Promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and wastewater services.
 - o Banning the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.
- Requesting endorsement by the City of Windsor to declare the City of Windsor a Blue Community.

The Chair thanks Mr. Hayes and Mr. Swainson for their presentation.

Moved by J. Passa, seconded by D. Grant,

That representatives from The Council of Canadians: Blue Communities Campaign **BE REQUESTED** to provide a presentation to the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee; notably, the Blue Communities Project is requesting communities adopt a water commons framework by:

1. Recognizing water as a human right.
2. Promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and wastewater services.
3. Banning the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.

Carried.

Councillor Francis voting nay.

6. **BUSINESS**

6.1 **Green Roofs and Green Buildings Follow-up**

K. Richters advises there are currently five green roofs located on city facilities with additional sites to be added. She notes the Environmental Master Plan promotes the use of green roofs.

J. Passa suggests the creation of a green roof policy.

Moved by E. Tam, seconded by J. Gardner Costa,

That the verbal update provided by the Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change regarding green roofs and green buildings **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

6.2 Eliquid Website Hosting Renewal Notice

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by R. Tamr,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the amount of \$406.80 payable to Eliquid Media for hosting fees for the WECEC website for the period from November 16, 2015 to November 15, 2016.

Carried.

6.3 Advertising of "Overload" at Lakeshore Cinema Contract

D. Carey states the contract for the showing of the "Overload" informational commercial at Lakeshore Cinema expired on October 31, 2015. He indicates an expenditure in the amount of \$2,000 yielded eleven months of previewing the 30 second video intended to raise awareness of blooms of toxic blue-green algae in Lake Erie.

J. Passa suggests the video be shown at another cinema. D. Coronado notes the algae bloom issue also involves the County.

Moved by D. Coronado, seconded by R. Tamr,

That the contract to advertise the "Overload" informational commercial at the Lakeshore Cinema **BE RENEWED** at a cost of \$2,000 as the video is intended to raise awareness of blooms of toxic blue-green algae in Lake Erie, as well as provide community and individual initiatives that can contribute to decreasing the size of future blooms.

Carried.

J. Passa voting nay.

6.4 WECEC 2015 Budget

D. Carey reports there are surplus funds in the amount of \$770. remaining in the 2015 operating budget and he suggests the purchase of trinkets as a give-away at events.

D. Grant opposes the purchase of plastic hand-outs.

J. Gardner Costa suggests the possibility of showing the Overload video at the Leamington Theatre.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by D. Grant,

That Administration **BE REQUESTED** to investigate the cost to show the Overload informational commercial at a cinema in Leamington with the proviso that the cost not exceed \$770.

Carried.

The Acting Chair requests a showing the Overload video at the January 28, 2016 WECEC meeting.

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6.5 WECEC 2016 Budget

The Acting Chair states WECEC receives \$4,000 from the City of Windsor and \$4,000 from the County for a total of \$8,000 as the operating budget for 2016.

Items 7 and 8

COORDINATORS REPORT & ANNUAL REPORT

D. Carey states the profiles including the biographies and photos of members of WECEC have been updated for the WECEC website.

D. Carey reports Green Speaker Sarah Elton spoke to approximately 70 members of the public on October 20, 2015 at the Capitol Theatre. She discussed healthy eating, local food systems and the junction between food and the environment. A video of the presentation will be posted on the WECEC website www.weceec.org. It was an extremely interesting event.

M. Nelson expresses concern that some WECEC initiatives have not advanced. R. Tamr indicates WECEC is confined to an advisory role and are limited by Council.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by M. Nelson,
That the WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report - November 2015 and the WECEC 2015 Annual Report **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Air

D. Coronado provides an overview of the "WECEC Air Subcommittee Report - November 2015", *attached* as Appendix "B" as follows:

- Ontario has released its climate change strategy, which is to be followed in 2016 by its first five-year plan to achieve the strategy.
- A key component of Ontario's climate strategy and planning will be its Cap and Trade Plan which has been released in draft form to the Environmental Registry for public review and comment by December 16, 2015.
- Some key scientific messages about climate change have come out of the briefing that the Prime Minister and Premiers received from Environment Canada including - Canada's rate of warming is about twice the global rate (a 2C increase globally means a 3-4C

increase for Canada); a 2C warming target may still be attainable, but we are already 65% of the way to the associated carbon limit.

Moved by J. Gardner Costa, seconded by J. Passa,
That the "WECEC Air Subcommittee Report - November 2015" provided by D. Coronado **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Update on City of Windsor Environmental Initiatives

K. Richters states a report dated July 9, 2015 entitled "SMOG Advisories replaced with the new Provincial Air Quality Health Index alert program" was adopted by City Council at its meeting held September 21, 2015 (M390-2015).

K. Richters reports the City of Windsor is undertaking an integrated Corporate and Community Climate Change Action Plan and notes there will be extensive public engagement. She indicates this will be a two year project of which grants have been received from both the Provincial and the Federal Governments.

10.2 Update on Essex County Environmental Initiatives

M. Nelson advises all of the lower tiers are updating their Official Plans,(to integrate environmental issues) i.e. Lasalle, Tecumseh, Leamington, Lakeshore, Essex and Amherstburg.

J. Gardner Costa suggests the four political representatives on WECEC review the top issues of WECEC, to prioritize these issues and to bring it back to WECEC. Conversely, he also suggests each political representative champion an individual issue.

The Chair recommends a "brainstorming session" be held at the next meeting regarding the foregoing suggestions.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by R. Tamr, seconded by G. Grant,
That the following communications **BE RECEIVED**:

- 11.1 Blue Dot municipal declaration on the right to a healthy environment - Council decision
- 11.2 Blue Dot municipal declaration on the right to a healthy environment - County Council decision
- 11.3 WECEC Terms of Reference - Council decision
- 11.4 WECEC Terms of Reference - County Council decision

- 11.5 SMOG Advisories replaced with the new Provincial Air Quality Health Index Alert program

Carried.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:25 o'clock p.m.

ACTING CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

AGENDA
WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on November 26th, 2015
Meeting at 5:30p.m at the Qijhway Nature Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held July 30th, 2015 - *emailed separately.*

5. **PRESENTATION**

Council of Canadians: Blue Communities Campaign - *attached.*

6. **BUSINESS**

6.1 Green Roofs and Green Buildings follow up

6.2 Eliquid website hosting renewal invoice - *attached.*

6.3 Advertising of "Overload" at Lakeshore Cinema contract ended October 31st 2015; renewal

6.4 WECEC 2015 budget remaining funds

6.5 WECEC 2016 budget request - *attached.*

7. **COORDINATORS REPORT**

WECEC Coordinator Monthly Report - *attached.*

8. **ANNUAL REPORT**

WECEC Annual Report - *attached*

9. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Air

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Update on City of Windsor environmental initiatives

10.2 Update on Essex County environmental initiatives

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

11.1 Notice of Council Decision regarding WECEC Report 90-Blue Dot municipal declaration on the right to a healthy environment - *attached.*

11.2 Notice of County Council adoption of WECEC Report 90 - Blue Dot municipal declaration on the right to a healthy environment - *attached.*

11.3 Notice of Council Decision regarding WECEC Report 91 - Terms of Reference - *attached.*

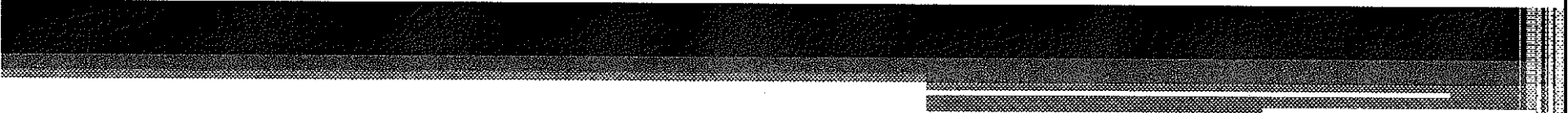
11.4 Notice of County Council adoption of WECEC Report 91 - Terms of Reference - *attached.*

11.5 Report No. 288 of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding administrative report on SMOG Advisories replaced with the new Provincial Air Quality Health Index Alert program -*attached.*

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is January 28th 2016 at the Ojibway Nature Centre.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**



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The Facts about Bottled Water

- WATER USE:
3 to 5 litres of water for every
one-litre bottle

WATER QUALITY: Bottled
water is not safer or healthier



The Facts about Bottled Water

- **CLIMATE CHANGE:**
The transportation of 22 billion litres of bottled water consumed outside the country of its origin are creating greenhouse gases.
- **RECYCLING:** As little as 50 percent of the water bottles in Toronto are actually being recycled.



Nestle in Canada

- In the Great Lakes region of Ontario, Nestle is withdrawing nearly 2 billion litres every year but only pays \$3.71 per million litres.
- In Hope, B.C., Nestle withdraws 265 million litres every year.

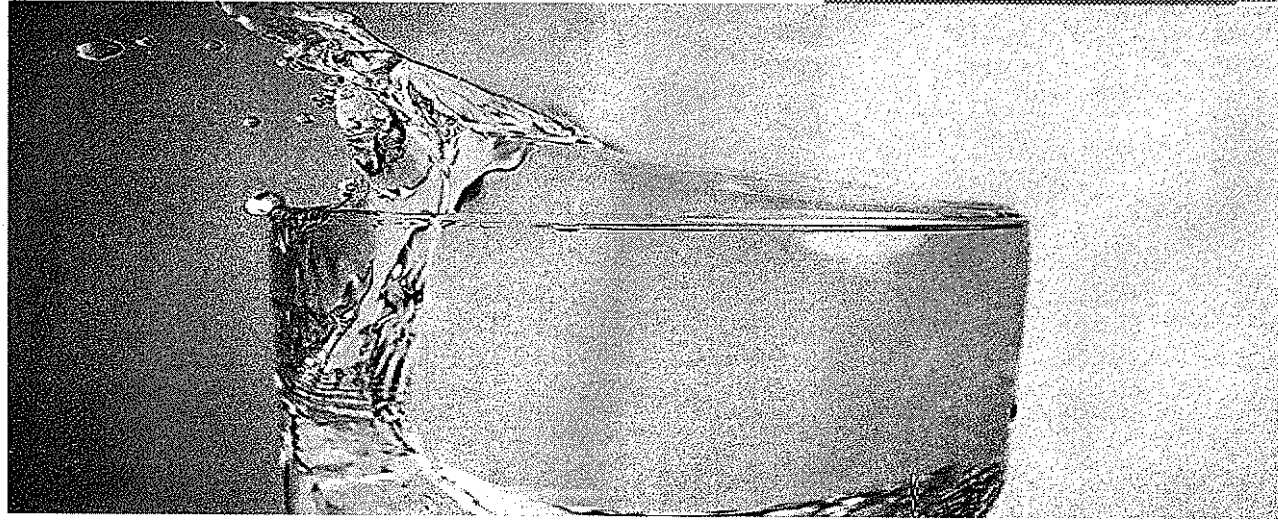


P3s - Public-Private Partnerships



Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

- Increase in water prices
- Decrease in water quality
- Loss of jobs
- Corporate profit from people's need for water



Is water a
commodity or a
human right?

The human right to water and sanitation

- On July 28, 2010, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution recognizing the human right to water and sanitation
- Yes: 122 countries
Abstained: 44
No: 0



Drinking water on **First Nation reserves**

Heading into September, there were 168 Drinking Water Advisories in effect in 120 First Nations communities across Canada, including British Columbia.

This is in addition to the 1880 homes in First Nations without water service at all.

Photo: Nine-year-old Treyvan from Attawapiskat, TeachingKidsNews.com

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What is a Blue Community?

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20 Blue Communities!

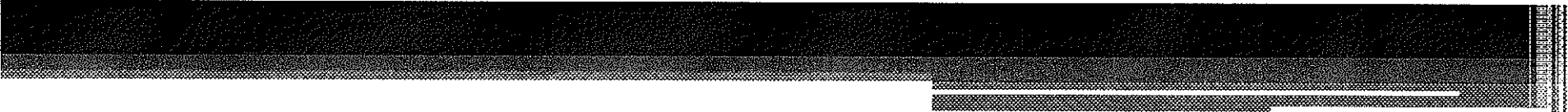
- .. Thunder Bay, Ontario, March 23, 2015
- " Tsal'alh. St'at'imc Territory- became first Indigenous Blue Community, January 12, 2015
- Bayfield, Ontario, October 24, 2014
- .. Zurich, Switzerland, June 11, 2014
- " Cambuquira, Brazil, March 11, 2014
- ., Tay Township, Ontario, April 9, 2014
- " Amqui, Quebec, September 16, 2013
- " City of Bern, Switzerland - Designated the first Blue Community outside Canada, September 18, 2013
- Thorold, Ontario, July 2, 2013
- Welland, Ontario, November 6, 2012

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- .. Comox, B.C., October 4, 2012
 - .., Cumberland, B.C., July 9, 2012
 - .. Nanimo, B.C., June 25, 2012
 - St.Catharines, Ontario, May 28, 2012
 - Niagara Falls, Ontario, April 25, 2012
 - .. North Vancouver, B.C., February 6, 2012
 - .. Ajax, Ontario, December 2011
 - " Tiny Township, Ontario, September 12, 2011
 - " Victoria, B.C., June 24, 2011
 - City of Burnaby Became the first Blue Community on World Water Day,
March 22, 2011



Robyn Hamlyn: 17 year old Water Warrior takes on bottled water!

[http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-teen-activist-takes-on-the
bottled-water-industry/article27518523/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-teen-activist-takes-on-the-bottled-water-industry/article27518523/)



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WECEC Air Subcommittee Report- November 2015

Senior levels of government have, again, begun to focus on climate change including some important factors for municipalities such as infrastructure funding tied to climate considerations.

- I. Ontario has released its climate change strategy, which is to be followed in 2016 by its first five-year plan to achieve the strategy. The strategy indicates, to some extent, decision making and planning around mitigation and adaptation. For example, "... integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations into government decision making and infrastructure planning."

A key component of Ontario's climate strategy and planning will be its Cap and Trade Plan which has been released in draft form to the Environmental Registry (012-5666) for public review and comment by December 16. Although it is designed to get Ontario in line with what California and Quebec have already planned, through an initial four year compliance period beginning in 2017, the draft has indicated plans to be more generous to industry than either Quebec or California have been.

The proposal to give 100% free permits to all energy-intensive trade exposed industries, regardless of their leakage risk (a factor of energy intensity and trade exposure) for the first four years of the program is problematic. Giving 100% free permits to companies with any leakage risk in Ontario could undermine the credibility of the system, reduce the amount of revenue it raises and could also allow some significant polluters out of the system while smaller firms and individuals are forced to pay, essentially subsidizing the big polluters.

2. Some key scientific messages about climate change have come out of the briefing that the Prime Minister and Premiers received from Environment Canada, including: Canada's rate of warming is about twice the global rate (a 2C increase globally means a 3-4C increase for Canada); a 2C warming target may still be attainable, but we are already 65% of the way to the associated carbon limit or budget and global emissions must peak before mid-century!