Windsor, Ontario May 27, 2013

# REPORT NO. 138 of the ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE

of its meeting held April 24, 2013

Present:

Councillor J. Gignac

Councillor A. Halberstadt

Councillor R. Jones, Councillor H. Payne

Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair

That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:** 

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,

THAT Report No. 68 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held December 6, 2012 regarding the revised Terms of Reference BE APPROVED.

Carried.

<u>Clerk's Note</u>: Report No. 68 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee is <u>attached</u> as background information.

**CHAIRPERSON** 

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#### **REPORT NO. 68**

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### WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (WECEC)

of its meeting held December 6, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant, 4155 Ojibway Parkway

#### Members Present at the December 6, 2012 meeting:

Charlie Wright, Co-Chair

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Co-Chair

Frank Butler (alternate for Derek Coronado)

Pauline Cheslock

Matthew Child

Dean Clevett

Rick Coronado

Jesse Costa Gardner (alternate for Phil Roberts)

Roger Dzugan (alternate for Mark Bartlett)

Evan Freeman-Gibb

Paul Henshaw

Phil Roberts

Tamara Stomp

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#### Your Committee submits the following recommendation:

Moved by P. Roberts, seconded by R. Dzugan,

That the *Revised* Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) Terms of Reference relating to an amendment to the "Composition and Selection of Members" **BE APPROVED**. Carried.

NOTE: The <u>Revised</u> WECEC Terms of Reference - March 2013 - <u>attached</u>.

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## Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) Terms of Reference

(Revised = March 2013)

#### Purpose

The purpose of the WECEC is to provide advice on environmental issues to the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities.

#### Mandate

- WECEC was established as a volunteer advisory committee through resolutions of Windsor City Council and the County of Essex within the meaning of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2005, c.25 (the 'Act')
- WECEC receives referrals to address specific environmental concerns from the City of Windsor, County of Essex and its area municipalities, as well as,
- WECEC is proactive and will advise on matters identified through its own initiative.

#### Scope of Activities

The scope of WECEC will include activities of primary responsibility for which an annual work plan will be developed, such as:

- developing policies for consideration by the City and County regarding ongoing environmental concerns.
- develop responses related to Federal and Provincial actions in public and private undertakings affecting the ecosystem to be forward to City and County Councils,
- identify and examine issues and new alternatives of an ecological nature that may affect the natural environment of the region and to advise City and County Councils on such matters,
- review and provide advice regarding the environmental implications of studies, plans,
   proposals and other documents as may be referred to the Committee,
- to advise on and recommend studies that could assist in increasing awareness of environmental concerns; solutions to environmental problems and/or enhance environmental conditions in the region,
- report annually on the state of the regional environment, and provide the report to City and County Council,
- liaise with other organizations, committees, and agencies with similar interest in protecting and preserving the natural environment of Windsor and the County of Essex,
- coordinate partnership funding by collecting funds from organizations, committees and agencies to further collaborative environmental projects and events for Windsor and Essex County,
- participate in other committees where WECEC is required or suggested by the City of Windsor and County of Essex and its area municipalities, and,
- conduct an annual performance evaluation of the WECEC Coordinator

The scope of WECEC may include activities of secondary responsibility that will be conducted in partnership with other organizations, committees and agencies, such as:

- identify and implement community outreach activities which support the growth of environmental awareness and appreciation,
- provide advice on regional environmental resources,
- provide advice on regional environmental data,

Composition and Selection of Members

WECEC will be comprised of seventeen (17) members of which two (2) members will be from County Council and two (2) members will be from City Council. The remaining 13 members will be from organizations within the following sectors:

Sectors	Number of Members
Health	1
Education	2
Post-secondary students	I.
Labour	2
Industry	2
Environment (includes one position for ERCA)	3
Business or Agriculture	1
Media	1

#### Operation of the Committee

- Meetings will be held monthly and are open to the public. Additional meetings can be called by the Chair.
- In camera discussions will only be held in strict compliance with procedural by-laws.
- Quorum will be established when 9 members are present (50% + 1).
- WECEC will see to achieve consensus on decisions. Recommendations are "carried" if supported by a majority. Only resolutions as they appear in the adopted minutes may be considered as officially representing the position of WECEC.
- WECEC will advise respective staff of the City of Windsor and County of Essex by resolution on matters that were referred to them.

#### Resources to the Committee

- The Committee will have an annual budget comprised of contributions from the City of Windsor and the County of Essex.
- Administrative Support will be assigned through the City of Windsor, Council Services.

#### Review

 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the establishment of the annual work plan. Any changes will be put forward as recommendations to City and County Council for approval.