

**Final Consolidated Environment, Transportation & Public Safety
Standing Committee Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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 Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

Ward 3 – Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 – Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 – Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie

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
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3.	ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE (<i>previously distributed</i>)
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3.1.	Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held January 29, 2025 (SCM 34/2025)
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4.	REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS
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5.	COMMUNICATIONS
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6.	PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS
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7.	COMMITTEE MATTERS (<i>previously distributed</i>)
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7.1.	Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held December 5, 2024 (SCM 28/2025)
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7.2.	Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held January 7, 2025 (SCM 69/2025)
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7.3. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held February 4, 2025 **(SCM 71/2025)**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (*previously distributed*)

8.1. Options for Licensing Hotels and Motels - City Wide **(S 21/2025)**

8.2. Proactive By-law Enforcement Strategies in Paved Alleys in Response to CQ 22-2023 - City Wide **(S 23/2025)**

8.3. Pedestrian Generator Sidewalk on Garden Court Drive (East Side) from Sumach Crescent (North) to Edgar Street - Ward 6 **(S 24/2025)**

8.4. Response to CQ 35-2024 – Removal of Underused Street Parking Meters **(S 29/2025)**

8.5. Windsor Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program - City Wide **(S 100/2024)**

Clerk's Note: Derek Coronado, Executive Director, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario is submitting the *attached* letter dated March 26, 2025 as a written submission.

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. ADJOURNMENT

ETPS March 26, 2025

Re: Item 8.5 - Windsor DEER-City Wide

On behalf of the Citizens Environment Alliance, the following comments are submitted; we do not support the recommendations of this report.

After approximately eight years since the promulgation of the Community Energy Plan (CEP), the single largest emission reduction strategy of the plan is recommended to be dropped without rational justification and without any proffered alternative. Windsor's community-wide climate action implementation efforts will be in shambles if the administration's report is accepted.

Multiple reports over the years to the city council from the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change department have shown the highest cost of city-wide climate action will come from delaying, deferring or avoiding action. Ironically, now this is the recommendation from that same, beleaguered department.

Despite several municipal governments exercising wise-use practices to implement DEER-like programmes successfully, item 8.5 implies that Windsor's programme would be an outlier by taking an approach without wise-use practices.

Within the report financial details show over a 10-year period an approximate expense of \$200 million with the majority from municipal financing. This is a large capital investment. However, in the context of the city's 10-year capital budget of almost \$2 billion the R-DEER would not even be the largest or second largest investment. Although it would be the most direct investment in countering the existential threat of the climate crisis.

The capital budget's hierarchy of investments puts roads at the top. Our homes are valued far more than our roads, yet our older housing stock

will be left vulnerable without ongoing, coordinated efficiency efforts from our governments. Recommending writing a letter to senior levels of government is just not good enough!

The market validation study notes that for every \$1 million invested 16-30 high-quality, full-time equivalent jobs could be created, generating millions of dollars in economic activity. An important factor given Windsor's chronically high unemployment and the potential for long-lasting tariffs. Millions invested could, conservatively, result in thousands of jobs.

According to the climate data collected by researchers across the planet, this past year was the warmest on record. The *State of the Global Climate Report*, by the World Meteorological Organization, also noted that 2024 was likely the first calendar year to be more than 1.5C above the pre-industrial era. The report also showed that:

- Atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide is at the highest levels in the last 800,000 years.
- Globally each of the past ten years were individually the ten warmest years on record.
- Each of the past eight years has set a new record for ocean heat content.
- The 18 lowest Arctic sea-ice extents on record were all in the past 18 years.
- The three lowest Antarctic ice extents were in the past three years.
- The largest three-year loss of glacier mass on record occurred in the past three years.
- The rate of sea level rise has doubled since satellite measurements began.

Climate action by the city is becoming less accountable as the climate crisis worsens. The city has also failed to provide reports in a complete and timely manner for several climate issues. For example, despite Commissioner Payne publicly stating months ago that the SSSNAP

report (the full, final report) would be available to the public, it is nowhere to be seen. The implementation strategy for science-based targets and net-zero promised by administration years ago is unavailable. There are more examples of an insufficient, unaccountable effort to implement climate actions by the city.

Beyond the CEP there are several City of Windsor plans that at least imply the city takes climate change seriously. The climate emergency declaration of 2019 also indicated that the city would move to implement important emission reduction strategies. While the city has failed to quickly move to implement community-wide emission strategies, the public retains an expectation that their governments will implement climate action.

Earlier this month a Leger national poll showed more than two-thirds of Canadians agreed that the next Canadian government should make climate action and protecting nature a high priority. Since municipalities are responsible for about half of greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions, the onus remains for cities like Windsor to implement their commitments to reduce ghg emissions.

Please reject the recommendation of the administrative report to terminate the R-DEER programme.