

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Tom Henderson, meeting Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. He welcomed all in attendance and introduces Sandra Hogan as our Interim RAP Coordinator during Natalie's maternity leave. Roundtable introductions were made. (*Meeting Attendance is attached in Appendix A*)

Ian Naisbitt moved to Approve the May 11, 2011 Meeting Agenda. Gord Harding requested the Annual General Meeting be added to the agenda. Derek Coronado requested to provide updates on the Bruce Power Shipment, Davis Besse Renewal and the upcoming CEA Event. Changes to the Meeting Agenda were adopted by Consensus.

### 2. Approval of December 1, 2010 Meeting Record

Action items from the December 1 2010 will be reviewed under project updates in the regular agenda.

Gord Harding moved to approve the December 1, 2010 Meeting Record. Phil Roberts seconded. Adopted by consensus.

### 3. Coordinator's Report

Sandra Hogan reported that she has been working on updating the Detroit River Delisting and Information System (DRDIS). This is the website that will house our corporate memory, including decisions and actions and meeting documents. She has gotten the final approval from the Drinking water Sub-group for the magnet and brochure they are producing. She has arranged the printing of these items. She has organized and attended meetings of the Monitoring and Research Work Group and the Point/Non Point Source Work Group. The Point/Non Point Source Work Group wanted to pass along details of Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF) applications to the EPI and PAC Work Group. In total 4 GLSF applications were put forth, and one pertained to P/NPS Pollution, this was for funding to continue the Rural Non-Point Source Remediation Program. She also attended the Windsor Essex Mobility workshop. She has been working on the Annual Review with the Supervisory Group; that report will be available at the AGM. She has also been planning the Annual Meeting with guidance from the Supervisory Group and the Co-Chairs of the Steering and Implementation Committee. This year the Annual Meeting will be an evening in June (possibly 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>), so that the IJC Commissioners might be able to attend. The format will include guest speaker, the top choice of the Supervisory Group and the Steering and Implementation Co Chairs is John Hartig of the IWR in Michigan. Sandra is hoping the meeting will take place at the Ojibway Nature Centre – new LEED certification. Sandra reported that Mike Moroney (Ontario Ministry of the Environment) has taken over the position of Mike Parker (Ontario Ministry of the Environment) as Co Chair of the Steering and Implementation Committee, and hasn't been brought up to speed on the AGM. Sandra has discussed the activities of the DRCC and the requirement for our Annual Meeting with Mr. Moroney. Once she has heard back from Mr. Moroney and Mr. Gee she will confirm a date for the Annual Meeting and inform all DRCC members.

*Marcia Valiante acts as Meeting Chair for the Education and Public Involvement Work Group Project Discussion*

### 4. 2009 – 2010 Outreach Projects Update

- Bald Eagle Signage – One sign has been installed in Amherstburg, and they still have our drill bit. Sandra has requested the drill bit be returned to her but has not heard back. Pearl reported that Fighting Island would not like signs installed. Phil explained a site for the signs still needs to be determined in LaSalle and that Windsor has confirmed signs will be installed at the Marina and at Pêche Island. The Windsor signs need to be installed for Pêche Island Day.

**ACTION:** Sandra will contact Bill Roesel and Karen Cedar to discuss the installation of the signs at the Marina and on Pêche Island.

- Drinking Tap Water Project – Sandra reported that the magnet and brochure have been approved and have been sent to the printer. We will produce 1,000 brochures and 500 magnets.
- Student Video Contest – Sandra reported that the contest ended May 10<sup>th</sup> with the announcement of the winner: Joseph Dobry-Bergen, École Secondaire EJ LaJeunesse. The other participants will receive DRCC stainless steel water bottle, Essex Region Conservation Area Annual Pass, and \$20 Gift Card to SilverCity. The CBC Radio was in contact with Sandra in March and she gave an interview on the radio. CBC Television contacted Sandra to obtain a copy of the winning video, which she provided. However, they did not contact her for any additional information, there Sandra will follow-up with the CBC to confirm they are covering the story. The other videos that we received violated copyright law, so were not eligible for judging. Gord is interested in developing a communication strategy with the CBC TV station to provide them with a local clip. Adrian Bateman has been our contact at CBC Television. Sandra will follow-up. The school presentation will be made at the school – make it a big media event that could be featured on the French segment. TVCogeco and CFTV34 Leamington have expressed interest in airing the video as a public service announcement, providing it is in the right format. Sandra will follow up with these stations also.  
**ACTION: Sandra will contact Adrian Bateman at CBC Television to discuss coverage of the Video Contest and a possible communication strategy to air clips regarding the DRCC and local events on CBC Television.**  
**ACTION: Sandra will contact all media representatives regarding the recognition event to be held at École Secondaire E.J. Lajeunesse.**  
**ACTION: Sandra will contact TVCogeco and CFTV Leamington to confirm their ability to air the video in its current format.**

##### 5. 2011-2012 Outreach Projects Update

- **Spring Tree Plantings** – no report. Tom noted that at the McHugh Street planting last Saturday 200 trees were planted, provided by ERCA. This event had a good turnout, with representatives from the PAC, and Sandra.
- **Calendar Drawing Contest** – Sandra reported that the sub-committee (Pearl, Al, Sandra) have met and determined the parameters for this outreach project. A 2012 DRCC Calendar produced will be used as a promotional tool, not a fundraising project. This project has been approved by the Greater Essex County District School Board and the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. Andrew Dowie (City of Windsor) is helping by translating the application package for distribution to the French language schools. Kris Ives is working on curriculum links for each grade to be provided to teachers. Submissions from schools will continue from June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>. If submissions are low then libraries, recreation centres, and camps can be contacted through the summer. Calendars to be produced in October and will be distributed in November and December.
- **DRCC/CEA Boat Tour** – Derek provided an update on the CEA Boat Tour. He explained the tour will take place Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 4pm and lunch will be provided. The ticket information can be found on the CEA website and this year tickets can be purchased online. The ticket price is \$25.00 CDN, \$27.00 USD. Charitable tax receipts are available for a portion of the ticket price. The emcee will be Peter Werby and the featured guest speakers are Doug Haffner, John Hartig, Phil Roberts, and Mike Keegan (long time anti-nuclear activist). The boat has a maximum capacity of 180 and if a maximum seating capacity of 140. Therefore, sales will be capped at 120 for passenger comfort. The break even point is 48 tickets. Event goes ahead Rain or Shine! The main deck and upper deck can be enclosed in case of inclement weather.

- **Pêche Island Day** – Derek reported that the date will be Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Unfortunately this is the same day as the air show; therefore, Phil will not be able to attend. Phil commented that he may still be available to participate in volunteer training on the Thursday prior to the event. Phil noted that we end up with a captive audience for a period of time – this is a great opportunity to talk to people about our projects, progress, etc. Karen Cedar, Derek Coronado and Phil Roberts all have experience helping organize Pêche Island Day. Phil suggests having an organizational meeting. Sandra mentions she is aware that in the past there was a live bird demonstration. Pearl commented that last year there was the Question and Answer Game (Do you know your H<sub>2</sub>O?) and Wheel of Fortune wheel. Ian suggests Massassauga Rattle Snake as a possibility for a live animal exhibit.
- **EnviroTips** – nothing to report.
- **DRCC Handout/Brochure** – Sandra reported that we will be making a general information brochure for a handout. This will be a backgrounder on the DRCC. CEA is assisting with this. Derek and Sandra to partner on this. Sandra believes the budget for this is approximately \$1000, but will double check (Note: Project budget is \$1200).

**ACTION:** Marcia, Derek and Sandra to develop and sign a contract for CEA to design the DRCC handout.

*Tom Henderson acts as Chair for the Public Advisory Council Discussion*

#### **6. Windsor Essex Parkway Construction – compensation for lost PSW**

Phil reported that the Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) had a workshop which members of the PAC and Sandra attended. He explained to the WEMG the importance of ecological linkages in the area, in particular the links of LaSalle woodlot to Spring Garden, Oakwood Bush to Spring Garden, connecting larger drains, connection to the hydro corridor and Ojibway through the parkway as it approaches the plaza area and the Detroit River. Additionally at the WEMG workshop the role of paid volunteers and citizen scientists was discussed, as a means to collect and provide native seeds. The WEMG has still not formed a plan for the compensation of Provincially Significant Wetland PSW (PSW). A senior ecologist with the WEMG is challenging a portion of the PSW designation and the WEMG are going to review the designation through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR). The PAC should take advantage of this opportunity to motivate the Province, and present the issues to the Province in addition to WEMG. Gord suggested seeking legal advice. Marcia noted that we need to examine the conditions of the permit and the legislation. Phil noted that the fencing is a condition of the D – Permit, as is the relocation of native plants. This is precedent setting; however, the WEMG is still determining how to follow all the regulations required by the permits. The PAC issue is that there is still opportunity to design and construct the infrastructure to make the ecological linkages requested, and the permits are secondary to that concern. Phil commented that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is the lead, while Infrastructure Ontario is like the purchasing department. Sandra commented that her impression at the WEMG workshop was that the design of the parkway will not be changed. Phil explained that the project was a 'design-build' project. Mike suggested contacting local politicians, who can then bring our issues to Ministry employees. The PAC can let local politicians know that the PAC can assist, but that we are frustrated by the signs that indicate ecological value will be lost. Mike suggested creating a work group to get together to develop strategies for action and write a letter. Derek noted we should use the language in the permits to support our arguments. A Letter Writing sub-committee was formed including Derek, Phil, Marcia, Dave, Mike, Tom and Sandra.

**ACTION:** Derek, Phil, Marcia, Dave, Mike, Tom and Sandra will meet Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Airport Meeting room to develop a letter to send to local politicians to outline the ecological linkages that should be included in the design of the Windsor-Essex Parkway.

**ACTION:** PAC members not on the Writing Sub-Committee can provide ideas/comments for consideration to Sandra before the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **7. Zoning change of City Lands – Ojibway Shores**

The PAC would like to see a zoning change from Port Industrial to Natural Heritage for Ojibway Shores land. Andrew Dowie (City of Windsor) reported he is working for Mrs. Helga Riedel the Chief Administrative Office for the City, and that he has been assigned to the file regarding the zoning change. Mrs. Riedel does want the issue resolved one way or another. Action is being taken; the issue has not been forgotten. The internal staff members have met to discuss the zoning issue. Any comments can be shared with Andrew via email at adowie@city.windsor.on.ca and he will report them to the internal committee and Mrs. Riedel. Phil added that the PAC would be able to speak to this issue. The letter supporting the zoning change was written. Phil noted that we have identified a number of challenges as well. Perhaps a member of the PAC and a member from the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) could meet with Andrew and the Committee to assist and move forward with the report. WECEC and PAC could go in front of council and support the report from administration. This would make the report more powerful. If there is still an opportunity to do that, how do we manoeuvre ourselves into that position? Andrew reported that there has been a change and Planning Advisory Council has been replaced by another committee made up of 5 councillors and 3 members of the public.

#### **8. Extension of Lauzon Parkway and effect on Little River**

One workshop has been held, and another one will be held. They are inviting comments from the public. Ian noted that this is the first time that MTO has approached the public for input. Ian drafted a letter and it was sent on outlining the recommendations of the Little River Enhancement Group. The PCA should follow up by attending open houses and workshops. Dave, Tom and Ian have been attending and will continue to attend. They have reviewed the materials distributed at these workshops and will be providing comments that are in line with the recommendations. It was suggested that the airport woodlots be joined. It looks like they are going to realign the channel of Little River. The PAC has suggested that they create wetlands for storm water overflow into these areas, a recreation trail joining the Ganatcho Trail with the Chrysler Canada Greenway, preserve and protect existing flora/fauna. Phil and others will meet with the company that will be doing the ecological portion of the EA. Phil added that the Airport's Master Plan is in its draft final and that the DRCC will get an invitation to it the date is approximately June 10<sup>th</sup>. (Note: Date is May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm)

#### **9. Suggestions to senior government on both sides of the Detroit River about monitoring the river in light of the nuclear disaster in Japan**

Tom suggested the discussion of environmental monitoring of chemical residuals from Japan nuclear disaster. He questioned if the PAC would like to pursue this issue. Tom asked if anyone was aware if there were any plans to do any monitoring in the Detroit River. Derek noted that the MOE and the EPA monitored and concluded that there were isotopes from Japan in Ontario already. The EPA has detected it all across the United States. Gord would like senior levels of government to monitor the mercury being deposited in Lake St. Clair, etc. currently. Derek notes that the real-time monitoring on the US side is about to be de-funded. Derek commented that if the US side loses funding, the Canadian side may follow suit, therefore we may want to take action on that.

**ACTION: Derek to forward the report regarding loss of funding for real-time monitoring of Lake St. Clair by the U.S.**

#### **10. Doug Haffner's presentation to City Council re: research aquarium at GLIER**

Tom explained that at a City Council Budget Meeting Doug Haffner presented to Council about the possible research aquarium projected that it would cost \$100 million. Derek noted that Council decided that there will be an administrative report on this. Phil commented that this is something that the DRCC should support. Once we have the report in hand, the DRCC should respond. Pearl noted that the Science Centre has had discussions with the Mayor regarding an aquarium. Andrew advised that the administrative report will be available mid to late June.

### 11. Update on Draft Stage 2 Report

Sandra reported that the Stage 2 Report is with the IJC. Bruce Kirschner phoned at the beginning of May and said that we will have it in a month. We are hoping to still go ahead with the June release date. After IJC approval, it goes to the Commissioners for final approval which will take another one or two weeks. There is the possibility of they will approve it at the June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting in Windsor.

### 12. Other Business –

- John Hartig's newly published book "Burning Rivers" is available for \$35 each. He could bring some to sell at our Annual Meeting
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – 4pm is the Airport Master Plan meeting at the Airport.
- Stormwater Retention Basin has to be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- Derek reported the International Roundtable on Nuclear Threats is occurring Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm, at Henry Ford Community College, Department of Engineering. Speakers include Edwards, Keegan, Lloyd, Kamps, Law. This event costs \$25.00 and includes lunch.
- Nuclear Shipment Update – Derek will provide additional details via email
- Davis Besse Renewal of Operating Permit – is being challenged by a number of organizations, including the CEA. They contested the involvement of CEA and other organizations; however CEA and the other organization are allowed to be involved. 2 contentions were approved. The next step in the process is another hearing...stay tuned. The 70 page ruling is available online.

### 13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

**Appendix A**  
***Meeting Attendance***  
**EPI/PAC Meeting – Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Marcia Valiante	Chair – Education and Public Involvement Work Group
Tom Henderson	Chair – Public Advisory Council
Gord Harding	Vice Chair – Public Advisory Council
Pearl Bradd	Public Advisory Council Member
Derek Coronado	Citizens Environment Alliance
Rick Coronado	Windsor and District Labour Council
David Munro	Public Advisory Council Member
Ian Naisbitt	Little River Enhancement Group
Phil Roberts	Essex Count Field Naturalists' Club
Al Stephens	Public Advisory Council Member
Pete Thomas	CAW Local 200 Computers for Kids
Mike Walsh	Public Advisory Council Member

**Resource**

Sandra Hogan	Acting RAP Coordinator
Kris Ives	Assistant
Andrew Dowie	City of Windsor

**Regrets**

Natalie Green	RAP Coordinator – on Maternity Leave
Caroline Biribauer	Essex Region Conservation Authority
Karina Richters	City of Windsor
Chris Vilag	City of Windsor
Brett Groves	Essex County Stewardship Network
Natalie Champagne	Ministry of the Environment
Tina Romaneh	Environment Canada