



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2021, 4:30 pm

Location: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EssexOntario>

This meeting was hosted and chaired from the Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South, Essex. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Essex Municipal Building not being open to the public at this time, this meeting was only available electronically to the public via livestream on YouTube with delegates as well only being able to participate electronically.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the Ward 1 Southwest Area Stormwater Improvements Environmental Assessment.

Present:

- Mayor Larry Snively
- Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche
- Councillor Joe Garon
- Councillor Morley Bowman
- Councillor Kim Verbeek
- Councillor Steve Bjorkman
- Councillor Sherry Bondy
- Councillor Chris Vander Doelen

Also Present:

- Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer
- Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
- Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
- Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO
- Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Corporate Services and Treasurer
- Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
- Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Snively called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda for March 1, 2021

SP21-03-001

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That the published agenda for the March 1, 2021 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Reports from Administration

RE: Ward 1 Southwest Area Stormwater Improvement Environmental Assessment

4.1 Jian Li, Project Manager and Mike Reaume, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd.

RE: Presentation: Improvements to Essex Ward 1 Southwest Storm Sewer System

Mike Reaume, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd. presented on Improvements to Essex Ward 1 Southwest Storm Sewer System. The Town of Essex experienced widespread complaints regarding basements flooding primarily in Ward 1 south west drainage area during two heavy rainfalls on August 11, 2014 and September 3, 2015. Mr. Reaume stated that the storm infrastructure is not designed for extreme rainfall events and pools significant amount of stormwater on Town streets and that the existing storm sewer system needs to be evaluated to mitigate the risk of flooding and property damaged in Ward 1 Southwest drainage.

Mr. Reaume recommended that the Ward 1 Southwest Storm Sewer system needs to include increased hydraulic capacity of storm sewers. This would replace storm sewer along Centre Street between Hanlan Street and South Talbot Road to provide service to the Centre Street drainage area. Mr. Reaume also recommended construction of storm management ponds such as expanding the Woodview Pond, the Canaan Pond, and creating a new Essex Outlet Pond on the west side of the Essex Pollution Control Plant.

SP21-03-002

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

That the presentation by Jian Li, Project Manager and Mike Reaume, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd., be received.

Carried

4.2 Infrastructure Services-2021-03

Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services presented on the Ward 1 Southwest Area Stormwater Improvements and recommendations. Council initiated the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process on May 15, 2017 to model, evaluate, and provide recommendations for improving deficient areas within the South West area of Ward 1. Mr. Girard stated that the Town was in receipt of some funding to complete phase 1A and all that other phases would be completed as funding becomes available.

SP21-03-003

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded By Councillor Bowman

That Infrastructure Services-2021-03 entitled, "Ward 1 Southwest Area Stormwater Improvements Environmental Assessment" prepared by Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services dated March 1, 2021 be received, and

That Council endorse the recommended plan for the Ward 1 Southwest Area Stormwater Improvements as presented and proposed by Stantec Consulting Ltd., and

That Council approve and direct Administration to proceed with the 30-day public review process for the Southwest Area Stormwater Improvements Environmental Assessment.

Carried

5. Adjournment

SP21-03-004

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:23.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk