



## Emergency Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2020 4 P.M.

Electronic location:

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

### **This meeting is being held electronically during a time of Declared Emergency pursuant to Town of Essex By-Law 1902**

Present: Mayor Larry Snively  
Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche  
Councillor Joe Garon  
Councillor Morley Bowman  
Councillor Kim Verbeek  
Councillor Steve Bjorkman (Joined meeting at 4:04 P.M.)  
Councillor Chris Vander Doelen  
Councillor Sherry Bondy

Also Present: Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO  
Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Corporate Services/Treasurer  
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services  
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk  
Brandi Sieben, Manager, Human Resources

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4 P.M.

### **2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflict of interest noted.

### **3. Adoption of Published Agenda**

#### a) Emergency Council Meeting Agenda

Moved by Councillor Bowman

Seconded by Councillor Verbeek

**(EM2020-06-001) That** the published agenda for the Emergency Meeting of Council, dated June 22, 2020, held to discuss the Colchester Beach and Facilities be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**4. Reports from Administration**

a) Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Chris Nepszy

CAO Verbal Report re: Colchester beach and facilities.

Mr. Nepszy, together with the Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO, Doug Sweet reported to Council on recent issues concerning Colchester Beach and several incidents relating to some of the public not respecting social distancing requirements and guidelines while at the beach. Administration also reported on the fact that non-compliance with parking regulations make the situation more difficult at the beach.

Mr. Sweet further reported that a greater parking enforcement presence together with greater police and/or by-law enforcement at the beach itself will be required. This will likely require changes to the Town’s parking by-laws/regulations together with additional arrangements for staff and/or greater enforcement presence at the beach.

Council then deliberated on the issue of if the beach should remain open or be closed.

Moved by Councillor Bondy

Seconded by Councillor Bjorkman

**(EM20-06-002) That** Council direct Administration to close Colchester Beach until further notice, and that Council re-assess the closure once the Town has had an opportunity to review and enhance its current procedures to encourage beach-goers to follow the physical distancing requirements and recommendations of public health officials so that the beach remains a family friendly destination for residents and visitors.

**Carried**

**5. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Garon

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Meloche

**(EM20-06-003) That** the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 pm.

**Carried**

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MAYOR

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CLERK