



## Special Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 29, 2020 4:30 PM

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**

### 1. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Larry Snively  
Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche  
Ward 1 Councillor Joe Garon  
Ward 1 Councillor Morley Bowman  
Ward 2 Councillor Kim Verbeek  
Ward 3 Councillor Chris Vander Doelen  
Ward 3 Councillor Steve Bjorkman  
Ward 4 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  
Nelson Silveria, Economic Development Officer

### 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### 3. Adoption of Published Agenda

a) Special Council Meeting Agenda for June 29, 2020

Moved by Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded by Councillor Bowman

**(SP20-06-001) That** the published agenda for the June 29, 2020 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

There were no adoption of minutes.

## 5. Public Presentations

There were no adoption of minutes.

## 6. Reports from Administration

- a) Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Verbal Report re: COVID-19 Town Administrative updates to Council.

Mr. Nepszy advised that the Windsor Essex County Health Unit is not doing beach water testing. Mr. Nepszy explained that there is an option for the Town's contractor Ontario Clean Water Agency ("OCWA"), who operates the treatment plants, to do water testing at the Colchester Beach approximately twice per week with the results being available about two days after. The cost will be approximately \$300 a week or \$2500-\$3000 for the summer.

Moved by Councillor Verbeek

Seconded by Councillor Bondy

**(SP20-06-002) That** Council direct administration to extend the scope of Ontario Clean Water Agency's ("OCWA") contract to include twice a week water testing at the Colchester Beach until the end of the summer season.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded by Councillor Bowman

**(SP20-06-003) That** Council direct administration to continue with preparations related to the potential opening of the splash pads with Council to give direction at the July 6, 2020 Council meeting as far as the decision and timing of opening and managing the splash pads available to the public.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded by Councillor Bjorkman

**(SP20-06-004) That** Council approve extending the waiver of penalty and interest on property tax and on water and wastewater until September 30, 2020.

**Carried**

- b) Nelson Silveira, Economic Development Officer

Economic Development 2020-08 re: Business Support during COVID-19 Emergency

Moved by Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded by Councillor Bowman

**(SP20-06-005) That** Economic Development Report 2020-08 entitled “Business Support during COVID-19 Emergency, be supported; and

**That** the recommendations contained therein be approved.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded by Councillor Verbeek

**(SP20-06-006) That** the concept of using parking spaces as additional temporary extensions of business space, in order to assist local businesses as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, be acceptable to Council but not be applied unless:

- 1) A business has indicated it wishes to use such additional temporary business space and such request comes as part of a coordinated request from the Essex BIA and/or the Harrow and Colchester South Chamber of Commerce; and
- 2) Administration has reviewed such request(s) and is satisfied that the request(s) is feasible and/or can be accommodated safely;

and that Administration report back as soon as possible on the feasibility of this request with further recommendations and cost implications.

**Carried**

Moved by Mayor Snively

Seconded by Councillor Bondy

**(SP20-06-007) That** that Council send a letter to Taras Natyshak, Member of Provincial Parliament for Essex, asking Mr. Natyshak if he could read such letter in the House and request the Ontario Government to provide immediate relief and/or financial support in order to assist with the additional financial burdens that Municipalities all across Ontario have had to bear and will continue to bear as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Carried**

## **7. Adjournment**

Moved by

Seconded by

**(SP20-06-008) That** the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 PM

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk