



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

<https://video.isilive.ca/countyofessex/live.html>

- Council:
- Gary McNamara, Warden, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
 - Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
 - Tracey Bailey, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore
 - Tom Bain, Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore
 - Steve Bjorkman, Deputy Mayor - Town of Essex
 - Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
 - Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
 - Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
 - Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
 - Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
 - Richard Meloche, Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Administration:
- Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer
 - Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk
 - Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services
 - Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
 - Kristie Cronin, Director of Human Resources
 - Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
 - Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative and Community Services
 - Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer
 - Jerry Behl, Manager, Transportation Planning and Development

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting held on May 4, 2022.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

5. Recording of Attendance

All members of Council participated in the meeting virtually, via video conferencing from alternate remote locations.

6. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Warden McNamara welcomed the members of County Council, Administration and members of the public and delivered the following greeting:

"Good evening and thank you for joining us remotely this evening. We were hoping to meet in person, but we have had to postpone our first meeting in council chambers at the Civic Centre a bit longer. Thank you to members of council and the public for your patience and perseverance.

This week started with a bang. The prime minister and premier of Ontario were here on Monday for another blockbuster announcement by Stellantis – an investment of 3.6 billion dollars to retool the Windsor and Brampton assembly plants to produce electric vehicles.

Stellantis expects the demand for these new vehicles to require a return to three shifts at the Windsor Assembly Plant. The company is also supercharging its research and development capabilities by establishing its first battery lab in North America in Windsor-Essex.

This announcement was made as preparations get underway on the site of the five-billion-dollar Stellantis-LG Energy Solution EV battery plant.

Stellantis, one of the top ten automakers in the world, has given a huge vote of confidence to Windsor-Essex. It is putting the region at the centre of its plans to build electric vehicles that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transform our transportation systems.

The thousands of new jobs, spinoff investments and business growth created by these multi-billion-dollar investments will benefit every municipality in Essex County. We are grateful to the federal and provincial governments for committing funding and working with the many partners in this region who made this happen.

As I stated last week during my address to the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, the County of Essex is spending millions of dollars to upgrade regional roads to prepare for this growth.

The county is also prepared to step up in other ways to build on this tremendous opportunity and support the businesses that call Windsor-Essex home.

The Chamber is to be commended for its relentless lobbying on behalf of local businesses. Congratulations to the board, members, staff and CEO Rakish Naidu for being recognized by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce with the 2022 Advocacy Award. The Windsor-Essex chamber received this award for its tireless support of local businesses during and after the Ambassador Bridge blockade.

The fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for businesses and residents alike. I want to recognize that this is Mental Health Week. The theme selected by the Canadian Mental Health Association is empathy.

Let's all take some time this week to step into someone else's shoes and see the world from their perspective. Let's stop to reflect, rather than judge, before we weigh in with our own opinions.

Many members of our community are still struggling to recover from the past two years. They need our empathy.

We never know when another disaster can strike us and, while we shouldn't live in fear, we should be prepared for risks we know are common in our region, such as flooding and severe storms.

This is also Emergency Preparedness Week, when we are reminded to plan for these disasters and always have an emergency kit ready. Thank you to County of Essex emergency measures coordinator Dan Metcalfe and his colleagues for all the work they do behind the scenes to make sure we are ready.

Let's heed their advice to be prepared and stay safe in the coming weeks."

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

8. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 20, 2022, Essex County Council - Regular Meeting

096-2022

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

9. Delegations and Presentations

9.1 Enbridge Gas Inc.

Brian Chauvin, Manager, Operations, Essex County/Windsor/Chatham-Kent, Brian Lennie, Senior Advisor, Municipal Affairs, Tammy Mungar, Construction Superintendent, Panhandle Regional Expansion Project to make a presentation to County Council regarding the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project and to request a letter or resolution of support for the project from Council that would be included in the Project's Ontario Energy Board (OEB) application, to be filed in June 2022.

Brian Chauvin provided Council with details of the Expansion Project components. Mr. Chauvin outlined how the project was designed to increase capacity to the region to meet the current and future needs of various sectors of the economy.

Mr. Chauvin explained that the project required approval from the OEB prior to the start of construction. The application for approval was scheduled to be submitted in June 2022. Following approval, the anticipated construction start date was 2023.

094-2022

Moved By Hilda MacDonald

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the delegation from Enbridge Gas Inc. be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

095-2022

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council provide a letter of support for the Panhandle Regional Expansion Project to be included in the Project's Ontario Energy Board (OEB) application, to be filed in June 2022.

Carried

9.2 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Kevin Morse, Health Promotion Specialist, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, and Eric Nadalin, Director, Public Health Programs, to bring forward a proposal for endorsement regarding the Active School Travel Charter.

Kevin Morse provided Council with information regarding the grant received by WECHU from Green Communities Canada (GCC) in December 2020 in the amount of \$60,000. Mr. Morse explained how WECHU used the funds towards a pilot project for safe active transportation systems around six schools throughout Windsor and Essex County.

Mr. Morse further explained the Active School Charter would strengthen regional coordination and collaboration by leverage collective resources to work in tandem with systems in place such as the County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS).

097-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That the delegation from the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

098-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council endorse the Active School Travel Charter for Windsor-Essex County.

Carried

10. Communications

10.1 Correspondence

099-2022

Moved By Crystal Meloche

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for May 4, 2022, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

10.1.1 Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General

April 14, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Modernizing its Emergency Response System](#)

10.1.2 Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat

April 14, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Passes Landmark Legislation to Keep Ontario Open](#)

10.1.3 Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

April 14, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Training Youth in Chatham-Kent for Careers in the Trades](#)

10.1.4 Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

April 14, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Bolsters Support to Get Small Businesses Online](#)

10.1.5 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

[Report on the Progress of Recovery Strategy Implementation for the Pugnose Shiner \(*Notropis anogenus*\) in Canada for the Period 2012 to 2017](#)

10.1.6 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

April 20, 2022 [News Release - Ontario Increasing Investments in Supportive Housing](#)

10.1.7 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

April 20, 2022 [News Release - Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet in Dufferin, Oxford Brant, Perth, Middlesex, Huron and Bruce County](#)

10.1.8 Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

April 22, 2022 [News Release - Ontario Training Nearly 1,500 People for Plumbing and Piping Careers](#)

10.1.9 Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

April 26, 2022 [News Release - Province Supporting Glove Manufacturing Facility in Ontario](#)

10.1.10 Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

April 26, 2022 [News Release - The Ontario Government Continues to Invest in the Province's Auto Parts Supply Chain, Support for innovative projects will increase global competitiveness and further position Ontario as a North American EV hub](#)

10.1.11 Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

April 28, 2022 - [Issue at a Glance: Municipal Reporting Burden](#)

10.1.12 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)

[Conference Information and Registration Notice - May 15, 2022 Early Bird Deadline](#)

10.1.13 Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce

[2022 Business Excellence Awards - May 19, 2022](#)

10.1.14 Garden Council of Canada

[2022 Celebrates the Year of the Garden - Get Involved and Participate](#)

10.1.15 Township of Alnwick Haldimand

Resolution RE Joint and Several Liability

10.1.16 Town of Arnprior

Resolution RE Ukrainian Efforts

10.1.17 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Resolution RE Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group,
Recommendations for Setbacks

10.1.18 Town of Bracebridge

Resolution RE Ontario Land Tribunals and Challenges to
Development

10.1.19 Town of Cochrane

Resolution RE 2022 Year of the Garden

10.1.20 Township of Cramahe

Resolution RE Bill 109, Proposed Changes to the Planning Act

10.1.21 Town of Gravenhurst

Resolution RE Floating Accommodations

10.1.22 Town of Gravenhurst

Resolution RE Russian Sanctions

10.1.23 Town of Gravenhurst

Resolution RE 2022 Year of the Garden

10.1.24 Town of Halton Hills

Resolution RE Build It Right the First Time

10.1.25 Town of LaSalle

Notice of the Termination of an Emergency - Town of LaSalle

10.1.26 Municipality of Leamington

Notice of the Termination of an Emergency - Municipality of
Leamington

10.1.27 Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Resolution RE Build it Right the First Time

10.1.28 Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Resolution RE New Home Tax Rebate Program

10.1.29 City of St. Catharines

Resolution RE Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force
Recommendations

10.1.30 City of Vaughan

Resolution RE Supporting Municipalities as Final Authority for
Development Planning

10.1.31 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 21, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.32 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 26, 2022 - [Call for Nominations: 2022-2024 AMO Board
of Directors](#)

10.1.33 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 28, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.34 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 28, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – 2022 Provincial Budget
and AMO's 2022 Provincial Election Strategy](#)

10.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for consideration for May 4, 2022.

11. Consent Agenda

100-2022

Moved By Hilda MacDonald

Seconded By Tracey Bailey

That the recommendations in the Administrative Reports listed as item(s)
11.1 and 11.2 on the Consent Agenda for May 4, 2022, be approved and
further that the information item listed as item 11.3 on the said Consent
Agenda be received.

Carried

11.1 Approval of Invoices – Legal/Consulting Services

Report number 2022-0504-LCS-R09-DS, Approval of Invoices –
Legal/Consulting Services, dated May 4, 2022, from David Sundin,
County Solicitor

**11.2 Windsor Essex Provincial Offences (POA) Program – 2021
Annual Report**

Report number 2022-0504-FIN-R06-SZ, Windsor Essex Provincial Offences (POA) Program – 2021 Annual Report, dated May 4, 2022 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

11.3 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

Minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting, Warden Gary McNamara, member

12. Reports and Questions

12.1 Essex County Library

Minutes from the March 30, 2022 Essex County Library Board meeting, Deputy Warden, Nelson Santos, Chair

101-2022

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board, dated March 30, 2022 be received.

Carried

12.2 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

Minutes from the March 1, 2022 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board meeting, Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair

102-2022

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority for March 1, 2022 be received.

Carried

12.3 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, Deputy Mayor, Gord Queen, Vice Chair

103-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee, dated March 10, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

12.4 Land Ambulance Cross Border Billing between County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Report number 2022-0504-EMS-R03-BK, Land Ambulance Cross Border Billing between County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent, dated May 4, 2022, from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Mike Galloway provided Council with information regarding the historical relationship with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for land ambulance service in the border sharing area. Mr. Galloway explained that the financial benefit of the Billing Agreement in place under By-law 35-2013 was negligible for both parties.

Mr. Galloway outlined that through consultation with Chatham-Kent, it was the desire of both services to rescind the By-law 35-2013 and enter into a Cross Border Land Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement that would represent a fair and equitable arrangement.

104-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Steve Bjorkman

That Essex County Council receive report 2022-0504-EMS-R003-BK, and endorse the recommendation to adopt a By-law, authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a Cross Border Land Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Essex and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and rescind Bylaw 35-2013 immediately following the said Cross Border Land Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement being executed.

Carried

12.5 County Road 20 and County Road 23 Intersection Analysis

Report number 2022-0504-ISD-R13-JB, County Road 20 and County Road 23 Intersection Analysis, dated May 4, 2022, from Jerry Behl, Manager, Transportation Planning and Development

Jerry Behl provided Council with the report outlining the findings of the intersection analysis of County Road 20 and County Road 23. Mr. Behl offered Council a list of counter measures including signage options and other supplementary visual and audible

warning devices to draw a driver's attention to the two way stop at the intersection.

Mr. Behl reviewed the cost and time to construct each option and discussed the feasibility of the solutions.

105-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Richard Meloche

That Essex County Council receive Report 2022-0504-ISD-R13-JB for information, and further,

That County Council direct Administration implement the following measures at the intersection of County Road 20 and County Road 23:

- To emphasize the two-way stop Administration will install pavement markings stating "STOP AHEAD" and "STOP";
- Installing side mounted flashing beacons above the stop signs;
- Administration will be carryout out a pilot project adding colour and or texture to the road surface in advance of the stop sign.

Carried

13. Unfinished Business

13.1 Impacts of Hwy 3 Construction to County Road 27 and County Road 34 Intersection

Nelson Santos brought forward the potential impacts the Highway 3 expansion could have on the intersection of County Road 27 and County Road 34. Mr. Santos asked Administration to review the sufficiency of the two way stop, given the potential for additional traffic due to the Highway #3 configuration, resulting in some other intersections being closed. He questioned whether a controlled intersection might be needed and whether the Province might provide funding for that, since it would be a result of changes created by Highway #3 reconstruction.

Mike Galloway indicated that Administration would provide an update on local impacts of the Highway 3 project, including this intersection at the next meeting of Council.

14. New Business

There was no new business brought forward at the May 4, 2022 meeting.

15. Adoption of By-Laws

106-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Tom Bain

That By-law 2022-15, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

15.1 By-law Number 2022-15

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex, for May 4, 2022.

16. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for May 4, 2022.

17. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for May 4, 2022 be adjourned at 8:30 PM.

107-2022

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk