



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2024, 5:00 pm

Location: Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South

Present: Mayor Sherry Bondy
Deputy Mayor Rob Shepley
Ward 1 Councillor Joe Garon
Ward 1 Councillor Katie McGuire-Blais
Ward 2 Councillor Kim Verbeek
Ward 3 Councillor Brad Allard
Ward 3 Councillor Jason Matyi
Ward 4 Councillor Rodney Hammond

Also Present: Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer
Joseph Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services
Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services
Diane Emery, Legislative Clerk

This Statutory Meeting is being held to discuss the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment for the Future Essex Sports Field lands.

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

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

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda for January 15, 2024

SP24-01-001

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That the published agenda for the January 15, 2024 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Reports from Administration

5.1 Rita Jabbour, Manager Planning Services

RE: Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment - Future Essex Sports Field Lands

Rita Jabbour, Manager of Planning Services presented Council and the Public with details for a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to incorporate the future Essex Sports Fields lands into the Settlement Area as well as redesignate and rezone the lands from "Agricultural" to "Parks and Open Space" to allow for both public and private recreational uses and facilities.

SP24-01-002

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the presentation from Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services, and correspondence received from circulated agencies, be received.

Carried

6. Public Presentations

6.1 Glen Mills & Ron Mcguire - Essex Ravens Football Club

Delegates Ron Mcguire and Glen Mills expressed their views on sports and recreation amenities in the area and were generally in support of the proposed amendments and look forward to seeing the property be utilized to its highest potential.

SP24-01-003

Moved By Councillor Hammond
Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That the delegation by Glen Mills and Ron Mcguire be received.

Carried

7. Adjournment

SP24-01-004

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley
Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk