



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

April 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  
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services  
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services  
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services

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This meeting was held for the Annual Report to Council from the Integrity Commissioner.

**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 April 15, 2024**

**SP24-04-010**

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

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

**Carried**

**5. Public Presentations**

**5.1 Bruce Elman, Integrity Commissioner**

RE: Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for 2023

Bruce Elman, Integrity Commissioner provided a report on the activities that occurred from January 1 to December 31, 2023. He reported there were three instances of brief service where an individual contacted the Integrity Commissioner, and no formal or informal complaints were initiated or filed. He further reported that there were four formal letters of advice which were issued to two members of Council and two to board members which concerned issues involving Conflicts of Pecuniary Interests. He noted that there were no complaints remaining from 2022 and no complaints filed in 2023. Mr. Elman concluded that it was a very positive year for the Town of Essex.

**SP24-04-011**

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the presentation by Bruce Elman, Integrity Commissioner regarding the Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for 2023 be received.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

**7. Adjournment**

**SP24-04-012**

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 5:14 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk