



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

May 27, 2024, 4:30 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  
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services  
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services  
Norm Nussio, Manager, Operations and Drainage  
David McBeth, Manager, Capital Works & Asset Management  
Nelson Silveira, Manager, Economic Development

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The purpose of this meeting was for a Walk-About in the Essex Centre Downtown Core.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 4:34 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 May 27, 2024**

**SP24-05-013**

Moved By Councillor Allard  
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

**That** the published agenda for the May 27, 2024 Special Council Meeting for the Essex Centre Core Walk-About be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**5. New Business**

Council conducted a walking tour of the Essex Centre downtown core commencing at the Essex Municipal Office and continuing along Talbot Street.

Administration provided Council with a verbal update on the improvements made to the downtown core in Essex Centre. Administration highlighted areas including options for the new flex space and temporary patios, intersection improvements, crosswalks and work to be completed. Administration answered questions from Council members pertaining to various matters throughout the tour.

Councillor Matyi joined the tour at 5:00pm.

**SP24-05-014**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the verbal report be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Adjournment**

**SP24-05-015**

Moved By Councillor Garon  
Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk