



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024, 6:00 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
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
Diane Emery, Customer Service Representative

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The purpose of this meeting was to review the results of the Request for Proposal for Municipal Waste Collection Services.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 13, 2024

SP24-05-006

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the published agenda for the May 13, 2024 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Reports from Administration

5.1 Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services

RE: Municipal Waste Collection Services

Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services explained that in 2022 GFL Environmental was awarded a contract for municipal waste collection services in Essex with an expiry date of May 1, 2024, and no option to renew. She noted that the Town of Essex posted a Request for Proposal that included 2 options for bi-weekly and weekly pickup with the ability to switch options with a 6-month notice period. She stated that in 2025 the Town will mandatorily include the new organics program which will change the landscape of waste collection. Director Giurissevich explained that the garbage collection will remain weekly until at least December 31, 2024, to avoid any drastic change in service levels for residents and to allow the Town more time to seek feedback and gather more information on the introduction of organics. She further explained that the only proposal received was from the existing supplier and Administration recommends that the Town award an 8-year contract to GFL Environmental to protect against the drastic price increases for the collection of garbage. She stated that the expense of waste collection is funded through the garbage levy and to ensure the reserve does not go into a deficit, the average household will see an approximate increase of \$32.26 above the 2023 rate.

Deputy Mayor Shepley brought forth a motion that, since the County of Essex by resolution mandates the Town of Essex to participate in the organics waste collection program, the cost for such should be added to the County of Essex's tax levy.

Council discussed the organics waste program and the municipal waste collection services.

SP24-05-007

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

Whereas on March 16, 2022, Essex County Council determined that all lower-tier municipalities shall participate in the regional organic waste collection and processing program;

And whereas Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority is proposing the level of service be applied to urban and rural areas;

And whereas it is estimated that this service will result in an increase of \$114/year per household for the Town of Essex in the first year of the program;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Essex Council directs Deputy Mayor Shepley to make a Motion at County Council asking that the County Council agree to fund the cost of the regional organic waste collection and processing program through the County of Essex property tax levy. If changes are required to by-laws and agreements to achieve this result, it is requested that the County of Essex

amend these by-laws and agreements as required, such as with EWSWA, City of Windsor, and others.

Carried

SP24-05-008

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That Corporate Services Report-2024-03 entitled Results of Request for Proposal - Municipal Waste Collection Services be received;

That Council award the Request for Proposal for Municipal Waste Collection Services to GFL Environmental Inc. ("GFL") for an 8-year period commencing May 2, 2024 and ending on May 1, 2032, with an option to extend for 2 more years pending acceptable performance, and direct Administration to return with the appropriate by-law for Council's consideration approving the entering into of an agreement for the provision of Municipal Waste Collection Services; and

That the estimated budget overage for the period of 8 months (May 1 to December 31, 2024) be funded from the Garbage Levy and that the Garbage Levy be adjusted from .00104 to .00116, in this fiscal budget year to fund the budget deficit of \$191,849.13 in 2024.

Carried

6. Delegations

7. Adjournment

SP24-05-009

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk