



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2020, 6:00 pm  
Essex Civic Centre  
360 Fairview Avenue West  
Essex, Ontario

**Present:** Mayor Larry Snively  
Ward 1 - Councillor Joe Garon  
Ward 1 - Councillor Morley Bowman  
Ward 2 - Councillor Kim Verbeek  
Ward 3 - Councillor Steve Bjorkman  
Ward 3 - Councillor Chris Vander Doelen  
Ward 4 - Councillor Sherry Bondy

**Regrets:** Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche

**Also Present:** Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO  
Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Corporate Services/Treasurer  
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services  
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Alex Denonville, Manager, Strategic Communications  
Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk  
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services  
Lynn Moroz, Administrative Assistant

Cameron Soucie, Youth Council Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Closed Meeting Report**

The Clerk reported that earlier in the evening Council by motion moved into a Closed Session as permitted under Section 239 2(d) of the Municipal Act. At that meeting Council received an update on the collective agreement negotiations with CUPE and the Town's employees.

- 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

- 4. Adoption of Published Agenda**

**4.1 Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2020**

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**(R20-03-059) That** the published agenda for the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- That Item 15.1.1. Notice of Motion by Councillor Verbeek be deferred to the March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting at the request of Councillor Verbeek, and
- That a Notice of Motion by Councillor Bondy be added to the agenda this evening.

**Carried**

## **5. Adoption of Minutes**

### **5.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman  
Seconded By Councillor Garon

**(R20-03-060) That** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 18, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

## **6. Public Presentations**

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman  
Seconded By Councillor Bowman

**(R20-03-061) That** David Cassidy, President of Unifor Local 444 be allowed to address Council regarding the loss of the third shift at the Windsor Assembly Plant and that such delegation be added as Item 6.2 of the Agenda.

**Carried**

### **6.1 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**

Re: Tracey Pringle, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations

New Assessment Cycle, Timelines

Tracey Pringle, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, appeared before Council to provide information on the Municipal Property Assessment and taxation system. She discussed how they approach value and the 2020 assessment and gave information on the assessment appeal process.

Moved By Councillor Bowman  
Seconded By Councillor Vander Doelen

**(R20-03-062) That** the presentation by Tracey Pringle, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) regarding the new assessment cycle and timelines be received.

**Carried**

## 6.2 Dave Cassidy

Re: Request for an Auto Manufacturing Policy

David Cassidy, President, Unifor Local 444, appeared before Council to speak to the elimination of the third shift at the Windsor Assembly Plant. Mr. Cassidy spoke to the 1,500 jobs that will be lost with this elimination and the effect it will have on the surrounding area's economy. Mr. Cassidy is asking for Council's support for Unifor's request to the Government of Canada for the development of a strategic Canadian Auto Policy in order to support a strong economy and prevent the loss of good paying Canadian jobs.

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**(R20-03-063) Whereas** the Town of Essex supports the development of a strategic Canadian Auto Policy in order to support a strong economy and prevent job loss; and that requirements be placed on firms who enjoy the benefits of tax incentives and other investment attraction efforts to maintain a physical presence in Canada; and

**That** accordingly a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Taras Natyshak, MPP and Chris Lewis, MP.

**Carried**

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**(R20-03-064) That** the presentation given by David Cassidy, President of Unifor Local 444 requesting support for the development of a strategic Canadian Auto Policy be received.

**Carried**

## 7. Unfinished Business

## 8. Reports from Administration

### 8.1 Community Services-2020-003

Re: Rename Essex Community Centre to Maedel Community Centre

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**(R20-03-065)** That Council defer Community Services Report 2020-003, entitled "Rename Essex Community Centre to Maedel Community Centre", prepared by Doug Sweet, Director of Community Services/Deputy CAO, dated March 2, 2020 and the renaming of the Essex Community Centre at 25 Gosfield Townline for one month until public input that been achieved.

**Carried**

## **8.2 Planning Report 2020-04**

Re: 183043 Ontario Limited Rezoning Application

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**(R20-03-066) That** Planning Report "Planning 2020-04, entitled "183043 Ontario Limited Rezoning Application" prepared by Jeff Watson, Policy Planner, dated March 2, 2020, be received; and

That Council authorize the submission of a rezoning by-law for approval by Council to permit multiple unit dwellings within the lands identified as the Gianni Estates subdivision located east of Gosfield Townline and west of Fairview Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of Development Services Department as set out in Appendix "A" to Planning Report 2020-04.

**Carried**

## **8.3 Communications Report 2020-01**

Re: Launch of EssexWorks Online Report a Problem System for Citizens

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Bowman

**(R20-03-067) That** Communications Report 2020-01 and presentation entitled "Launch of EssexWorks, Online Report a Problem System for Citizens" prepared by Alex Dennonville, Manager, Communications, dated March 2, 2020 be received for information.

**Carried**

## **8.4 Legal and Legislative Services Report 2020-01**

Re: Regular Council Meeting Live Streaming and Webcasting

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**(R20-03-068) That** the Legal and Legislative Services Report 2020-01 entitled "Regular Council Meeting Live Streaming and Webcasting" prepared by Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, dated March 2, 2020 be received; and

That Council direct Administration to enter into a 3-month trial with existing service provider to conduct a 3-month trial of their livestreaming/webcasting services and after such trial period, assess and report back to Council; and

That Administration research the Closed Captioning requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAB) 2.0 Level AA that must be compiled with by January 1, 2021 and report back to Council on options together with the financial implications of ensuring compliance with those legislative requirements.

**Carried**

**9. Reports from Youth Members**

There were no reports from the Council Youth Members.

**10. County Council Update**

There were no updates on County Council.

**11. Correspondence**

**11.1 Correspondence to be received**

Moved By Councillor Bowman  
Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**(R20-03-069) That** correspondence listed in Agenda Item 11.1 be received and, where indicated, to further share such information with the community using suitable methods of communication.

**Carried**

**11.1.1 Union Water Supply System**

Re: Joint Board of Management Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Meeting.

**11.1.2 Town of Lakeshore - Notice of Proposed Zoning Amendment**

Re: ZBA-18-2019  
499 Talbot Road (County Rd. 34) and 581 North Talbot Road

**11.1.3 Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce**

Re: Essex Climate Adaption Team (ECAT)

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen  
Seconded By Councillor Bowman

**(R20-03-070) That** Bill Baker, Vice President of the Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce be permitted to address Council.

**Carried**

Mr. Baker spoke of the disappointment of the Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce upon learning that a representative from their organization had not been chosen to sit on the Essex Climate Adaption Team (ECAT) Committee. He felt that it was important the industrial sector of Essex and the businesses have input into the decisions and the recommendations that were being made by this Committee.

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen  
Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**(R20-03-071) That** Bill Baker be appointed to sit as a representative of the Harrow & Colchester South Chamber of Commerce on the Essex Climate Adaption Team (ECAT) and that the ECAT Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

**Carried**

**11.2 Correspondence to be considered for receipt and support**

**12. Committee Meeting Minutes**

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**(R20-03-072) That** the minutes in agenda item 12, together with any recommendations noted therein, approved and adopted as circulated.

**12.1 Co-An Park Committee Regular Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2020**

- Co-An Costing of February 3, 2020

**12.2 Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee - February 12, 2020**

**12.3 Essex Police Services Board - January 9, 2020**

**Carried**

**13. Financial**

**14. New Business**

**15. Notices of Motion**

**15.1 The following Notice of Motion was presented at the February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and is being brought forward for consideration this evening:**

**15.1.1 Councillor Kim Verbeek**

Re: Installation of Surveillance Cameras at Co An Park as soon as possible

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

That Council discuss and have administration look into the possibility of having surveillance cameras installed at Co An Park.

Councillor Verbeek requested that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the March 16th, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

**15.2 The following Notice of Motion was presented at the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and is being brought forward for consideration at the March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

**15.2.1 Councillor Bondy**

Re: Open Mic Night

That Council support a spring and fall open mic night.

**15.2.2 Councillor Bjorkman**

Re: ERCA

That the Council of the Town of Essex discuss ways to appropriate the funds through but not limited to the sale of existing properties including a part of the Colchester School House Property or other developable properties in Colchester; and

Whereas The Town of Essex wishes to have a Tourist Information Centre in the south end of town, preferably on County Road 50, and

Whereas the businesses, wineries, restaurants, artists, gift shops, outfitters, golf courses, B & B's breweries, on farm retailers, flower shops, orchards, bike rentals, tour operators, etc. will benefit from the added exposure, and

Whereas the preferred location being the Old Schoolhouse in Colchester Village is years and hundreds of thousands of dollars away from use as a Tourist Information Centre; and

Whereas this Council of the Town of Essex understands that residential and commercial development in the south end of the town is accelerating;

Therefore the Council of the Town of Essex resolves to donate \$100,000.00 to the John R. Park Homestead Education Centre in return for a designated Tourist Information Centre named for the Town of Essex.

## **16. Reports and Announcements from Council Members**

Each of the Council members were provided an opportunity to discuss the latest news, upcoming events, and activities in the municipality.

## **17. By-Laws**

### **17.1 By-Laws that require a third and final reading**

#### **17.1.1 By-Law 1888**

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex.

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen  
Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**(R20-03-073) That** By-Law 1888 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex be read a third and final time and adopted on March 2, 2020.

**Carried**

### **17.2 By-Laws that require a first, second, third and final reading**

#### **17.2.1 By-Law 1890**

Being a by-law to appoint Director, Infrastructure Services for the Town of Essex.

Moved By Councillor Garon  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**(R20-03-074) That** By-Law 1890 being a by-law to appoint Director, Infrastructure Services for the Town of Essex be read a first, second and a third time and finally passed on March 2, 2020.

**Carried**

**17.3 By-Laws that require a first and second reading**

**17.3.1 By-Law 1893**

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 2, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex.

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman  
Seconded By Councillor Bowman

**(R20-03-075) That** By-Law 1893, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex, be read a first and a second time and provisionally adopted on March 2, 2020.

**Carried**

**18. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen  
Seconded By Councillor Garon

**(R20-03-076) That** the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk