



The Corporation of the Town of Essex
Special Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020, 4:30 pm
Location: Zoom Video Conferencing

Present: Mayor Larry Snively
Councillor Joe Garon
Councillor Morley Bowman
Councillor Kim Verbeek
Councillor Steve Bjorkman
Councillor Sherry Bondy
Councillor Chris Vander Doelen

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche

Also Present: Chris Nepszy, Director, Infrastructure Services
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO
Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Corporate Services/Treasurer
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services
Robert Auger, Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services/Town Solicitor
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
Niharika Bandaru, Climate Change Analyst

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda for September 21, 2020

SP20-09-001

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

That the published agenda for the September 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Reports from Administration

4.1 Council Update on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan

a) Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services provided Council with an overview of the presentation outlining the status and next steps of the Climate Change Adaption Plan.

b) Niharika Bandaru, Climate Change Analyst presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council that provided a background of the Climate Adaption Plan (CCAP). Ms. Bandaru explained the Vision Statement for the CCAP and how the Plan assesses climate impacts. Ms. Bandaru outlined the tasks that have been completed to date including impact, vulnerability and risk assessments. Ms. Bandaru explained the current tasks for the Plan that include finalizing objectives, setting goals and action items and assigning tools and program. Ms. Bandaru detailed what the next steps are stating that a reporting system, gap analysis and prioritization schedule will be developed resulting in a draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP). Ms. Bandaru explained the timeline for implementation that commences in January 2021 where the CCAP will be presented to Council, subsequently followed by adoption of the Plan by Council. Once adopted, the Plan will be implemented and ongoing updates will be provided through a reporting system.

c) Councillor Bjorkman stated that as we are in the stage of identifying solutions and objectives he would like to know what the timeline is once the objectives are isolated and the next steps are identified. Councillor Bjorkman further stated that he would like to be included in the communication prior to going to the final report so he can add his comments and suggestions prior to the draft plan. Councillor Bjorkman suggested that comments and suggestions be submitted through Councillor Verbeek.

d) Councillor Vander Doelen stated that he too would like to be included so he could make comment and suggestions.

e) Councillor Verbeek clarified that council will be asked to review in January prior to the final report in February.

f) Lori Chadwick, Director, Infrastructure Services stated that Council will have opportunity to look at what budget impacts will be and that there will be nothing included in the upcoming budget as they need to find out what are the action items and then they will figure out what the costs of the implications will be and in 2022 they will be able to roll that potentially into some short-term and long-term solutions and find out what those implications are. The plan will be presented in January and if not ready for adoption in February it will wait for final revisions.

R20-09-002

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

That the presentation entitled "Council Update on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan" be received.

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

SP20-09-003

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk