



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

October 19, 2020, 5:00 pm

Location: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EssexOntario>

Present: Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche  
Councillor Joe Garon  
Councillor Morley Bowman  
Councillor Kim Verbeek  
Councillor Sherry Bondy  
Councillor Chris Vander Doelen

Absent: Mayor Larry Snively  
Councillor Steve Bjorkman

Also Present: Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk  
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services  
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO  
Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Corporate Services and Treasurer  
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services  
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Leonardo Gil, Project Manager, Social Policy and Planning, City of Windsor  
Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Essex

**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**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 October 19, 2020**

**SP20-10-007**

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** the published agenda for the October 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

## **4. Public Presentations**

### **4.1 Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

- Mr. Leonardo Gil, Project Manager, Social Policy and Planning, City of Windsor, and
- Mr. Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Essex

Mr. Gil provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The presentation was an overview of the legislative requirements and defined what the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) is outlining key project updates and project methodologies.

Councillor Bondy stated that there is a need for mental health services and suggested that information be placed on the Town's website as a quick link for residents to access those services.

Deputy Mayor Meloche stated that he agreed with Councillor Bondy regarding information pertaining to mental health services on the Town's website.

Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Essex, stated that the county municipalities will be engaged to help develop the priorities for municipalities. Mr. Maisonville further stated that issues such as mental health, although it is a community specific, is a regional issue as well and the tools that are being developed including the online capabilities will be available for everyone to use. Mr. Maisonville advised that this is a living document that is just getting started and is meant to be updated.

Deputy Mayor Meloche stated that there are a lot of church groups in the Town that provide various services and inquired whether they were included in asset map included the report.

Leonardo Gil advised that they are currently updating the asset map to include places of worship available.

Deputy Mayor Meloche asked if groups that are not currently included could reach out to Mr. Gil to be included.

Leonardo Gil stated that an enhanced sector notification list will be sent to each municipality so that the municipalities can provide a list of contacts to be contacted and notified about the online surveys and the virtual town halls. Mr. Gil stated that this is a method that they hope will help broaden their scope and ability to engage groups.

#### **SP20-10-008**

Moved By Councillor Bondy

Seconded By Councillor Bowman

**That** the presentation entitled Community Safety and Well-Being Plan presented by Leonardo Gil, Project Manager, Social Policy and Planning, City of Windsor, be received.

**Carried**

5.     **Adjournment**

**SP20-10-009**

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Vander Doelen

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:49 pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk