



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

August 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

Location: Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South and by livestream at  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/EssexOntario>

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  
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services  
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services  
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services  
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services  
Colin Pyne, Youth Council Member  
Lauryn Smith, Youth Council Member  
Cassandra Roy, Legislative Clerk  
Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services  
Kevin Carter, Manager, Building Services/Chief Building Official  
Mike Diemer, By-Law Enforcement Officer  
David McBeth, Manager, Capital Works & Asset Management  
Rob Mackie, Manager, Environmental Services  
Erica Tilley, Assistant Manager, Capital Works & Asset Management

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. National Anthem**

**Moment of Silence**

- A moment of silence was observed in honour of the recent passing of Councillor Patrick "Paddy" Bryne of Lakeshore and Jaida Chartier the daughter of Essex firefighter Brandon Chartier.

**4. Closed Meeting Report**

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

**6. Adoption of Published Agenda**

**6.1 Regular Council Meeting Agenda for August 12, 2024**

**R24-08-320**

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**That** the published agenda for the August 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**7. Adoption of Minutes**

**7.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2024**

**R24-08-321**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 15, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**7.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2024**

RE: Amendments respecting Housing Regulations

**R24-08-322**

Moved By Councillor Matyi

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 21, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**7.3 Special Council Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2024**

RE: Committee of the Whole

**R24-08-323**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

**That** the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held June 10, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **7.4 Special Council Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024**

RE: Water and Wastewater Study

**R24-08-324**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held June 17, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

### **8. Public Presentations**

#### **8.1 Carmen White**

RE: Domestic Chickens

Carmen White explained a new pilot program that could be implemented in the community to benefit residents and create revenue for the Town by allowing residents in Town to have urban domestic chickens. She stated that there are many benefits of chickens, and their companionship can support positive emotional and mental health. She explained that the Town could generate income by providing a permit process with safety measures such as providing proof of vaccinations and providing proof of adequate housing which would include yearly inspections.

Kevin Carter, Manager, Chief Building Official, stated that there is a by-law restricting chickens (livestock) in certain zoning districts that includes residential areas.

Lori Chadwick, Director, Infrastructure Services clarified that although chickens are restricted in urban areas, they are permitted in Pleasant Valley which is a residential district in the Town.

A motion to direct Administration to prepare a report regarding domestic chickens was brought forth and subsequently failed.

**R24-08-325**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** the delegation by Carmen White regarding domestic chickens be received.

**Carried**

##### **8.1.1 Correspondence from Lorraine Geelen**

RE: Domestic Chickens

### **9. Unfinished Business**

## **10. Reports from Administration**

### **10.1 Building and By-law Enforcement-2024-04**

RE: Bi-Annual By-Law Enforcement Report

Mike Diemer, By-Law Enforcement Officer stated that the purpose of the report was to illustrate the enforcement conducted amongst various municipal by-laws between January and June 2024. He stated that a total of 316 issues were reported, and 298 issues were resolved, with the remaining 18 issues being actively investigated. He further explained the method of complaints and stated that property standards had the most violations reported. He noted that the property standards by-law has a wide range of offences; however, the main offences consist of tall grass/weeds and exterior property debris.

Kevin Carter, Manager, Chief Building Inspector, highlighted that By-Law enforcement in the Town has been proactive by 251 percent.

#### **R24-08-326**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** Building and By-Law Enforcement Report-2024-04 entitled Bi-Annual By-Law Enforcement Report prepared by Mike Diemer, By-Law/Property Standards Officer dated August 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

### **10.2 Community Services-2024-32**

RE: Revised Lease Agreement with Chittle Sports Academy at the Essex Centre Sports Complex

Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services, stated that this revised lease agreement eliminates Defined Fitness, extends the length of the lease term to a three-year lease with the option to extend another three years, removes the 20 feet that Essex 73's currently utilize, increases the cost per square foot to \$6 and each September an increase in the lease based on the Consumer Price Index will be imposed.

Director Morassut stated that Administration discussed various concerns with representatives from the Essex 73's that were not listed in the lease agreement as they were operational in nature or did not pertain to Chittle Sports Academy's lease agreement. He noted that Administration felt that it would not be fair to restrict Chittle Sports Academy from operating their business during the Essex 73's games. Chittle Sports Academy has agreed to permit a 5-foot walk space to allow the Essex 73's to transport their equipment.

Pat Chittle, on behalf of Chittle Sport Academy, explained that he fully supports the Essex 73's and there will be no denial of access however, the stated request for blackout times is not realistic especially during a practice night. He stated that he wants to help support the success of both organizations.

Council discussed the particulars of the agreement and expressed concerns that both parties were not in complete agreement.

**R24-08-327**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley  
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** Community Services Report-2024-32 entitled Revised Lease Agreement with Chittle Sports Academy at the Essex Centre Sports Complex prepared by Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services dated August 12, 2024, be received; and

**That** the lease of the storage rooms by Chittle Sports Academy at the Essex Centre Sports Complex be extended for a period of 60 days; and

**That** the lease for workout space at the Essex Centre Sports Complex with Pat Chittle, operating as Chittle Sports Academy, to operate within the Libro Rink Hallway be deferred to allow for additional time for all parties to further communicate and agree on the terms of the lease.

**Carried**

**R24-08-328**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley  
Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**That** Council accept the delegation from the floor by Patrick Chittle, Chittle Sports Academy.

**Carried**

10.2.1 Delegation - Kris Wojnarowki, Essex 73's Junior Hockey

Kris Wojnarowki, Essex 73's Junior Hockey explained that he is opposed to a full-time business operating in the Essex Centre Sports Complex hallway. He noted that the Essex 73's have met with the Town and Chittle Sports Academy regarding this agreement and their concerns were not addressed in the lease agreement. He explained that they requested Chittle Sports Academy to be responsible in full for the cost of the construction of the proposed wall, have keys to access the hallway, have a fully operational camera within its area and access to 5 feet through that hallway for game days and practices. Essex 73's additionally requested that Chittle Sports Academy does not conduct business one hour prior to the Essex 73's game until one hour after the conclusion of a game and 30 minutes prior to a practice until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the practice.

**10.3 Planning-2024-21**

RE: Heritage Designation for Various Properties within the Town of Essex

Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services presented the by-laws of the various properties in the Town of Essex that Council authorized the Notice of Intention to Designate at the Regular Council Meeting of June 17, 2024.

**R24-08-329**

Moved By Councillor Garon  
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** Planning Report-2024-21 entitled Heritage Designation for Various Properties within the Town of Essex prepared by Rita Jabbour, RPP, Manager, Planning Services dated August 12, 2024, be received.

**Carried**

**R24-08-330**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** By-Law Number 2354, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 49 Talbot Street South (Essex United Church in Essex Centre) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, be read a first and a second time and be provisionally adopted on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**R24-08-331**

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** By-Law Number 2358, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 103 King Street West (John McIntyre's Harness Shop in Harrow) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, be read a first and a second time and be provisionally adopted on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**R24-08-332**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** the following By-Laws, being By-Laws to designate certain properties within the Town of Essex under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value or interest, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024:

1. **By-Law Number 2350**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 190 Bagot Street (Christ Church in Colchester)
2. **By-Law Number 2351**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 0 Sullivan Street (Christ Church Cemetery in Colchester)
3. **By-Law Number 2352**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 179 County Road 50 (John Snider House)
4. **By-Law Number 2353**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 120 Talbot Street North (Grace Baptist Church in Essex)

5. **By-Law Number 2355**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 54 Talbot Street South (Dr. Robert B. Potts House in Essex Centre)
6. **By-Law Number 2356**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 138 Albert Street (Charles Roberts House in Essex Centre)
7. **By-Law Number 2357**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 0 County Road 12 (African Methodist Episcopal/New Canaan Cemetery)
8. **By-Law Number 2359**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 4005 County Road 11 (Central Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church)
9. **By-Law Number 2360**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 11 King Street West (E.F. Darby's Drugstore in Harrow)
10. **By-Law Number 2361**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 3 King Street west (John McAfee's General Store in Harrow)
11. **By-Law Number 2362**, being a By-Law to designate the property municipally known as 44 King Street East (Former Harrow Municipal Building)

**Carried**

#### **10.4 Planning-2024-20**

RE: Request for Notice of Intention to Designate for Various Properties within the Town of Essex

Rita Jabbour, Manager, Planning Services presented an overview of a new list of various properties in the Town of Essex eligible for Heritage Designation and noted the properties historical/associative value and contextual value.

Mayor Bondy left the meeting during the presentation at 7:41 PM and returned at 7:43 PM.

Councillor McGuire-Blais requested that a report from Administration regarding this property be brought back for Council's consideration.

Director Chadwick advised that, if possible, Administration would disclose a copy of the engineering report regarding the structural integrity of the building.

Director Chadwick further advised that Administration will provide the notice to evict and information on the heritage review which will outline the benefits of Heritage Designation.

Council deferred the decision to designate the property at 18 Talbot Street North (Imperial Bank of Canada).

#### **R24-08-333**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** Planning Report-2024-20 entitled Request for Notice of Intention to Designate for Various Properties within the Town of Essex prepared by Rita Jabbour, RPP, Manager, Planning Services dated August 12, 2024 be received;

**That** Council defer the decision to designate Item 2. - 18 Talbot Street North (Imperial Bank of Canada); and

**That** Council authorize the 'Notice of Intention to Designate' in accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for the properties municipally known as:

1. 400 County Road 13 (Klie Farm)
3. 94 Talbot Street South (Arthur Raines House)
4. 98 Talbot Street South (Essex United Church Manse)
- 5.102 Talbot Street South (Victorian House)
6. 21 King Street East (Robert Heaton Building)
7. 22 King Street West (I.O.O.F. Building)
8. 314 Queen Street (Station Master's House)
9. 0 County Road 11 (Gilgal Cemetery)
10. 0 Ferriss Road (Ferriss Cemetery)

**Carried**

#### **10.5 Drainage-2024-06**

RE: Appointment of an Engineer under Section 78 and 76 of the Drainage Act to review the 4th Concession Road Drain South Side

##### **R24-08-334**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** Drainage Report-2024-06 entitled Appointment of an Engineer under Section 78 and 76 of the Drainage Act to review the 4th Concession Road Drain South Side prepared by Lindsay Dean, Drainage Superintendent dated August 12, 2024, be received; and

**That** Council appoint R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. under Section 78 and 76 of the Drainage Act to review the 4<sup>th</sup> Concession Road Drain South Side.

**Carried**

#### **10.6 Environmental Services-2024-04**

RE: Harrow-Colchester Water Supply Model Results

##### **R24-08-335**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**That** Environmental Services Report-2024-04 entitled, Harrow-Colchester South Water Supply System Model Results prepared by Rob Mackie, Manager, Environmental Services August 12, 2024, be received for information.



**10.7 Environmental Services-2024-05**

RE: Lakeshore-Essex Fringe Sanitary Servicing Study

**R24-08-336**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** Environmental Services Report-2024-05 entitled, Lakeshore-Essex Fringe Sanitary Servicing Study prepared by Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services dated August 12, 2024 be received; and

**That** Council appoint Stantec Consulting Ltd. to provide engineering services to complete the feasibility study to service the Essex Fringe area of the Municipality of Lakeshore with wastewater servicing in accordance with the completed request under Section 22 of the Town of Essex Procurement By-Law 2129 for a total cost of \$27,500 including non-refundable HST, to be paid for fully by the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Carried

**10.8 Capital Works and Asset Management-2024-10**

RE: Trees in Developments and Tree Request Policy

David McBeth, Manager, Capital Works and Asset Management, proposed amendments to the Development Standards Manual which includes allowing trees every 12 metres rather than one tree per lot, having the Town of Essex be responsible for planting trees rather than the developer, and having the developers pay a “per tree” rate to the Town of Essex. He advised that Council direct Administration to prepare a policy which will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 2024.

**R24-08-337**

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** Capital Works and Asset Management Report-2024-10 entitled Trees in Developments and Tree Request Policy prepared by David McBeth, Manager, Capital Work and Asset Management dated August 12, 2024 be received; and

**That** Council approve the following changes effective immediately, to the Development Standards Manual regarding trees in new developments, which will be updated in the next iteration of the manual:

- Change the requirement from 1 tree per lot to trees being planted every 12m along each side of the right of way.
- Add that the Town of Essex will take over the responsibility for planting the trees in new developments.
- Add that the developers are to pay (by cash or cheque) for the number of trees required by the annual average tree price rounded to the nearest \$25, including non-refundable Harmonized Sales Tax (\$1,050 per tree in

2024) to the Town of Essex at the time of submission of development securities.

**That** Council direct Administration to create a Tree Planting Request Policy for residents looking for a tree to be planted in front of their property in the Town's right-of-way.

**Carried**

#### **10.9 Capital Works and Asset Management-2024-11**

RE: Asset Management Policy

##### **R24-08-338**

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** Capital Works and Asset Management Report-2024-11 entitled, Asset Management Policy by Erica Tilley, Assistant Manager, Capital Work and Asset Management dated August 12, 2024 be received; and

**That** Council adopt the policy attached hereto titled, Asset Management Policy.

**Carried**

#### **10.10 Recreation and Culture-2024-03**

RE: Reallocation of Mural Funds

##### **R24-08-339**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** Recreation and Culture Report-2024-08-03 entitled Reallocation of Mural Funds prepared by Cynthia Cakebread dated August 12, 2024, be received;

**That** Council approve the reallocation of unused mural project funds from CS-22-0058 in the amount of \$7,622.00 and CS-23-0035 in the amount of \$10,000.00 to instead be used for the rehabilitation of the Liberation Mural located at 103 Talbot St. N (attached to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 201); and

**That** any remaining unused funds be reallocated to CS-24-0002 Art Installation by December 2024.

**Carried**

#### **10.11 Community Services-2024-30**

RE: Co-An Park Master Plan

Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services, explained that the Co-An Master Plan presented was created based on the survey results and public feedback. He noted that if this is approved, Essex will work with Amherstburg to design a new playground that was approved in the 2024 budget deliberations. He advised that any future projects will be subjected to the regular budgeting process with the Town of Essex and Town of Amherstburg.

**R24-08-340**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** Community Services Report-2024-30 entitled Co-An Park Master Plan, prepared by Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services, dated August 12, 2024, be received;

**That** Council approve the Master Plan for Co-An Park, as presented; and

**That** Council direct Administration to update and negotiate the agreements that govern the operational use, capital investment, service delivery and programming of Co-An Park with the Town of Amherstburg, including any sub agreements required with the Essex County Steam and Gas Museum and the Co-An Park Board.

**Carried**

**10.12 Community Services-2024-31**

RE: Arena Canteen Lease Agreement

**R24-08-341**

Moved By Councillor Matyi  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** Community Services Report-2024-31 entitled Arena Canteen Lease Agreement prepared by Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services dated August 12, 2024, be received;

**That** the Council approve entering into a lease agreement with M&M Concessions for leased space at 243 McAfee Street in Harrow and 60 Fairview Avenue West in Essex Centre for a three-year term, commencing September 1, 2024, subject to the general terms and conditions as outlined in By-Law 2363; and

**That** By-Law 2363 be read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**10.13 Community Services-2024-33**

RE: Special Events Resource Team (SERT) – August 2024 Update

**R24-08-342**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais  
Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** Community Services Report-2024-27 entitled Special Event Resources Team (SERT) – August 2024 Update prepared by Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services, dated August 12, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**11. Reports from Youth Members**

Colin Pyne, Youth Council Member announced that he will be stepping down as a Youth Council Member to pursue post-secondary education.

Lauryn Smith, Youth Council Member wished Colin Pyne good luck in his future endeavors.

## **12. County Council Update**

Deputy Mayor Shepley announced that the Tom Wright Drain project is completed is now completed. He highlighted a reduction in code blacks and red with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Deputy Mayor Shepley advised that County Council voted to raise the remuneration for County Council alternates and that the increase will be funded from the absent member's remuneration and not through a budget increase.

## **13. Correspondence**

### **13.1 Correspondence to be received**

#### **R24-08-343**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** all of the correspondence listed in Agenda Item 13.1 be received and, where indicated, to further share such information with the community using suitable methods of communication.

**Carried**

#### 13.1.1 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

RE: Ontario Long Service Medals

#### 13.1.2 The Town Of Plympton-Wyoming

RE: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres

#### 13.1.3 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

RE: Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) as part of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022.

#### 13.1.4 Ministry of Infrastructure

RE: Update on the Community Project Application submitted under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF)

#### 13.1.2 The Town Of Plympton-Wyoming

RE: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres

### **13.2 Correspondence to be considered for receipt and support**

#### 13.2.1 The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

RE: Sustainable Funding for Ontario Provincial Police Small Rural Municipalities

**R24-08-344**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the correspondence from the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay dated July 10, 2024, regarding sustainable funding for OPP small rural municipalities be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of Solicitor General, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Anthony Leardi, MPP and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**

13.2.2 City of Toronto

RE: Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians

**R24-08-345**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** the correspondence from the City of Toronto dated July 31, 2024, requesting the Province to support family physicians be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Municipal Clerks of Ontario's Municipalities.

**Carried**

13.2.3 Affordable Housing Task Force

RE: Appointment of Affordable Housing Task Force Member

**R24-08-346**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the application by Christopher Carpenter to be appointed to the Affordable Housing Task Force be received and supported.

**Carried**

**14. Committee Meeting Minutes**

**R24-08-347**

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**That** the Committee Meeting minutes listed in Agenda Item 14, together with any recommendations to Council noted therein, be received, approved and adopted as circulated.

Carried

14.1 Committee of Adjustment - June 18, 2024

14.2 Essex Centre Business Improvement Area - June 19, 2024

14.3 Essex Municipal Heritage Committee - June 27, 2024

15. Financial

16. New Business

17. Notices of Motion

17.1 The following Notices of Motion were presented at the July 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and are being brought forward this evening for Council's consideration:

17.1.1 Councillor Allard

**R24-08-348**

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** Council direct Administration to include funding under the Essex Centre and Harrow Community Improvement Plan in the 2025 Budget for Accessible Entrances for Council's deliberation.

Carried

17.1.2 Mayor Bondy

Mayor Bondy handed Deputy Mayor Shepley the gavel at 8:48 PM and Deputy Mayor Shepley handed the gavel back to Mayor Bondy at 8:50 PM.

**R24-08-349**

Moved By Mayor Bondy

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**Whereas** the Town is receiving a number of complaints from the Public regarding damaged Bell pedestals and their unsightly appearance and risk to public safety;

**Whereas** the Town has permitted the occupancy of such infrastructure to Bell within the Town to services its residents; and

**Whereas** the unsightly condition of this infrastructure does not fit the aesthetic and care afforded to the residents of Essex by the Town.

**Be it Resolved that,** Council direct administration to send a letter regarding the damaged pedestal boxes that requests the immediate attention to Bell's infrastructure to address these concerns of safety and aesthetics within the Town of Essex.

Carried

17.1.3 Councillor Verbeek

**R24-08-350**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** in light of events locally and around the region, Council supports Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, and urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173 and declare at the provincial level that Intimate Partner Violence is an epidemic.

**Carried**

**18. Reports and Announcements from Council Members**

Councillor Hammond and Councillor Matyi announced that on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at dusk there will be a movie night featuring "Wish" at Colchester Harbour Park and the Colchester Village Market will be taking place on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 10:00AM.

Deputy Mayor Shepley and Councillor McGuire-Blais announced that the Soap Box Derby will be taking place in Essex Centre on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

Councillor Verbeek announced that the Mug Run will be coming to McGregor on September 28, 2024 and encouraged anyone looking to participate to contact Council or Administration.

**19. By-Laws**

**19.1 By-Laws that require a third and final reading**

19.1.1 By-Law 2331

RE: Being a by-law to provide for Little Drain and Extension: Replacement Bridge for Thompson (2380 County Road 20 West), Geographic Township of Colchester South, Project REI2023D016

**R24-08-351**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** By-Law 2331 being a by-law to provide for Little Drain and Extension: Replacement Bridge for Thompson (2380 County Road 20 West), Geographic Township of Colchester South, Project REI2023D016 be read a third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

19.1.2 By-Law 2347

RE: Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex

**R24-08-352**

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** By-Law 2347 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex be read a third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

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

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

19.3.1 By-Law 2349

RE: Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex

**R24-08-353**

Moved By Councillor Matyi

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** By-Law 2349 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex be read a first, a second time and provisionally adopted on August 12, 2024.

**Carried**

**20. Closed Session**

**R24-08-354**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

**That** Council move into Closed session to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board as permitted to do so by Section 239 2(c) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001.

**Carried**

**R24-08-355**

Moved By Councillor Hammond

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

**That** Council move out of Closed session and move back into an Open Meeting at 9:33 PM.

**Carried**

**21. Adjournment**

**R24-08-356**

Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais

Seconded By Councillor Allard

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 PM.

**Carried**



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Mayor

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Clerk