



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024, 4:30 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
Joseph Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services
David McBeth, Manager, Capital Works & Asset Management
Shawna Couvillion, Customer Service Representative

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The purpose of this meeting was to present the 5-Year Capital Proposed Plan.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 November 13, 2024

SP24-11-001

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

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

Carried

5. Reports from Administration

5.1 Capital Works and Asset Management-2024-18

RE: 5-Year Capital Proposed Plan

Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services, provided an overview of the 5-Year Capital Plan and explained that two items have been completed which includes the 10-year roads forecast and the 5-year capital forecast for future water, wastewater and storm water projects. He explained the core infrastructure assets and replacement costs stating that 80% of assets are in fair or better condition.

Director Girard explained that the purpose of capital forecasting is to renew critical infrastructure, implement growth to support development, ensure cost, schedule projects and for financial planning and fiscal responsibility.

David McBeth, Manager, Capital Works and Infrastructure, provided an overview of the 5-Year Capital Plan for reconstruction projects, roads, bridges, sidewalks and trails, watermains and storm sewers. He noted that Administration is recommending an approval of the projects in principle to be able to schedule the required inspection, reports and engineering design required to have these projects ready for their scheduled year.

Council directed questions to Administration regarding priority roads and plans for specific roads.

Council requested that the adoption of the 5-Year Capital Plan be postponed to a future Council Meeting to allow for additional time for Council to review the documents, meet with Administration and receive public feedback.

SP24-11-002

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That Capital Works and Asset Management Report-2024-18 entitled 5-Year Capital Proposed Plan prepared by David McBeth, Manager, Capital Work and Asset Management dated November 13, 2024, be received; and

That Council direct Administration to bring back the proposed 5-Year Capital Plan for Council's decision making at a future Regular Council Meeting to allow for additional time for Council to meet with Administration and receive public feedback.

Carried

6. Public Presentations

7. Adjournment

SP24-11-003

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Councillor Garon

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk