



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025, 5:00 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
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services
Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services
Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services
Nelson Silveira, Manager, Economic Development
Cassandra Roy, Legislative Clerk

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This meeting was held for the purpose of Council having a roundtable discussion on various departmental matters in the Town of Essex.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bondy called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. 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 January 20, 2025

SP25-01-001

Moved By Councillor Matyi

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the published agenda for the January 20, 2025 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Move into the Committee of the Whole

Councillor Verbeek left the meeting at 6:23 PM during the Committee of the Whole discussion Item 7. Economic Development Priorities.

SP25-01-002

Moved By Councillor Garon

Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That Doug Sweet, Chief Administration Officer (CAO) be appointed as presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole:

That the presiding officer as appointed shall have the discretion and/or authority to modify, relax or amend any of the procedural rules currently governing Council proceedings except as may be otherwise herein by Council; and

Further That upon the completion of the Committee of the Whole, the Special Council meeting shall reconvene and the presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole shall then Rise and Report to Council any Recommendations to Council that were made by resolution of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

6. Matters arising from Committee of the Whole

Joe Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk, reported that there were no specific recommendations to Council at this time.

SP25-01-003

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Hammond

That Council receive the Report of the Presiding Officer of the Committee of the Whole and that Council adopt the noted recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

7. Adjournment

SP25-01-004

Moved By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Seconded By Councillor Allard

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk