



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**  
**Striking Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 22, 2025, 6:00 pm  
Location: Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South

Present: Sherry Bondy, Mayor  
Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor  
Kim Verbeek, Councillor Ward 2  
Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

Also Present: Kate Giurissevich, Chief Administrative Officer  
Joseph Malandrucolo, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk  
Cassandra Roy, Legislative Clerk

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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. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

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

**4. Adoption of Published Agenda**

**4.1 Striking Committee Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2025**

**SC25-09-001**

Moved By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

Seconded By Kim Verbeek, Councillor Ward 2

**That** the published agenda for the September 22, 2025 Striking Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**SC25-09-002**

Moved By Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor  
Seconded By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

**That** the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held August 25, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**6. Committee Appointments**

**6.1 Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**SC25-09-003**

Moved By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3  
Seconded By Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor

**That** the Committee move into Closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees as permitted to do so by Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25.* as amended.

**Carried**

**SC25-09-004**

Moved By Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor  
Seconded By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

**That** the Committee move out of Closed session and move back into an Open Meeting.

**Carried**

**SC25-09-005**

Moved By Kim Verbeek, Councillor Ward 2  
Seconded By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

**That** the Recommendation to Council is for Mike Piche and Jenna Chesterfield-Knapp to be as appointed members of the Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending November 15, 2026.

**Carried**

**6.2 Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee**

**SC25-09-006**

Moved By Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor  
Seconded By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

**That** the Recommendation to Council is for Raji Kemmy to be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee for the term ending November 15, 2026.

**Carried**

**7. Adjournment**

**SC25-09-007**

Moved By Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor

Seconded By Jason Matyi, Councillor Ward 3

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 PM.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Recording Secretary