



The Corporation of the Town of Essex

Special Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2021, 5:00 pm

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

This meeting was hosted and chaired from the Town of Essex Municipal Building. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was not currently open to the public for in person attendance. This meeting can be viewed by the public electronically via livestream and post-meeting on YouTube at www.youtube.com/EssexOntario

The purpose of this meeting was to obtain direction from Council regarding the 2022 Budget.

Present: Mayor Larry Snively
Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche
Ward 1 Councillor Joe Garon
Ward 1 Councillor Morley Bowman
Ward 2 Councillor Kim Verbeek
Ward 3 Councillor Steve Bjorkman
Ward 4 Councillor Sherry Bondy
Ward 3 Councillor Chris Vander Doelen

Also Present: Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO
Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services
Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Snively called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

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

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda for September 7, 2021

SP21-09-001

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

That the published agenda for the September 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Report from Administration

Doug Sweet, Chief Administration Officer, stated that the purpose of this meeting is to receive direction regarding a potential tax increase to assist Administration in the preparation of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budget.

Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services along with Mr. Sweet provided an overview of the 2022 base/net change, inflation vs. tax increase, operating impacts and the impact various tax increases would have on the 2022 Budget. They advised that administration is recommending a tax increase between 2% and 4% to maintain the current level of service provided to residents.

Council deliberated on the pros and cons of the proposed increase to the 2022 Budget.

SP21-09-002

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded By Councillor Bondy

That Administration be directed to prepare a draft Budget for future deliberation and that such draft Budget be prepared in the range of increases from 1.5% to 2.5%.

Carried

5. Adjournment

SP21-09-003

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk