

## The Corporation of the Town of Essex

## **Special Council Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2021, 5:00 pm

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

The purpose of this meeting was to present the Community Safety and Well-Being Report for Council's consideration and approval.

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: Doug Sweet, Director, Chief Administrative Officer

Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services Kevin Girard, Director, Infrastructure Services Kate Giurissevich, Director, Corporate Services

Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Snively called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

# 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted at this time.

## 3. Adoption of Published Agenda

# 3.1 Special Council Meeting Agenda for October 18, 2021

## SP21-10-007

Moved By Councillor Bowman Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** the published agenda for the October 18, 2021 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried** 

#### 4. Reports from Administration

#### 5. Public Presentations

# 5.1 Leonardo Gil, Project Manager-Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, City of Windsor and John Matheson, StrategyCorp

RE: Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety Well-Being Plan

John Matheson, StrategyCorp, provided an overview of the performance measurement and the specific outcomes of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. He explained that this Plan will reduce barriers and enhance the way services are delivered to the public.

Mr. Matheson described the 8 goals and initiatives of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

- 1. Improve Collaboration between Community Safety and Well-Being partners for better data and service outcomes through two initiatives. By establish a permanent table of CSWB partner organizations to institutionalize cross sectoral collaboration and by developing a data consortium of partner organizations to support ongoing CSWB planning and service delivery.
- 2. Improve representation and inclusion of priority populations in collaborative decision-making processes for CSWB initiatives.
- 3. Increase access to safe and affordable housing.
- 4. Promote safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods and communities.
- 5. Increase frequency of preventative care and early interventions to reduce overall service need and crisis intervention
- 6. Provide safe and effective emergency response to those in crisis
- 7. Identify existing gaps in the social safety net for those facing income insecurity and poverty with a lens of equity and inclusion for priority populations.
- 8. Promote local employment and increase participation in local education and training.
- Mr. Matheson noted that the next step is for Council to approve the final Plan which will be submitted to the City Council and County Council in November.

Mayor Snively asked if there was a program in place relating to mental health.

Mr. Matheson explained that this plan will expand mental health care access as other areas outside of Windsor do not have the same access to mental health care.

## SP21-10-008

Moved By Councillor Bowman Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** the presentation by Leonardo Gil, Project Manager-Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, City of Windsor, and John Matheson, StrategyCorp be received.

**Carried** 

5.1.1 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer: Report CAO-2021-04

RE: Approval of Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

### SP21-10-009

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** the report of the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the development of the Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan as presented at the October 18, 2021 Special Council meeting be received for information; and further

**That** Council authorize the Essex County Council to approve the Windsor Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and any subsequent reports on behalf of the Town of Essex.

Carried

# 6. Adjournment

## SP21-04-010

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 5:26 PM.

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