



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00 PM

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Council:

Gary McNamara, Warden, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Tracey Bailey, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore
Tom Bain, Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore
Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Morley Bowman, Alternate Member, Town of Essex
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington

Administration:

Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer
Mary Birch, Director, Council & Community Services/Clerk
Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services
Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
Kristie Cronin, Director of Human Resources
Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational Development
David Sundin, County Solicitor
Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Council and Community Services
Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

1. Closed Meeting

There was a Closed Meeting held on January 19, 2022 at 6:45 PM.

001-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That Council move into a closed meeting, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason:

- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

004-2022

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That Council adjourn, and rise from the closed meeting at 7:10 PM.

Carried

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

5. Recording of Attendance

Warden McNamara attended the meeting virtually from the Essex County Civic Centre, Council Chambers. All other members of Council participated in the meeting virtually, via video conferencing from alternate remote locations.

Morley Bowman was in attendance as an alternate member for the Town of Essex.

6. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Warden McNamara welcomed the members of County Council, Administration and members of the public and delivered the following greeting:

"Welcome to the first Essex County Council meeting of 2022. I hope everyone had a good break and time to enjoy making some memories during the holiday season.

Thank you to all those who stayed close to home and kept your celebrations small; who followed health protocols and took time to get first, second or booster shots. Your actions are shining examples of the community spirit that is getting us through this pandemic.

You are making a difference in our fight against COVID-19. And, just as importantly, you are lifting the morale of our heroic and exhausted health-care workers.

A special tip of the hat to Essex County municipalities and the City of Windsor for extending your outdoor holiday lights celebrations to brighten up this gloomy January. Every breath of fresh air and bit of encouragement is welcome, because 2022 is off to a rocky start.

I am especially concerned for the small businesses of Windsor-Essex. They are struggling to keep their doors open due to the ongoing burden of public health restrictions, which are costing them money and customers. This region has been especially hard hit because the pandemic has, for almost two years, prevented the usual steady flow of American visitors from crossing the border.

We are grateful the provincial government has announced that eligible businesses will be able to apply for a \$10,000 grant to help cover the costs of the current modified Step Two restrictions. This grant will help if it gets to the businesses that need it efficiently and expeditiously. But it is not enough.

The County of Essex has written the Premier and urged him to boost the supports available to help small businesses survive. We want the province

to give small businesses immediate access to the government portal for grants and subsidies.

We are urging the federal and provincial governments to work together to reinstate the commercial rent assistance program. We are also calling on the province to provide financial assistance to businesses for implementing vaccine certificate protocols, such as adopting the use of QR code readers and adding staff to check vaccine passports.

Small businesses and their employees in Windsor-Essex need a lifeline. Their survival ensures a better future for this region. If there is a wave of closures due to nothing other than this grueling pandemic, it will be a tragedy. We cannot let that happen.

I urge residents to continue giving these businesses a boost with your patronage. Every little bit counts. Thank you for getting behind the Support Local campaign during the holiday season. Let's keep it rolling."

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

8. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

005-2022

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the December 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

9. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations scheduled for January 19, 2022.

10. Communications

10.1 Correspondence

006-2022

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for January 19, 2022, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

10.1.1 Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC)

January 6, 2022 - Tenth Annual Pat on the Back Awards
Present Funding to Local Grassroots Environmental Projects

10.1.2 Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

2021-12-20 [Ontario Appoints Chair of Standards Development Committee](#)

10.1.3 Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Minister's Annual Report on [Drinking Water 2021](#) and 2020-21 [Chief Drinking Water Inspector Annual Report](#)

10.1.4 Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI)

[Introducing the new Ontario Honours and Awards online nomination portal](#)

10.1.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)

Correspondence from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, RE the Ontario housing crisis, Bill 13, the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 and Bill 276, the Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021

10.1.6 Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)

Correspondence from Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch RE Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

10.1.7 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

2021-12-18 [ROMA Annual Conference Information](#)

10.1.8 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

2021-12-20 [ROMA Insider: Get Ready for #ROMA2022](#)

10.1.9 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

December 16, 2021 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.10 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

December 23, 2021 [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.11 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

January 5, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – New Year Calls to Action and other issues of municipal concern](#)

10.1.12 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

January 6, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.13 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

January 11, 2022 - [AMO – LAS Virtual Municipal Energy Symposium - March 31st & April 1st, 2022](#)

10.1.14 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

January 13, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.15 Township of Mulmur

Resolution RE the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action

10.1.16 City of Sarnia

Resolution RE Catch and Release Justice

10.1.17 Tay Valley Township

Resolution RE Province-Wide Assessment Update

10.1.18 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Resolution RE In Opposition of Quebec's Bill 21

10.1.19 Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC)

December 20, 2021 - [OHRC letter to Ontario government ministers on the online health card renewal service](#)

10.2 Resolutions

10.2.1 Town of Kingsville

Resolution RE Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Letter of Instruction COVID-19

007-2022

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council receive the resolution from the Town of Kingsville regarding the Windsor-Essex County Health

Unit Letter of Instruction COVID-19, dated December 5, 2021.

Carried

10.2.2 City of Windsor

Resolution RE Requesting upper levels of Government to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs, in addition to increasing funding to support mental health and addiction services.

008-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Nelson Santos

That Essex County Council receive the report from the City of Windsor, dated December 1, 2021 seeking financial support from upper levels of government for housing and homelessness programs and to support mental health and addiction services, and further that Essex County Council supports their resolution.

Carried

11. Consent Agenda

009-2022

Moved By Leo Meloche

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 11.1 on the Consent Agenda for January 19, 2022, be approved and further that the information items listed as items 11.2 and 11.3 on the said Consent Agenda be received.

Carried

11.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal/Consulting Services

Report number 2022-0119-CAO-R01-MG, Approval of Invoices - Legal/Consulting Services, dated January 19, 2022, from Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer

11.2 Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HHAC)

November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Warden, Gary McNamara, member.

11.3 County of Essex

January 7, 2022 - Letter to Premier Ford, from Warden, Gary McNamara RE Small Business Support for Windsor-Essex

12. Reports and Questions

12.1 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee (ECAAC)

Minutes from the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee, Gord Queen, Vice Chair

010-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Morley Bowman

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, dated December 9, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

12.2 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

Minutes from the November 2, 2021 meeting of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, Aldo DiCarlo, Chair.

011-2022

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, dated November 2, 2021, be received.

Carried

12.3 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund - 2022 Allocation

Report number 2022-011-ISD-R01-AB, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund - 2022 Allocation, dated January 19, 2022 from Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services.

Allan Botham provided the report informing Council of the revised value of funding received for 2022 from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. Mr. Botham explained the funding would be used to advance additional portions of the Road Rehabilitation Program identified in the State of Good Repair report.

012-2022

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That Essex County Council approve the expenditure of an additional \$2,082,590 in the 2022 Road Rehabilitation Program, and; that the additional expenditure be funded by the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund 2022 allocation of \$2,082,590 as outlined in report number 2022-0119-ISC-R01-AB.

Carried

12.4 Striking Committee

Striking Committee meeting minutes, dated January 18, 2022, Nelson Santos, Chair.

013-2022

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That the minutes of the Striking Committee, dated January 18, 2022 be adopted;

And Further That Essex County Council appoint Aldo DiCarlo, as a County Council member of the Windsor Essex County Health Unit Board, for the balance of the current term of Council.

Carried

13. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for January 19, 2022.

14. New Business

14.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting of County Council was held at 6:45 p.m. this evening, pursuant to Sections 239 (2) (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

Council provided Administration with direction on a negotiation and received information subject to client/solicitor privilege.

15. Adoption of By-Laws

014-2022

Moved By Morley Bowman

Seconded By Tom Bain

That By-law 2022-01, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

15.1 By-law Number 2022-01

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex for the meeting date January 19, 2022.

16. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for January 19, 2022.

17. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for January 19, 2022 be adjourned at 7:41 PM.

015-2022

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Richard Meloche

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk