



**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2021, 5:00 pm

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

This meeting was hosted and chaired from the 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 on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/EssexOntario](https://www.youtube.com/EssexOntario)

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Regional Food and Organics Waste Management Project.

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 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 November 15, 2021**

**SP21-11-001**

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

**That** the published agenda for the November 15, 2021 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

#### **4. Public Presentations**

##### **4.1 Michelle Bishop, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, General Manager**

RE: Regional Food, Organic and Biosolids Waste Processing

Michelle Bishop, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, General Manager, explained that some municipalities in Essex-Windsor are required to achieve specific reduction and recovery rates by 2025 as per the Organics Provincial Policy Statement (OPPS). She stated that Essex, Kingsville and Lakeshore are not required to achieve specific rates of reduction as the population density was less than 100 people per square Kilometer in 2016. She noted that our current system captures organic waste within the yard waste program and the red box program. Ms. Bishop further described several technologies such as composting, anaerobic digestion, BioDryer, and odor prevention methods. She advised that 35,000 tonnes of residential food and organic waste from Windsor and Essex County were sent to the landfill for disposal in 2020.

Ms. Bishop stated that part of the reason for her presentation was that back on October 6, 2020, the EWSWA Board approved the development of a Regional Food and Organic Waste Management Plan and the Board recommended that EWSWA administration reach out to all Essex County municipalities for consultation on a proposed regional solution or approach. She discussed the potential locations which are dependent on the municipalities that participate, the estimated costs for curbside collection and the benefits of the program. She explained that the new regulation is being developed and will contain language regarding a ban on organic disposal in landfills with the tentative date being considered for 2030.

Councillor Verbeek expressed concerns surrounding odour at the waste site.

Councillor Bowman noted that the Town currently has a yard waste program which includes paper and compost.

Michelle Bishop stated that Essex is different as it is the only municipality in the area with a green box program.

Councillor Bondy explained that this should not be a regional issue as each municipality has its own needs. She reiterated that the Town of Essex has a green bin program.

##### **SP21-11-002**

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Vander Doelen

**That** the presentation by Michelle Bishop, EWSWA General Manager, be received for Council's information and consideration.

**Carried**

5.     **Adjournment**

**SP21-11-003**

Moved By Councillor Bowman

Seconded By Councillor Bjorkman

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk