



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 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
- Steve Bjorkman, Deputy Mayor - Town of Essex
- Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
- 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, 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, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk
- Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services
- Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
- Kristie Cronin, Director of Human Resources
- Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
- Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services
- Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative and Community Services
- Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
- Heidi McLeod, Manager of Accounting/Deputy Treasurer

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2022

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.

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:

"Good evening.

I hope everyone had a relaxing Easter Weekend with their loved ones and managed to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine before that late April snowfall! Essex County weather. If you don't like it, just wait a few minutes and it will change.

I would like to commend County of Essex crews for keeping our roads clear Easter Monday and for keeping them safe all winter long. They head out in the worst weather conditions this region has to offer to plow and salt our vast network of County roads and I thank them for it!

I would also like to congratulate the entire Infrastructure Services and Planning Department for winning an award recently at the Good Roads Conference in Toronto. The County of Essex team won the Innovative Service Delivery Category for its durable paint markings, which save both time and money. This in-house innovation has eliminated the need to frequently re-paint the markings, resulting in savings that can be plowed

back into improving our roads and expanding our active transportation network.

It feels like it's been a long time since I've opened these remarks with a topic other than COVID-19. The pandemic has entered a new phase and living with COVID-19 has become the new normal.

The province lifted its mask mandate in most settings a month ago, our population is largely vaccinated, businesses are operating at full capacity and events that have been on hiatus for two years are back this summer and promise to be better than ever.

While the situation is still urgent and critical, it is no longer the emergency it once was. That's why, effective tomorrow at 9 a.m., I am terminating the Declared State of Emergency the County of Essex invoked back on March 22, 2020 in response to COVID-19 and rising water levels in the Great Lakes basin.

As well, I am pleased to tell you that the Essex County Civic Centre will reopen to the public effective May 2. While this is obviously a positive development, it doesn't mean that we can let our guard down. COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community and it is likely to do so for the foreseeable future. Please, continue making smart, selfless decisions when it comes to protecting yourself, your family and your community.

Please, continue supporting the small businesses who are the backbone of our community and who have struggled beneath the weight of pandemic restrictions.

It's hard to believe more than two years has passed since we declared that state of emergency and it's also hard to believe we are approaching the end of this four-year term of Council. But an item on the agenda tonight deals with the looming municipal election campaign and rules incumbents must follow if they are seeking reelection. For anyone who is thinking of running in the October 24 municipal election, the County of Essex is hosting a virtual information session in partnership with the City of Windsor and our local municipalities.

Former LaSalle Mayor and CAO Ken Antaya will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process with representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The free event will be held via Zoom starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th. Registration is required so the event can be interactive and so participants can ask questions in breakout rooms specific to the municipality in which they are considering running. For more information, and for links to resources on running for municipal office, visit: www.countyofessex.ca/WEVote2022."

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

8. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022 Essex County Council - Regular Meeting Minutes

084-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the minutes of the April 6th, 2022 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

9. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations for April 20, 2022.

10. Communications

10.1 Correspondence

085-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for April 20, 2022, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

10.1.1 Windsor Police Service

Letter from the City of Windsor Police Service, Chief Pamela Mizuno RE Ambassador Bridge blockade

10.1.2 Senior of the Year Award Nominations

[Honours and awards community: Age-Friendly Communities Recognition Program - Senior of the Year Award Nominations](#)

10.1.3 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)

[Register for the GLSLCI Conference by May 15, 2022](#) - Contact County of Essex Administration to make arrangements.

10.1.4 Windsor Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC)

- [News from the Chamber](#)
- [Upcoming Events from the WERCC](#)
- [Essex County Warden's Luncheon, April 26, 2022](#)

10.1.5 AECOM

Project Update for Panhandle Regional Expansion Project

- [Link to Maps Online](#)

10.1.6 Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Resolution RE Finding Support for Infrastructure

10.1.7 Municipality of Clarington

Resolution RE Request for Natural Heritage System Designations Review by Province

10.1.8 Township of Tudor and Cashel

Resolution RE Spread of the Invasive Gypsy Moth, Reporting Structure

10.1.9 Municipality of Grey Highlands

Resolution RE HST Rebate for New Homes in Ontario

10.1.10 Township of Mulmur

Resolution RE More Homes for Everyone Act, Comments on Bill 109

10.1.11 Township of Lake of Bays

Resolution RE Floating Accommodations Request for Increased Regulation

10.1.12 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

April 6, 2022 - Correspondence RE Minister's Orders Under the Reopening Ontario Act

10.1.13 Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

April 7, 2022 - News Release - [Ontario Eliminating Birth Certificate Fee for Vulnerable Ontarians](#)

10.1.14 Ontario Ministry of Finance

April 7, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Calls for Continued Partnership on Investment, Opportunity, and Growth](#)

10.1.15 Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs RE Influenza H5N1 (Avian Flu) in Ontario

10.1.16 Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

April 11, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Makes Strategic Investments to Strengthen Province's Medical Technology Ecosystem](#)

10.1.17 Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities

April 11, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Expanding Degree Options at Publicly Assisted Colleges](#)

10.1.18 Ontario Ministry of Energy

April 12, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario Advances Work on New Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Rate](#)

10.1.19 Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

April 12, 2022 - [News Release - Ontario is Making it Easier to Start a Business](#)

10.1.20 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 4, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – Getting Ontario Connected Act, Proposed Gas Tax Reduction](#)

10.1.21 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 7, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.22 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 12, 2022 - [Lead Where You Live: AMO's Guide to Running for Municipal Election](#)

10.1.23 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

April 14, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for consideration for April 20, 2022.

11. Consent Agenda

086-2022

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the recommendations in the Administrative Reports listed as items 11.1 and 11.2, on the Consent Agenda for April 20, 2022, be approved.

Carried

11.1 Approval of Invoices – Legal/Consulting Services

Report number 2022-0420-LCS-R08-DS Approval of Invoices - Legal and Consulting Services, dated April 20, 2022 from David Sundin, County Solicitor

11.2 Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Report number 2022-0420-FIN-R05-SZ, Appointment of Deputy Treasurer, dated April 20, 2022, from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

12. Reports and Questions

12.1 Investment Performance Report - 2021

Report number 2022-0420-FIN-R04-SZ, Investment Performance Report - 2021, dated April 20, 2022 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers provided Council with the annual report reviewing the investment portfolio.

087-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That Essex County Council receive the Investment Performance Report 2021 for information.

Carried

12.2 Use of Corporate Resources for Elections Purposes

Report number 2022-0420-LCS-R006-MB, Use of Corporate Resources for Elections Purposes, dated April 20, 2022, from Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk

Mary Birch provided a report regarding the use of resources owned by the Corporation during the municipal election campaign period.

088-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Nelson Santos

That Essex County Council receive Report 2022-0420-LCS-R006-MB and resolves to approve the rules and procedures outlined in Report 2022-0420-LCS-R006-MB during the municipal election campaign period.

Carried

12.3 Electronic Participation in Meetings – Procedure By-law Amendment

Report number 2022-0420-LCS-R007-MB, Electronic Participation in Meetings - Procedure By-law Amendment, dated April 20, 2022, from Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services.

Mary Birch presented a report, proposing an amendment to the procedure by-law which allowed for electronic participation in Essex County Council and Committee meetings, when there was not a declared emergency. She noted, that currently, the Corporation had a by-law which allowed local municipalities to appointment an alternate member of their Council to attend County Council in the place of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, if they were able to attend. She indicated that would continue. Additionally, the proposed amendment would also allow for participation in meetings electronically, under certain specified terms and conditions, which were set out in an Appendix to the By-law amendment.

089-2022

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Nelson Santos

That Essex County Council receive report 2022-0420-LCS-R007-MB, and endorse the recommendation to adopt By-law 2022-13, amending the County of Essex Procedure By-law to allow for participation in electronic Essex County Council and Committee meetings, when there is not a declared emergency.

Carried

12.4 Tender Summary – Non-Coning Water Borne Traffic Paint

Report number 2022-0420-ISD-R11-AB, Tender Summary – Non-Coning Water Borne Traffic Paint, dated April 20, 2022, from Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services

Allan Botham presented the tender results and recommendations for the purchase of traffic paint for 2022 pavement markings. He noted that there were cost recovery opportunities by providing painting services to the local municipalities.

090-2022

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That Essex County Council receive Report 2022-0420-ISD-R11-AB and award a contract to provide Non-Coning Water Borne traffic paint to Ennis Paint Canada ULC, in the amount of \$380,150 (plus applicable taxes).

Carried

12.5 Tender Summary – Routing and Sealing, Tar and Chip

Report number 2022-0420-ISD-R12-AB, Tender Summary – Routing and Sealing, Tar and Chip, dated April 20, 2022 from Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services

Allan Botham presented the tender results and recommendations for a contract to complete routing, cleaning and sealing of cracks in asphalt pavement. He explained the process and requirements of the surface treatment program, providing a list of road segments planned for rehabilitation in the 2022 budget.

091-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council receive the report 2022-0420-ISD-R12-AB Tender Summary – Routing and Sealing, Tar and Chip; and

That Shepley Road Maintenance be awarded the contract for Routing and Sealing, Tar and Chip, for an initial term of three years, beginning in 2022, for the annual price of approximately \$146,850 plus applicable tax, to complete the routing and sealing program, with the option to extend the contract for a period up to an additional two years.

Carried

13. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for April 20, 2022.

14. New Business

There was no new business brought forward at the April 20, 2022 meeting.

15. Adoption of By-Laws

092-2022

Moved By Hilda MacDonald

Seconded By Steve Bjorkman

That By-laws 2022-12 through 2022-14 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

15.1 By-law Number 2022-12

Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer for the Corporation of the County of Essex

15.2 By-law Number 2022-13

A By-law to Amend By-law 41-2018, being a By-law to Provide Rules Governing the Order and Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex, to allow for Electronic Participation in Meetings.

15.3 By-law Number 2022-14

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex, for April 20, 2022.

16. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for April 20, 2022.

17. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for April 20, 2022 be adjourned at 7:52 PM.

093-2022

Moved By Leo Meloche

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk