



## **Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**<https://video.isilive.ca/countyofessex/live.html>**

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  
Mark Carrick, Alternate Member, 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

Absent: Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle

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  
Jeanie Diamond Francis, Manager, Community Services  
Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library  
Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk  
Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services  
David Sundin, County Solicitor  
Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative

and Community Services  
Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer  
Jerry Behl, Manager, Transportation Planning and  
Development  
Karyn Templin, Manager, Design & Construction

**1. Closed Meeting**

There was a Closed Meeting held on April 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

**069-2022**

**Moved By** Tom Bain

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

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

- 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**

**073-2022**

**Moved By** Joe Bachetti

**Seconded By** Nelson Santos

That Council rise from the closed meeting at 7:20 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.

Marc Bondy was absent, Mark Carrick was in attendance as an alternate member for the Town of LaSalle.

**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 and welcome to the first spring meeting of 2022. We wish a blessed Ramadan to all those observing it this month and a joyful celebration of Easter to everyone who will be marking that special day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine, as they have been for over a month. We are grateful to residents who have contributed to humanitarian organizations and opened their doors to Ukrainians fleeing the conflict.

During this season of rebirth and reflection, we must look to the future with hope and determination.

We have received some good news in the last few weeks; news that is helping us move forward.

LG Energy Solution, one of the leading battery manufacturing companies in the world, and Stellantis are going to invest over 5 billion dollars to build a plant in Windsor. This facility will position Canada to be a global leader in the manufacture of batteries for electric vehicles, and it will have huge economic benefits for our entire region.

The County of Essex is making significant infrastructure improvements and stands ready to assist in other ways to make this pivotal investment as successful as possible.

The county has over 400 million dollars in road capacity expansion projects underway or in the planning stages between now and 2037. We are improving major traffic corridors for future investments and growth.

Work is underway on a multi-year project to widen and enhance County Road 42 from the Windsor boundary to Manning Road.

In the coming months and years, this project will involve the construction of new roundabouts, bicycle lanes, sidewalks and multi-use trails along

County Road 42. The result will be a road that can accommodate more traffic, serve the expanding needs of businesses and safely connect growing residential neighbourhoods. To find out more about the "New 42" and get updates, go to the County of Essex website.

Thank you to the county's Infrastructure Services team for the excellent work they have done on this project and the preparations they have made to rehabilitate 58 kilometres of county roadways this year.

Road projects are getting underway! Drivers, please be alert and slow down when you are approaching construction sites. We want this roadwork season to be safe and successful."

**7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

**8. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the March 16, 2022 Essex County Council, Regular Meeting.

**074-2022**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

That the minutes of the March 16, 2022, Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**9. Delegations and Presentations**

There were no delegations scheduled for April 6, 2022.

**10. Communications**

**10.1 Correspondence**

**075-2022**

**Moved By** Leo Meloche

**Seconded By** Hilda MacDonald

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for April 6, 2022, be received and any noted action approved.

**Carried**

**10.1.1 Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act -  
2021 Compliance Report**

Letter from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management RE County of Essex compliance status for 2021 with Emergency Management Ontario

**10.1.2 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Letter from Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith RE 'More Home for Everyone' plan

**10.1.3 Elections Ontario**

Municipal Voters List Program - [Newsletter](#)

**10.1.4 Municipal Engineers Association (MEA)**

The MEA will be offering its annual bursary program for the children/dependents of Ontario municipal employees/elected councillors who plan to enter the 1st year of an engineering program at the university level for the upcoming September 2022 term.

**10.1.5 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)**

June 22-24, 2022 - [Powering the Blue Economy, More Information and Registration Links](#)

**10.1.6 Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC)**

- March 15, 2022 - [Chamber News Update](#)
- March 29, 2022 - [Chamber News Update](#)
- April 26, 2022 - [WERCC Annual Essex County Warden's Luncheon, with Gary McNamara, Registration is Open](#)

**10.1.7 City of Port Colborne**

Resolution RE Proclamation of 2022 Being the Year of the Garden

**10.1.8 City of Waterloo**

Resolution RE Ontario Must Build it Right the First Time - Ontario Building Code

**10.1.9 City of Windsor**

Resolution RE Rent Supplement Expiries and Mitigation

**10.1.10 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe**

Resolution RE Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

**10.1.11 Town of Georgina**

Resolution RE Setting limitations to goods originating from Russia

**10.1.12 Township of Georgian Bay**

Resolution RE Dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal

**10.1.13 Town of Mono**

Resolution RE Greater Support for Ukraine, Federal Government

**10.1.14 Town of Newmarket**

Resolution RE Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

**10.1.15 Municipality of South Huron**

Resolution RE Support for AMO Correspondence regarding firefighter certification regulations

**10.1.16 North Algona Wilberforce Township**

Resolution RE Dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal

**10.1.17 Township of Woolwich**

Resolution RE Mental Health Supports Request to the Provincial and Federal Governments

**10.1.18 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

Resolution RE Dissolving the Ontario Land Tribunal

**10.1.19 Ontario Premier's Office**

March 15, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System, Province Launching Largest Expansion of Medical School Education in Over 10 Years](#)

**10.1.20 Ontario Ministry of Energy**

March 18, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Launches Five New ONroute Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Province's historic expansion of charging infrastructure means greater convenience for drivers](#)

**10.1.21 Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

March 29, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Connecting More Families with Supports for Children with Special Needs](#)

**10.1.22 Ontario Ministry of Finance**

March 29, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Cracking Down on Foreign Real-Estate Speculation with the Most Comprehensive Non-Resident Speculation Tax in Canada](#)

**10.1.23 Ontario Ministry of Health**

March 28, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario government and Ontario Medical Association reach successful agreement to strengthen care](#)

**10.1.24 Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs**

March 24, 2022 - [Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Indian Residential School Survivors, Indigenous Primary Health Care Council receiving \\$800,000 for culture-based mental health and addictions trauma care](#)

**10.1.25 Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care**

March 15, 2022 - [News Release, Ontario Taking Action to Further Increase Staffing in Long-Term Care, Leading to More Direct Care for Residents, Funding brings Ontario closer to goal of four hours of direct care per day](#)

**10.1.26 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

March 31, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario is Making It Easier to Buy a Home, Province introduces plan that will crack down on market speculation, protect homebuyers, and increase housing supply.](#)

**10.1.27 Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General**

March 21, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Keeping Province Open for Business, New measures proposed to protect movement of people and goods at international borders](#)

**10.1.28 Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

March 29, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Raising Highway Speed Limits](#)

**10.1.29 Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat**

March 29, 2022 - [News Release RE Ontario Introduces a Plan to Stay Open](#)

**10.1.30 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 17, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

**10.1.31 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 22, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update - Workplace Naloxone Kits, Northern Fire Services Municipal, Reimbursement, IESO Long-Term RFP, and AMO/LAS Municipal Energy Symposium](#)

**10.1.32 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 24, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

**10.1.33 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 28, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – Child Care Agreement](#)

**10.1.34 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 30, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – More Homes for Everyone Plan, Non-Resident Speculation Tax, and Fee Elimination for Volunteer Police Record Checks](#)

**10.1.35 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

March 31, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

**10.2 Resolutions**

There were no resolutions for Council consideration for April 6, 2022.

**11. Consent Agenda**

**076-2022**

**Moved By** Tom Bain

**Seconded By** Steve Bjorkman

That the recommendations in the Administrative Report listed as item 11.1, on the Consent Agenda for April 6, 2022, be approved.

**Carried**

**11.1 Approval of Invoices – Legal/Consulting Services**

Report number 2022-0406-LCS-R05-DS, Approval of Invoices - Legal and Consulting Services, dated April 6, 2022 from David Sundin, County Solicitor



## **12. Reports and Questions**

### **12.1 Essex County Library**

Minutes from the February 23, 2022 Essex County Library Board Meeting, Deputy Warden Nelson Santos, Chair

**077-2022**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Joe Bachetti

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board for February 23, 2022 be received.

**Carried**

### **12.2 Tender Summary – County Road 50, Bridge over Wigle Creek, B-50-27**

Report number 2022-0406-ISC-R09-AB, Tender Summary – County Road 50, Bridge over Wigle Creek, B-50-27, dated April 6, 2022, from Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services

Allan Botham provided Council with the details of the project and the tender results. A full closure of County Road 50 would be required to complete the work lasting 6 weeks. A detour would be posted and work was scheduled to begin late July 2022.

**078-2022**

**Moved By** Gord Queen

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

That Essex County Council receive report 2022-0406-ISC-R09-AB, Tender Summary – County Road 50, Bridge Over Wigle Creek (B-50-27), and award the contract to Sterling Ridge Infrastructure Inc. for a total tender amount of \$397,500.00, plus H.S.T.

**Carried**

### **12.3 Speed Reduction on County Road 34 East of County Road 19**

Report number 2022-0406-ISC-R10-JB, Speed Reduction on County Road 34 East of County Road 19, dated April 6, 2022 from Jerry Behl, Manager, Transportation Planning and Development

Jerry Behl provided Council with an update to the request for speed reduction on County Road 34 received from the Municipality of Lakeshore in 2021.

The recommendation of Administration was that the speed limit on County Road 34, East of County Road 19 to West of Dawson Road, would be reduced from 80 km/hour to 60 km/hour.

**079-2022**

**Moved By** Tracey Bailey

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

That Essex County Council receive the report 2022-0406-ISC-R10-JB, Speed Reduction on County Road 34 East of County Road 19; and That By-law 2022-10 be adopted, amending By-law 26-2002 to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Essex County Roads System, to amend 'Schedule H' to reduce the speed limit on County Road 34 from east of Dawson Road to County Road 19 from 80km/h to 60 km/h.

**Carried**

**12.4 2022 Annual Repayment Limit**

Report number 2022-0406-FIN-R03-SZ, 2022 Annual Repayment Limit, dated April 6, 2022 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers provided a report to Council outlining the process to calculate the borrowing limits for the County for 2022. Ms. Zwiers reported the borrowing limit is slightly higher than 2021.

Ms. Zwiers outlined the County's current borrowing position and provided forecasting information should the County need to borrow.

**080-2022**

**Moved By** Leo Meloche

**Seconded By** Gord Queen

That Essex County Council receive the 2022 Annual Repayment Limit report for information.

**Carried**

**12.5 Administering Funding to Operate an International Agri-Food Temporary Foreign Worker Isolation and Recovery Centre**

Report number 2022-0406-EMS-R02-BK, Administering Funding to Operate an International Agri-Food Temporary Foreign Worker Isolation and Recovery Centre, dated April 6, 2022 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Chief Bruce Krauter provided Council with the history of the International Agri-Food Temporary Foreign Worker Isolation and Recovery Centre (IRC). Chief Krauter explained that the IRC was funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The Agri-food Incident Management System (IMS) team was developed to manage the crisis and included various community partners. The City of Windsor provided administration.

The City of Windsor provided notice to stakeholders that they would conclude their administrative role requiring a replacement organization to continue the service. PHAC funding has been committed to March 31, 2023 and would fully fund the operation of the IRC.

**081-2022**

**Moved By** Hilda MacDonald

**Seconded By** Tom Bain

That Essex County Council authorize:

1. Essex County Administration to apply for and receive Public Health Agency of Canada PHAC funding to take any and all necessary steps for the County to operate and administer the operation of an International Agri-Food Temporary Farm Worker Isolation and Recovery Centre, including retaining any additional staff and/or subcontractors that may be required; and
2. The Warden and the Clerk to execute any necessary applications, documents, and/or agreements to give effect to the authorization to Essex County Administration above.

**Carried**

**13. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business brought forward at the April 6, 2022.

**14. New Business**

**14.1 County Road 11 Manhole**

Leo Meloche brought forward a request to administration to inspect manholes in or around the area of County Road 11 at Cypher Systems trail crossing.

Allan Botham, Director of Infrastructure and Planning, explained different scenarios encountered during the spring thaw. Mr.

Botham explained a site visit would be required to gather information.

#### **14.2 Radius of Roundabout**

Leo Meloche brought forward a question regarding how the radius of a roundabout is determined.

Allan Botham, Director of Infrastructure and Planning explained that roundabout radiuses were calculated in the planning stages of roadwork by a design engineer.

#### **14.3 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting**

A Closed Meeting of Essex County Council was held at 6:00PM, prior to the regular Council meeting, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

(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.

On the first matter, Council provided direction to Administration to advocate and negotiate for funding from senior levels of government to assist in infrastructure improvements.

On the second matter, Administration presented Council with a proposal and was directed by Council to commence consultations and negotiations with stakeholders, partners and potential funders and to report back to County Council by June 1, 2022.

### **15. Adoption of By-Laws**

#### **082-2022**

**Moved By** Tracey Bailey

**Seconded By** Larry Verbeke

That By-laws 2022-10 and 2022-11, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

**Carried**

#### **15.1 By-law Number 2022-10**

Being a By-law to Amend By-law Number 26-2002, Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Essex County Roads System.

#### **15.2 By-law Number 2022-11**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex, for April 6, 2022.

**16. Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion brought forward at the April 6, 2022 meeting.

**17. Adjournment**

That the Essex County Council meeting for April 6, 2022 be adjourned at 8:13 PM.

**083-2022**

**Moved By** Richard Meloche

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

**Carried**

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Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

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Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk