



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

519-776-6441, ext. 1335

Council: Gary McNamara, Warden, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Tracey Bailey, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Tom Bain, Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
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, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington

Absent: Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Larry Snively, Mayor, Town of Essex

Administration: Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer
Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
Katherine Hebert, Council & Community Services Administrative Assistant
Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home
Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer
Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
Renée Trombley, Manager Corporate Communications and Accessibility
Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

1. Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting was held at 6:45 p.m.

246-2018

Moved By Crystal Meloche

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

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

- Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations

Carried

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

All members of Essex County Council were in attendance with the exception of Aldo DiCarlo and Larry Snively.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018 and December 12, 2018 Minutes of County Council.

249-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council and December 12, 2018 Inaugural Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Warden McNamara welcomed members of County Council, Administration and the public. He noted his participation in the following:

- Attended a meeting of the South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) group.
- Attended an event with several community leaders, labour groups and members of the public along with members of Council held at the City

of Windsor waterfront, to demonstrate solidarity with the automotive industry in opposition to the closure of the Oshawa General Motors plant. He noted that the closure could have enduring impacts on the Essex County area. He urged municipalities to forward their concerns to the Prime Minister and Premier regarding this important matter.

8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations scheduled for the December 19, 2018 meeting of County Council.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

250-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for December 19, 2018 be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online version of the AMO Watchfile Newsletter, dated November 8, 18, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 2018.

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 8, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Queen's Park This Week - Province Changes Property Tax Treatment of Royal Canadian Legion Facilities. (online version)

9.1.3 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 15, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Provincial Government Releases Fall Economic Statement. (online version)

9.1.4 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 11, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Cannabis Retail Regulations Released. (online version)

9.1.5 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 22, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Government Announces New Social Assistance Reform Plan. (online version)

9.1.6 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 30, 2018 referring to an Important Update from the AMO President, Jamie McGarvey.

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

Received e-mail, dated November 2, 2018 - Save the Date! 2019 Annual Conference, June 5 - 7, 2019. (online version)

9.1.8 GLSLCI

Received e-mailed copy of Making Waves Newsletter, dated November 2018 and December 2018. (online versions)

9.1.9 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Received e-mailed copy of ROMA Insider Newsletter, dated November 2018. (online version)

9.1.10 ROMA

Received e-mail, dated November 19, 2018 regarding ROMA Delegations Requests.

9.1.11 Township of McKellar

Received e-mail, dated November 13, 2018 referring to their Council's resolution regarding Governance Models.

9.1.12 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)

Received e-mail, dated November 20, 2018 from J. W. Tiermay, Executive Director, OGRA regarding the OGRA - Call for Nominations.

9.1.13 WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation

Received e-mail, dated November 23, 2018 regarding - Windsor-Essex Business Development Mission to Poland. (online version)

9.1.14 Family of the Late Terrance Hartley Wright, former County Warden/Councillor

Received card of appreciation for thoughtfulness shown during their time of sorrow.

9.1.15 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Received e-mail, dated November 30, 2018 from Steve Clark, Minister congratulating our newly elected County Council.

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for the December 19, 2018 meeting.

10. Consent Agenda

251-2018

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Richard Meloche

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1, on the Consent Agenda for December 19, 2018, be approved and further that the information item listed as item 10.2 on the said Consent Agenda be received.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal Services

Report Number 2018-1219-ADM-R15-RM, dated December 19, 2018 from Robert Maisonneville, Chief Administrative Officer.

10.2 Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC)

Minutes of the WECEC meeting, dated November 29, 2018.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex County Library Board

Minutes of the Essex County Library Board for September 26, 2018, October 24, 2018 and November 15, 2018.

252-2018

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Tracey Bailey

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board for September 26, 2018, October 24, 2018 and November 15, 2018 be received; and further that Resolutions 18/61 and 18/62 of the November 15, 2018 Essex County Library Board Budget Meeting minutes be referred to the January 16, 2019 Budget meeting of Essex County Council for consideration.

Carried

11.2 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for October 11, 2018 and November 20, 2018.

253-2018

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for October 11, 2018 and November 20, 2018 be approved.

Carried

11.3 Report of the Striking Committee

Minutes of the Essex County Striking Committee, dated December 13, 2018

254-2018

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Tom Bain

That the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Striking Committee meeting be approved and the appointments recommended to Committees and Board for the term January 2019 to November 2022 be approved.

Carried

11.4 Approval of 2019 Conferences

Report Number 2018-1219-CCS-R012-MB, dated December 19, 2018 from Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk.

255-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Gord Queen

THAT the conferences identified in Report Number 2018-1219-CCS-R012-MB, be approved for attendance by the members of Essex County Council for the year 2019, in accordance with Conference/Convention Attendance Policy 94-004.

Carried

11.5 County of Essex Emergency Communications Plan

Report Number 2018-1219-CCA-R006-RT, dated December 19, 2018 from Renee Trombley, Manager of Corporate Communications & Accessibility.

256-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That Report Number 2018-1219-CCA-R006-RT, regarding the County of Essex Emergency Communications Plan be received for the information of Council.

Carried

11.6 Sun Parlor Home Long Term Care Accountability Planning Submission (LAPS) 2019-2022

Report Number 2018-1219-SPH-010-LM, dated December 19, 2018 from Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

257-2018

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council endorse the Long Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission (LAPS) for 2019 to 2022, and authorize the Warden to sign Schedule E – Form of Compliance for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Carried

11.7 County of Essex Credit Rating Update

Report Number 2018-1219-FIN-R007-SZ, dated December 19, 2018 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Ms. Zwiers presented the report and summarized the County's financial review and credit rating of AA+ with a stable outlook. She noted the report stated that the finances of the County of Essex were well managed and that the County was positioned well financially for the future. Further she highlighted that in the Credit Rating Report, the County received a 'low risk' rating which was an excellent review.

258-2018

Moved By Crystal Meloche

Seconded By Tracey Bailey

That County Council receive the report outlining the County of Essex's 2018 AA+ credit rating for information.

Carried

11.8 Emergency Management Status Report and Compliance

Report Number 2018-1219-R002-EM-BK, dated December 19, 2018 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor EMS.

Chief Krauter provided a summary of the Emergency Management Status Report and Compliance. He noted that the report would be submitted to the Province, in order for the County to be in compliance with the requirements of the legislation.

259-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That County Council adopt By-law #46-2018 authorizing;

Approval of the composition of the Essex County Emergency Management Program Committee;

Acknowledgement of review of the proposed revisions to the Emergency Management Plan for the County of Essex; and

The Emergency Management Coordinator to submit the Annual Emergency Management Program Statement of Completion for 2018.

Carried

11.9 2019 Construction Program

Report Number 2018-R026-IS-1219-JM, dated December 19, 2018 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Ms. Mustac presented the report and summarized the 2019 Construction Program plan, which was determined based on the County's Asset Management Program, as well as the County's Transportation Master Plan.

She explained that factors considered when determining the proposed rehabilitation program included pavement condition, connecting links and determining the highest need in the 1-3 year range for planning purposes. She advised that the primary purpose of the report was to seek approval of projects identified for an early release of tenders with the goal of obtaining optimal pricing during the slow construction period.

Mrs. MacDonald discussed the state of repair of portions of County Road 20 and requested that the County Engineer further investigate the possibility of accelerating the identified rehabilitation timeframe, which was currently in 2022.

Mrs. MacDonald also noted that, according to the report, County Road 34 was slated for closures in 2019 and 2021 for bridge repairs. She advised that closing the road twice was perhaps not necessary if the schedule were able to be adjusted to perform the maintenance at the same time instead. She requested further examination of that proposal as well.

It was noted by Mr. Maisonville, that the feedback on the report would be taken into consideration, however, there would be an opportunity to further discuss projects identified under the Capacity Expansion Program and Paved Shoulder Program during the budget deliberations.

260-2018

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That 2019 Rehabilitation Program be approved as presented and the highlighted projects with an estimated value of \$4,350,000 be advanced as early release projects;

And further that the 2019 candidate projects identified under the Capacity Expansion Program and the Paved Shoulder Program be approved, subject to finalization of the 2019 Infrastructure Services Budget.

Carried

11.10 Encroachment Agreement

Report Number 2018-1219-IS-R027-JM, dated December 19, 2018 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Ms. Mustac presented the report and summarized the request for the encroachment agreement from Mastron Enterprises for the installation of a forcemain on County property.

261-2018

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Nelson Santos

It is recommended that By Law #45-2018 be adopted by the County of Essex for the execution of an Encroachment Agreement with Mastron Enterprises Inc. for the construction of a private sanitary sewer forcemain through lands owned by the Corporation, being part of Lot 12, Concession 3, designated as Part 3 on Reference Plan 12R-17728 and as Part 2 on Reference Plan 12R-14298, as well across and along County Road 18, in the Town of Kingsville, in the County of Essex.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting of Essex County Council was held at 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting, pursuant to Section 239 (2) d of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Administration provided Council with an update on a labour relations/ negotiations matter.

13.2 Draft Budget

Warden McNamara advised that the draft 2019 Essex County Budget was available for review and public comment on the County of Essex website or a print copy in the County Administration offices and that public comments would be received until Thursday January 10th at 4:30 p.m.

13.3 Lynda Monik

The Warden acknowledged Lynda Monik and extended thanks for her service with the Sun Parlor Home, as its Administrator. On behalf of Essex County Council, he extended best wishes to her as she was pursuing a new career opportunity.

13.4 Council Greetings for the Holiday Season

The Warden and members of Council offered their greetings for the 2018 holiday season and extended best wishes for 2019.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

262-2018

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That By-laws #45-2018 through 49-2018, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 45-2018

A By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Encroachment Agreement with Mastron Enterprises Inc.

14.2 By-law Number 46-2018

A By-law to Adopt a Revised Emergency Management Program for the County of Essex.

14.3 By-law Number 47-2018

A By-law to Appoint Auditors of The Corporation of the County of Essex for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018.

14.4 By-law Number 48-2018

A By-law Authorizing the Borrowing of Money to Meet Current Expenditures of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex.

14.5 By-law Number 49-2018

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex.

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

263-2018

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That the Essex County Council meeting for December 19, 2018 be adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk