



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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
 - Mark Carrick, Alternate County Councillor, 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, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Larry Snively, Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Absent:
- Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
- Administration:
- Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
 - Jayne Brooks Keller, Director of Nursing, Sun Parlor Home
 - Danielle Dunlop, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of EWEMS
 - Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
 - Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer
 - 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 scheduled for 6:45 PM on March 20, 2019.

53-2019

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Tom Bain

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

- A pending acquisition of land by the County

Carried

55-2019

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Council rise from the Closed Meeting.

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 Mayor Marc Bondy. LaSalle County Council Alternate Mark Carrick was in attendance.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of March 20, 2019.

56-2019

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Warden McNamara welcomed all in attendance and the viewing audience. He thanked Council and Administration for their support and attendance at the Warden's Luncheon, hosted by the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce on March 31, 2019.

Warden McNamara noted his participation in the following events:

- Windsor Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce - Doing Business with India meeting;
- Pakistani Day Flag raising Ceremony;
- Mayors for Meals Campaign;
- Essex-Windsor EMS and Wounded Warriors media event to sign partnership agreement. The Warden thanked Essex-Windsor EMS Chief Bruce Krauter, along with his entire team for their efforts in mental wellness and support for first responders.

8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations for the April 3, 2019 meeting of County Council.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

57-2019

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for April 3, 2019, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online versions of the AMO Watchfile Newsletter, dated March 21 and 28, 2019.

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mailed copy of an AMO Policy Update, dated March 19, 2019 regarding the Federal Budget 2019: Progress for Municipal Government Priorities.

9.1.3 AMO

Received e-mailed copy of an AMO Policy Update, dated March 26, 2019 regarding the Federal and Provincial Transit Funding Announced Outside Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

9.1.4 AMO

Received e-mail, dated March 28, 2019 regarding the Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace Symposium May 29, 2019.

9.1.5 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Received copy of letter, dated March 5, 2019 addressed to Premier Ford expressing the Board of Health's "Support for Provincial Oral Health Program for Low-Income Adults and Seniors".

9.1.6 Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community (WECCC)

Received e-mail, dated March 27, 2019 from Christie Nelson, Communications Consultant, referring to the WECCC Update.

9.1.7 Bernadette Carnevale and Family (Finance)

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

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for the consideration of Council.

10. Consent Agenda

58-2019

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1, on the Consent Agenda for April 3, 2019, be approved.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal Services

Report Number 2019-0403-ADM-R05-RM, dated April 3, 2019 from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Ontario Cannabis Legislation Implementation Fund - County Allocation Redistribution

Report Number 2019-0403-ADM-R04-RM, dated April 3, 2019 from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Maisonville presented his report on the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund and the proposed reallocation of funds received by the County.

He explained the purpose of the funds was to support municipalities with additional expenses related to the legalization of cannabis, including enforcement and development of policies, and that it was acknowledged that currently the local municipalities were going to experience more incremental costs than the County.

He noted that the Appendix to the report highlighted the reallocation of funding received and further reported that costs related to cannabis legalization would be reported to Council throughout the year and to the province as required.

59-2019

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Larry Snively

That Essex County Council approve the redistribution of the County portion of Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF) from the received 50/50 (local/County) allocation to an 80/20 (local/County) split, in accordance with household funds received, as set out in Appendix IV of Report 2019-0403-ADM-R04-RM.

Carried

11.2 Small Scale on Farm Business Optional Subclasses

Report Number 2019-0403-FIN-R007-SZ, dated April 3, 2019 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Ms. Zwiers presented her report on Small Scale on Farm Business Optional Subclass (tax reductions for eligible properties). She explained that MPAC had returned 14 properties across the County which meet the criteria to be eligible for this optional new subclass. She further advised that a meeting was held at the end of March, 2019 with the local treasurers and tax collectors, in conjunction with discussions with a property tax consultant, to discuss concerns

and comments relating to the adoption of this optional subclass and the impact it would have on the identified 14 properties and similar properties which were not identified as being eligible.

She advised concerns of the group focused on:

- Fairness of not including similar type businesses which were not identified by MPAC;
- Creating sub-classes deemed unnecessary;
- Changing taxation policy after tax ratios and tax rates had been established for the year and the cost to administer the change.

She further noted that a province-wide review determined that only three municipalities in the province had adopted the new subclass at that time and that the majority were waiting to make that decision for the 2020 taxation year.

She did advise that, per the legislation, all 14 of the eligible properties would receive a reduction in their education taxes, regardless of tax policy decisions made on the local/County portion.

60-2019

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That County Council approve the recommendation of the County of Essex Treasurers and Tax Collectors to not adopt optional small scale on-farm business subclasses for the 2019 taxation year and maintain the tax classes as established under By-Law 3-2019.

Carried

11.3 Tender Summary - CIREAM

Report Number 2019-0403-OS-R009-JM, dated April 3, 2019 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/Engineer.

Ms. Mustac presented the Tender results for the Cold In-Place Recycling with Expanded Asphalt Mix (CIREAM) 2019 rehabilitation program.

61-2019

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Tracey Bailey

That the Cold In-Place Recycling with Expanded Asphalt (CIREAM) tender be awarded to Coco Paving Inc. for a total tender amount of \$2,016,120.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

Warden McNamara reported that a Closed Meeting of Essex County Council had been held at 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act. He advised that Administration provided Council with an update and received direction regarding the pending acquisition of property by the County required for future road improvements, which was approved by the adoption of By-law 15-2019.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

62-2019

Moved By Leo Meloche

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That By-law 15-2019 and 16-2019, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 15-2019

A By-law to authorize the purchase of part of Lot 156, Concession 1, Tecumseh designated as Parts 5, 10, 19 and 24 on Reference Plan 12R-10051, subject to R1118693 and SE30572 from 1583912 Ontario Ltd.

14.2 By-law Number 16-2019

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex. (April 3, 2019)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for April 3, 2019 be adjourned at 7:36 PM.

63-2019

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the Essex County Council meeting for April 3, 2019 be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Date Signed