



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

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**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
  - Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
  - Tony Gaffan, Alternate Councillor, Town of Kingsville
  - Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
  - Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
  - Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
  - Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
  - Larry Snively, Mayor, Town of Essex
  - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Absent:
- Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
  - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
- Administration:
- Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
  - Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
  - Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
  - Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
  - Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer
  - Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer
  - Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
  - Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
  - Renée Trombley, Manager Corporate Communications and Accessibility
  - Katherine Hebert, Council & Community Services Administrative Assistant

### **1. Closed Meeting**

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2020

**2. Moment of Reflection**

**3. Singing of 'O Canada'**

**4. Recording of Attendance**

Leo Meloche and Gord Queen were absent. Tony Gaffan attended as the alternate Councillor for the Town of Kingsville. All other members of County Council were in attendance.

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

**6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

**15-2020**

**Moved By** Tom Bain

**Seconded By** Larry Snively

That the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks**

Warden McNamara provided some remarks regarding recent funding announcements in the Windsor Essex region and opportunities that had arisen to meet with Federal Ministers and bring the issues of the region to their attention. He noted that members of area police service Boards had attended an OPP governance meeting that took place in London. He further remarked on the Build a Dream campaign offering opportunities and support through training and mentorship for women interested in STEM based careers as well as trades.

**8. Delegations and Presentations**

There were no delegations scheduled for February 19, 2020.

**9. Communications**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**16-2020**

**Moved By** Tracey Bailey

**Seconded By** Marc Bondy

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for February 19, 2020, be received and any noted action approved.

**Carried**

**9.1.1 Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

View the online version of the AMO Member Communications and recent editions of the [AMO WatchFile Newsletter](#).

**9.1.2 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication**

[January 15, 2020 - Government announces consultation on re-composition of OPP Detachment Boards](#)

**9.1.3 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication**

January 17, 2020 - Infrastructure and Court Security Funding News  
[2020 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\) Allocations Announced](#)

**9.1.4 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication**

[January 24, 2020 - AMO 2020 Pre-Budget Submission](#)

**9.1.5 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Board Highlights**

[January 31, 2020 - AMO Board Highlights](#)

**9.1.6 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Conference**

[February 1, 2020 - AMO 2020 Registration is Open. Early Bird Deadline is March 2, 2020](#)  
Join us in Ottawa, August 16th-19th, for the 2020 AMO Annual General Meeting and Conference. Don't miss out on early bird pricing - register before March 2, 2020 to take advantage.

**9.1.7 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - News**

February 4, 2020 - OPP Detachment Board Regional Discussions

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has announced the dates and times of regional roundtable discussion regarding the re-composition of OPP Detachment Boards.

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

February 11, 2020 - AMO Response to Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation and Cannabis Consultations Underway, Public Health and Emergency Health Services Modernization Consultation

**9.1.9 Windsor Essex County Health Unit - Children Count Pilot Project**

The Windsor–Essex County Board of Health at their January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting, passed a resolution regarding The Children Count Pilot Project recognizing that the Children Count Pilot Study Project, Healthy Living Module, is a feasible approach to fulfill local, regional and provincial population health data gaps for children and youth.

**9.1.10 Windsor Essex County Health Unit - Healthy Smiles Ontario**

The Windsor–Essex County Board of Health, at their December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting adopted a resolution regarding **Healthy Smiles Ontario** recognizing the growing need, and increase in dental decay, among vulnerable children in Windsor-Essex and existing barrier to access to care.

**9.1.11 Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**

A message from Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services - Consultation: developing a new Poverty Reduction Strategy for Ontario. Share your feedback on ways to reduce poverty in Ontario to help us create the new five-year poverty reduction strategy.

Online Poverty Survey

**9.1.12 Ministry of Infrastructure**

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund – Formula-Based Funding Allocation Notice

**9.1.13 Ministry of Long Term Care**

February 13, 2020 - Backgrounder - [Long-Term Care Home Public Inquiry Report Recommendations.](#)

**9.1.14 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)**

Received e-mailed copy of the 2020 OGRA Conference Bulletin

**9.1.15 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)**

ROMA Insider - The Voice of Rural Ontario  
[February 2020 Edition](#)

**9.1.16 Western Ontario Wardens Conference (WOWC) Information**

Updates from the WOWC regarding the appointment of a new Chair and an update on the Executive Director of Economic Development for Western Ontario.

**9.1.17 South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)**

SWIFT Phase II Announcement Brief - 2020-01-17

**9.1.18 South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)**

[SWIFT eNews February 2020 Edition](#)

**9.1.19 Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation**

This report highlights business development accomplishments by the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WE EDC) from October to December 2019.  
[WE EDC Fourth-Quarter Report - 2019](#)

**9.1.20 Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community (WECCC)**

WECCC has updated results, a new website, and an upcoming event! Please read the attachments for the latest and to participate in giving during our "Sunshine In A Box" event on February 27<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Cares (711 McEwan).

**9.1.21 2020 Ontario Farmland Forum**

The forum is hosted by the Ontario Farmland Trust and will be held March 26th, at the Grand Banquet & Event Centre in Guelph, Ontario. This year's theme, "The Shifting Landscapes of Farmland Protection," will be of interest to many elected officials.

**9.1.22 Hydro One Class EA Notice of Commencement - New 230 kV Transmission Line from Chatham to Lakeshore**

Notice of Commencement for a Class Environmental Assessment by Hydro One is taking place in southwestern Ontario. Hydro One is planning to construct a new double-circuit 230 KV transmission line from the Chatham Switching Station (SS) in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to the Lakeshore Switching Station (SS) which will be located in the Town of Lakeshore.

**9.1.23 Town of Tecumseh**

A copy of correspondence, dated January 10, 2020 to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks advising of their Council's Climate Change Emergency Declaration.

**9.1.24 Municipality of Quinte West**

A copy of their Council resolution seeking support for their request to the Provincial Government to improve stable base funding for Conservation Authorities and not diminish their core mandate.

**9.1.25 Municipality of Dutton Dunwich**

A copy of their Council resolution supporting the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs.

**9.1.26 City of Sarnia**

Correspondence, dated January 25, 2020, seeking support for their Council's resolution to halt the construction of the Deep Geological Repository in the Bruce Peninsula.

**9.1.27 Town of Orangeville**

A copy of their Council resolution supporting the continuation of mandatory and non-mandatory programs of Conservation Authorities.

**9.2 Resolutions**

There were no resolutions for Council's consideration.

**10. Consent Agenda**

**17-2020**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

That the recommendations in the Administrative Reports listed as items 10.1 and 10.2, on the Consent Agenda for February 19, 2020, be approved and further that the information item listed as item 10.3 on the said Consent Agenda be received.

**Carried**

**10.1 Modification to Attendance & Wellness Program (AWP)  
2007-02**

Report Number 2020-0219-HR-R001-GP, dated February 19, 2020 from Greg Schlosser, Director of Human Resources.

**10.2 2019 Statement of Councillors' Remuneration**

Report Number 2020-0219-FIN-R002-SZ, dated February 19, 2020 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

**10.3 Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee (HHAC)**

Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee

**11. Reports and Questions**

**11.1 Essex County Library Board**

Minutes of the Essex County Library Board, dated November 27, 2019, Mr. Nelson Santos, Chair.

**18-2020**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board meeting for November 27, 2019 be received.

**Carried**

**11.2 Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority**

Minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting, dated December 3, 2019. Mr. Aldo DiCarlo, Chair.

**19-2020**

**Moved By** Aldo DiCarlo

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority meeting for December 3, 2019 be received.

**Carried**

### **11.3 2020 Property Tax Policy Recommendations**

Report Number 2020-0219-FIN-R001-SZ, dated February 19, 2020 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Sandra Zwiers provided some background information regarding the analysis and discussion from the tax collectors working group surrounding the 2020 tax ratios. She noted that the working group was comprised of taxation staff from each local municipality, as well as the County and that they have reviewed and supported the report recommendation for Council's consideration.

#### **20-2020**

**Moved By** Richard Meloche

**Seconded By** Larry Verbeke

That Essex County Council adopt the tax ratios as set out in By-law 05-2020, for the 2020 taxation year;

And further that the reductions for sub-classes for excess commercial, excess industrial and vacant industrial land be set at 30%, 35% and 35% respectively;

And further that the Essex County Tax Assistance Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities established under By-law 04-2004 and the Charity Tax Rebate Program established under By-law 16-2007 continue with no amendments.

**Carried**

### **11.4 2020 Rehabilitation - CIREAM and Hot Mix Asphalt over CIREAM**

Report Number 2020-0219-IS-R004-JM, dated February 19, 2020 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Ms. Mustac provided a summary of the project, the tender process and the bids that were submitted.

Joe Bachetti joined the meeting at 7:24 pm.



**21-2020**

**Moved By** Joe Bachetti

**Seconded By** Tom Bain

That the tender for the Cold In-Place Recycling with Expanded Asphalt (CIREAM) be awarded to Coco Paving Inc. for a total tender amount of \$1,648,540.00 plus H.S.T.; and further

That the tender for the Hot Mix Asphalt over CIREAM be awarded to Coco Paving Inc. for a total Tender amount of \$2,963,604.00 plus H.S.T.

**Carried**

**11.5 Tender Summary - Information Technology (IT) and Basement Washroom Renovations**

Report Number 2020-0219-IS-R005-JM, dated February 19, 2020 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Ms. Mustac provided an outline of the project, discussed the process that was taken with regard to the RFP and noted the result of the submissions.

**22-2020**

**Moved By** Aldo DiCarlo

**Seconded By** Nelson Santos

That the tender for the Information Technology office and basement washroom renovations be awarded to Matassa Incorporated for a total tender price of \$652,438.00 plus HST.

**Carried**

**11.6 Limited Loads on Highways**

Report Number 2020-0219-IS-R007-JM, dated February 19, 2020 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Ms. Mustac provided a summary of the changes to the load limits and schedules included with the report and by-law.

**23-2020**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Larry Snively

That By-law 2020-06 be adopted, amending load limited highways identified in Schedules "K" and "L" to By-law 26-2002, regulating traffic and parking within the Essex County Road System.

**Carried**

**12. Unfinished Business**

**13. New Business**

**14. Adoption of By-Laws**

**24-2020**

**Moved By** Tom Bain

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

That By-law 2020-04 through 2020-07, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

**Carried**

**14.1 By-law Number 2020-04**

A By-law to Appoint a Deputy Clerk for The Corporation of the County of Essex.

**14.2 By-law Number 2020-05**

A By-law to establish Tax Policy and Levy Property taxes for the year 2020.

**14.3 By-Law Number 2020-06**

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.

**14.4 By-law Number 2020-07**

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex. (February 19, 2020)

**15. Notice of Motion**

**16. Adjournment**

**25-2020**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Nelson Santos

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That the Essex County Council meeting for February 19, 2020 be adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**Carried**

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Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

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Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

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Date Signed