



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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
 - 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, 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
- Administration:
- Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer
 - Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
 - Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
 - Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer
 - Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
 - Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
 - Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
 - Jeanie Diamond Francis, Manager, Community Services
 - Danielle Dunlop, Council and Community Services Administrative Assistant
 - Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs EWEMS
 - Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational Development

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2021.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. 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.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021 County Council Minutes

039-2021

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Tom Bain

That the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Good evening:

I would like to begin by expressing my condolences to the family and friends of those we've lost to COVID-19.

It has been a long and difficult winter, but there is hope on the horizon in the form of vaccines.

Thanks to the steady and consistent leadership of Dr. Ahmed and Theresa Marentette of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, Windsor-Essex is leading the province when it comes to vaccinating our most vulnerable residents.

It was a welcome and historic day Monday when the health unit began mass vaccinations at the WFCU Centre for those aged 80 and over.

They will expand their operation to Essex County next Monday, when they open a second mass vaccination clinic at the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre in Leamington.

Essex County residents aged 80 and over must pre-register for their appointments on the health unit website.

Anyone encountering issues with pre-registration can call 519-251-4072.

I took a tour of the WFCU mass vaccination facility earlier today along with members of the media, and there was a palpable sense of optimism in the air.

The tremendous amount of good that is being done there will only grow by leaps and bounds as our vaccine supply ramps up as expected.

As of this morning, 11,488 Windsor-Essex residents have received both doses of the vaccine and 5,740 have received their first dose for a total of 28,916 doses.

I would like to praise Essex-Windsor EMS Chief Bruce Krauter for the incredible work he has done organizing this monumental vaccination effort. They are so many moving parts to a massive undertaking like this and the Chief is helping to ensure everyone and everything is working in concert for the benefit of our residents.

I would also like to thank the hard-working Paramedics of Essex-Windsor EMS. They were on site providing medical coverage at the mass vaccination clinic and their expertise and skills will no doubt be called upon as the pace of vaccinations increases.

Finally, I would like to again thank the residents of Essex County for doing everything they can to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community safe.

Your selfless efforts are paying off in the form of reduced case numbers and you are most definitely saving lives.

Thank you.

8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no Delegations scheduled for the March 3, 2021 meeting.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

040-2021

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for March 3, 2021, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Response to County of Essex Letter RE Support of Brain Injury Association of Windsor and Essex County OW and ODSP appeal

9.1.2 Windsor Essex County Health Unit

February 22, 2021 - Mandatory Paid Sick Leave in Ontario

9.1.3 Hydro One Network

Project Update - [Chatham to Lakeshore Line](#)

9.1.4 Ministry of Transportation of Ontario and Dillon Consulting

Notice of Completion - [Highway 401 Improvements from east of Essex Road 42 to west of Merlin Road Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Design-Build Contract 2020-3011](#)

The Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) retained Coco Paving Inc. (Coco) and Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to complete the Design-Build (DB) Contract for improvements along Highway 401 from 0.6 km east of Essex Road 42, easterly to just west of Merlin Road, as outlined in the attached notice. The project lies within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, County of Essex and Town of Lakeshore. As part of the DB contract, a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study is required prior to construction start. This study is now complete and a Design and Construction Report (DCR) summarizing the Class EA process and the Detail Design will be available for public review from February 20 to March 22, 2021 on the [project website](#). The website provides a direct link to the Project Team to provide your comments and feedback.

9.1.5 Pathway to Potential

February 2021 [P2P Newsletter - Information Sharing](#)

9.1.6 Ontario Public Service Employees Union

Save Ontario Fire College Proposed Resolution, Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 317
savetheofc@gmail.com

9.1.7 Town of Amherstburg

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College

9.1.8 City of St. Catharine's

Resolution RE Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario

9.1.9 Town of Orangeville

Resolution RE Greenhouse Gas Emissions

9.1.10 Township of Conmee

Resolution RE Criminal Records and Municipal Election Candidates

9.1.11 Township of Perth South

Request for Clarification RE Ontario Announces Working Group to Better Focus Conservation Authorities

9.1.12 Town of Gravenhurst

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College

9.1.13 Township of Perry

Resolution RE Support for Government of Ontario to prioritize children and childcare as part of its post pandemic recovery plan.

9.1.14 Township of Perry

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College

9.1.15 Township of Archipelago

Resolution RE Municipal Elections Act Review

9.1.16 Township of Perry

Resolution RE Community Safety Plan

9.1.17 Township of South Glengarry

Resolution RE Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)

9.1.18 Township of South Glengarry

Resolution RE Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Legislation

9.1.19 Township of Tiny

Letter RE Closure of Ontario Fire College

9.1.20 City of Port Colborne

Resolution RE Closure of Ontario Fire College

9.1.21 Township of Strong

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College Closure

9.1.22 Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

February 18, 2021 - [An Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils](#)

9.1.23 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 13, 2021 - [AMO 2021 Virtual Conference - Registration Open](#)

9.1.24 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 15, 2021 - [AMO Digital Partner Webinars: Electronic Meeting Management and Managing Online Bookings](#)

9.1.25 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 17, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Access of Persons with Disabilities to Sports/Recreational Facilities during COVID-19 and Greenbelt Consultation](#)

9.1.26 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 17, 2021 - [Land and Use Planning: Beyond the Basics - March 25th, April 15th & 29th 2021](#)

9.1.27 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 18, 2021 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

9.1.28 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 19, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission, AMO-CUPE Economic Recovery Letter, Emergency Orders Extended, and Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework](#)

9.1.29 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 20, 2021 - [AMO 2021: Keynote to Explore Social, Cultural and Economic Impacts of Climate Change](#)

9.1.30 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 24, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Build Back Better Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation](#)

9.1.31 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

February 25, 2021 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for Council's consideration for March 3, 2021.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no items for the Consent Agenda for March 3, 2021.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA)

Minutes from December 1, 2020 and January 5, 2021 EWSWA Board Meeting, Aldo DiCarlo, Chair

041-2021

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority for December 1, 2020 and January 5, 2021 be received.

Carried

11.2 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee (ECAAC)

January 14, 2021 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, Gord Queen, Vice Chair.

042-2021

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for January 14, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

11.3 Sun Parlor Home Declaration of Compliance for the Year 2020

Report number 2021-0303-SPH-R001-JBK, Sun Parlor Home Declaration of Compliance for the Year 2020, dated March 3, 2021, from Jayne Brooks-Keller, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

Jayne Brooks-Keller presented information on the Sun Parlor Home Declaration of Compliance under LSAA for the Year 2020. Ms. Brooks-Keller and her staff were commended by the Warden for their hard work and dedication over the past year in the face of the pandemic.

043-2021

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Richard Meloche

That Essex County Council authorize the execution of the Declaration of Compliance indicating that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, Sun Parlor Home has fulfilled, its obligations under the LSAA in effect during the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Carried

11.4 St. Joachim Lodge Inc. Purchase of Service Agreement

Report number 2021-0303-CCS-R002-MB, St. Joachim Lodge Inc. Purchase of Service Agreement, dated March 3, 2021 from Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Mary Birch provided information and background on the contract with St. Joachim Lodge Inc., indicating that a recent sale of the home required a new contract with the new owner. Ms. Birch provided data on the number of residents at the home and relayed the commitment of the new owners to continue to serve the residents in this location.

044-2021

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Gord Queen

That Essex County Council adopt By-law # 2021-10, authorizing the purchase of service agreement with St. Joachim Lodge Inc. for the provision of Housing Support under the County of Essex Housing with Supports Program.

Carried

11.5 Limited Loads on Highways - Amendment to the Traffic Control By-law

Report number 2021-0303-ISD-R005-JM, Limited Loads on Highways - Amendment to the Traffic Control By-law, dated March 3, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer.

Jane Mustac provided information and recommendations regarding County Load Limits and the requested amendment to the Traffic Control By-law.

045-2021

Moved By Larry Snively

Seconded By Gord Queen

That By-law 2021-08 be adopted, amending load limited highways identified in Schedules "K" and "L" to By-law 26-2002, regulating traffic and parking on Essex County Road System.

Carried

11.6 Tender Summary - 2021 Rehabilitation - Hot Mix Overlay and Mill and Pave

Report number 2021-0303-ISD-R004-JM, Tender Summary - 2021 Rehabilitation - Hot Mix Overlay and Mill and Pave, dated March 3, 2021, from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer.

Jane Mustac presented tender information for Hot Mix Overlay and Mill and Pave, noting the tender and award process, as well as the total amounts.

046-2021

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Tom Bain

That the Hot Mix Overlay and Mill and Pave tender be awarded to Mill-Am Corporation for a total tender amount of \$1,822,455.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

11.7 Land Donation - County Road 20

Report number 2021-0303-ISD-R006-JM, Land Donation - County Road 20, dated March 3, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer.

Jane Mustac provided information on the acceptance of a Land Donation from a Landowner for a portion of land on County Road 20.

047-2021

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That Essex County Council adopt By-Law 2021-09 to accept this land dedication and have it form part of the County Road 20 right-of-way.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Amended Start Time for Regular County Council Meetings

Marc Bondy requested that Council consider adjusting the start time of Regular County Council meetings to 6:00 PM.

Councillors were asked to provide feedback to the Clerk's office to determine if an amendment of the start time would create any barriers to all members of County Council being able to attend on time regular meetings and closed meetings typically scheduled prior to the regular meeting. Administration was requested to provide a report on the matter at the March 17, 2021 meeting.

13.2 Chapman's Ice Cream Freezer Donation

Warden McNamara acknowledged Chapman's Ice Cream for their generous donation of a freezer required to store vaccine for the mass vaccination site in Leamington. The Warden indicated that a letter of thanks would be prepared.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

048-2021

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That By-laws 2021-08 through 2021-11, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 2021-08

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.

14.2 By-Law Number 2021-09

Being a By-law to accept the donation of part of Lot 36, Concession 4, Malden, as in R298567, now designated as Part 3 on Reference Plan 12R-28440 from George Herman VandenBrink and Ruth Ann VandenBrink .

14.3 By-law Number 2021-10

Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Essex and St. Joachim Lodge Inc.

14.4 By-law Number 2021-11

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex for the meeting of March 3, 2021.

15. Notice of Motion

15.1 Support for Local Wineries

Nelson Santos brought forward a Notice of Motion as follows:

WHEREAS the Ontario wine industry supports directly and indirectly over 18,000 full-time equivalent jobs; and Ontario is the largest

wine growing region in Canada responsible for over 2/3 of Canada's grape production;

WHEREAS, with 2.4 million annual visitors to Ontario's wine regions, Lake Erie North Shore's wine sector has developed unique experiential destination tourism, enhanced by the proximity to the City of Windsor;

WHEREAS COVID-19 has had significant impacts on Ontario's wine industry – a key contributor to Lake Erie North Shore's economy and tourism sector;

WHEREAS to build back a stronger, more sustainable economy, there is a need to unlock the potential of Ontario's grape and wine industry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the County of Essex CALLS on the Province of Ontario to create a level playing field and to provide Ontario's entrepreneurial wine industry with opportunities to invest more into innovation and job creation while providing consumer choice and convenience for the purchase of Ontario wines;

2. That the Province BE URGED to undertake the following:

- Eliminate the 6.1% tax applied to VQA (100% Ontario-grown) wines on sales in the 2021

Budget;

- Enable Ontario wines to offer direct delivery, with margin, to grocery stores;

- Establish long-term VQA wine support programs at the LCBO that would increase shelf space for VQA wines and;

- Eliminate import taxes on 100% Ontario VQA wines.

3. That this motion BE CIRCULATED to municipalities in Niagara and Prince Edward County and to MPP Taras Natyshak, MPP Rick Nicholls, the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

16. Adjournment

049-2021

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Marc Bondy

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THAT the Essex County Council meeting for March 3, 2021 be adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Date Signed