



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

**Wednesday, April 7, 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
  - Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
  - Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
  - 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
  - Justin Lammers, Deputy Chief Professional Standards, EMS
  - Crystal Sylvestre, Council and Community Services Administrative Assistant
  - Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational Development

**1. Closed Meeting**

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for April 7, 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.

Krista Rempel, Executive Director from The Bridge Erie Shores, was also in attendance relating to item 11.2 Housing with Supports - New Service Provider Agreement-Building Bridges Erie Shores.

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

**6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2021 - Essex County Council, Regular Meeting Minutes

**066-2021**

**Moved By** Crystal Meloche

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

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

**Carried**

**7. 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,

The last few weeks have been a roller-coaster ride for all of us here in Essex County. They have brought us reasons for hope, but also reasons for concern and continued vigilance.

This afternoon, Ontario Premier Doug Ford declared a State of Emergency and issued a sweeping Stay-At-Home Order to help curb the spread of variants that are threatening to overwhelm our health care system.

These variants are more transmissible and deadlier than the COVID-19 we've been fighting for a year. They are wreaking havoc in other jurisdictions and, unfortunately, they are on the rise here in Windsor-Essex.

Dr. Ahmed warned this week things are moving in the wrong direction. I'm hopeful this Stay-At-Home order can help turn the tide. Please, limit your contacts and avoid gatherings and non-essential trips outside your home.

I know this is a bitter pill for small businesses in Windsor-Essex who are struggling to survive. These businesses are the backbone of our economy. Please continue supporting them the way they have always supported us.

And I know this lockdown hurts residents more than the others because people are tired and discouraged and because it felt for a time that the worst was behind us.

Hang in there. We've come too far and sacrificed too much to give up now – not when our mass vaccination campaign is about to pay big dividends.

More than 92,000 Windsor and Essex County residents have received one vaccine and the pace of vaccinations is poised to ramp up.

The vaccines and the variants are in a race and it is only our continued vigilance that will slow the spread and allow the vaccines to cross that finish line first.

Stay home, stay safe and save lives. And, please, get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible. For information and to book an appointment, visit [www.WeVax.ca](http://www.WeVax.ca).

I would like to finish these remarks on a positive note and thank all of the Essex County residents who fought so hard to ensure the Province provided funding to advance the new hospital project.

There are competing interests around the cabinet table at Queen's Park, but our residents clearly and consistently let the Premier know they deserved quality health care and a modern, state of the art hospital.

Our work is far from over, but we can't wait to move forward with this transformative project. It will improve the quality of our lives and bolster our regional economy, attracting the best and brightest in the field of medicine and fueling residential and commercial growth.

We can accomplish great things when we work together and it is this same indomitable spirit that will allow us to endure this lockdown and win the fight against COVID-19.

## **8. Delegations and Presentations**

There were no delegations for April 7, 2021

## **9. Communications**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

**067-2021**

**Moved By** Marc Bondy

**Seconded By** Larry Snively

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for April 7, 2021, be received and any noted action approved.

**Carried**

#### **9.1.1 Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)**

Highway #3 Notice of Completion - [Design and Construction Report](#)

Highway 3 Widening in the Town of Essex, From 0.8 km west of Ellis Side Road easterly to 2.2 km east of Essex County Road 23, Detailed Design, Class Environmental Assessment and Construction, Design-Build Contract 2020-3006

Dillon Consulting Limited [HWY 3 Project Website](#)

#### **9.1.2 Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM)**

Compliance Results for the County of Essex under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

#### **9.1.3 Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN)**

March 18, 2021 Memorandum RE Transfer Order Notice

#### **9.1.4 Windsor Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC)**

[Wake up & Network Event](#) - Tuesday April 20, 2021

[Media Release - Ontario Chamber Network calls for targeted business supports, in-demand training programs, and bold moves on interprovincial trade during 2021 Advocacy Series](#) - March 22, 2021

March 16, 2021 - [WERCC e-Newsletter](#)

**9.1.5 Municipality of Calvin**

Resolution RE Universal Paid Sick Days

**9.1.6 Town of Cochrane**

Resolution RE MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure

**9.1.7 Municipality of Grey Highlands**

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College Closure

**9.1.8 City of Kitchener**

Resolution RE Planning Act Timelines

**9.1.9 Municipality of Leamington**

Resolution RE Ontario Fire College Closure

**9.1.10 City of Owen Sound**

Resolution RE Municipal Insurance Rates

**9.1.11 County of Peterborough**

Resolution RE Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction

**9.1.12 Township of South Glengarry**

Resolution RE Provincial Roll-out of Vaccines for COVID-19

**9.1.13 Municipality of Tweed**

Resolution RE Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

**9.1.14 Town of Orangeville**

Resolution RE request to withdraw Schedule 3 from Bill 257

**9.1.15 City of Windsor**

Resolution RE Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Organic Waste Plan Support

**9.1.16 City of Windsor**

Resolution RE Tree Planting Program Cuts to Funding

**067A-2021**

**Moved By** Leo Meloche

**Seconded By** Gord Queen

That Essex County Council support the resolution of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee requesting that a letter be sent to Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament, requesting funding for the planting of trees in Windsor-Essex County.

**Carried**

**9.1.17 Debbie France**

Letter RE Federal Cannabis Consultations

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

March 11, 2021 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

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

March 15, 2021 - [Accessibility & Your Municipality: Meeting your Legal & Ethical Obligations](#)

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

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

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

March 20, 2021 - [Anthony McLean added as keynote for 2021 AMO Conference](#)

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

March 22, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – OPP Detachment Board Composition Process, Personal Support Worker Temporary Pay Extended, and By-Name Lists](#)

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

March 24, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Provincial Budget Highlights + Bill 257 Referred to Committee](#)

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

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

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

March 25, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Federal Gas Tax and Updated COVID-19 Regulations](#)

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

March 26, 2021 - [André Picard added as Keynote for 2021 AMO Conference](#)

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

March 26, 2021 - [One-Time Doubling of Gas Tax Funds in 2021](#)

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

March 29, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – OCLIP Final Payment, AMO's Bill 257 Submission, and Amended COVID-19 Orders](#)

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

April 1, 2021 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

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

April 1, 2021 - [AMO Policy Update – Provincial COVID-19 Lock Down, Water Taking Changes, and Long-Term Care Medication Safety](#)

**9.2 Resolutions**

**9.2.1 Town of Kingsville**

Resolution RE Bill C-21, An Act to Amend Certain Acts, and to Make Certain Consequential Amendments (Firearms)

**068-2021**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Kingsville RE Bill C-21, An Act to Amend Certain Acts, and to Make Certain Consequential Amendments (Firearms) and Support their Resolution #205-2021.

**Carried**

**9.2.2 Town of LaSalle**

Resolution RE Three Digit Dialing for Suicide Prevention Hotline

**069-2021**

**Moved By** Marc Bondy

**Seconded By** Tom Bain

That Essex County Council receive the correspondence from the Town of LaSalle regarding Three Digit Dialing for Suicide Prevention Hotline and Support their resolution #465/21.

**Carried**

## **10. Consent Agenda**

**070-2021**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Joe Bachetti

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1 on the Consent Agenda for April 7, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

### **10.1 Approval of Invoices, Legal and Consulting Services**

Report number 2021-0407-ADM-R001-MG Approval of Invoices, Legal and Consulting Services, dated April 7, 2021 from Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer

## **11. Reports and Questions**

### **11.1 Essex County Library Board**

Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Essex County Library Board Meeting, Deputy Warden Nelson Santos, Chair

**071-2021**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board for February 24, 2021 be received.

**Carried**

### **11.2 Housing with Supports - New Service Provider Agreement-Building Bridges Erie Shores**

Report number 2021-0407-CCS-R05-JDF, Housing with Supports - New Service Provider Agreement-Building Bridges Erie Shores, dated April 7, 2021 from Jeanie Diamond-Francis, Manager, Community Services



Jeanie Diamond-Francis provided information and background regarding the agreement with Building Bridges Erie Shores. She indicated this agreement would provide local youth with temporary housing, support and needs management to prepare them for the future.

Various funding methods were discussed; both outside and inclusive of financial support of the County. The Housing with Supports group were praised for their innovative approach to this agreement.

**072-2021**

**Moved By** Tracey Bailey

**Seconded By** Hilda MacDonald

That County Council adopt By-law #2021-13, authorizing the Warden and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Building Bridges Erie Shores to provide subsidized housing with supports care.

**Carried**

**11.3 Ontario Regulation 588-17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure**

Report number 2021-0407-FIN-R05-SZ, Ontario Regulation 588-17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure, dated April 7, 2021 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services Department/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers provided the report outlining changes to Ontario Regulation 588/17 explaining that the municipal asset management planning regulation was designed in phases with multiple deadlines. She advised that due to challenges presented by COVID-19, the Minister of Infrastructure had extended the deadline for Phase 2 an additional year to July 2022. Ms. Zwiers noted that County Administration intended providing Council with the Corporation's Strategic Asset Management Plan in the Spring 2022 to align with the 5-year review of the plan.

**073-2021**

**Moved By** Richard Meloche

**Seconded By** Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council receive the report highlighting the deadline extensions of O. Reg 588/17 for information.

**Carried**

#### **11.4 Approval of 2021 Conferences and Policy Update**

Report number 2021-0407-CCS-R04-MB, Approval of 2021 Conferences and Policy Update, dated April 7, 2021 from Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Mary Birch provided the report outlining conferences which could be attended by Councillors if approved for 2021. She further explained that the Policy 94-004 Conference/Convention Attendance Policy was updated to increase the conference allowance limit and include information pertaining to virtual conferences.

##### **074-2021**

**Moved By** Aldo DiCarlo

**Seconded By** Hilda MacDonald

THAT the Conference/Convention Attendance Policy 94-004 be amended as proposed in Report Number 2021-04-07-CCS-004-MB;

AND FURTHER THAT the conferences identified in Report Number 2021-04-07-CCS-004-MB, be approved for attendance by the members of Essex County Council for the year 2021, in accordance with Conference/Convention Attendance Policy 94-004, as amended.

**Carried**

#### **11.5 Naloxone Program Distribution Agreement**

Report number 2021-0407-EMS-R002-JL, Naloxone Program Distribution Agreement, dated April 7, 2021, from Justin Lammers, Deputy Chief Professional Standards, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services.

Deputy Chief Justin Lammers provided a report regarding an agreement with Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and the County of Essex on behalf of Essex-Windsor EMS for the future distribution of Naloxone kits as a component of the Vulnerable Patient Navigator (VPN) program and specifically the Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MHART). Replacement kits fall under the Harm Reduction pillar of this program and would be partnered with education and support for those suffering from Substance Use Disorders.

##### **075-2021**

**Moved By** Larry Snively

**Seconded By** Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreement between the County of Essex (Essex Windsor EMS) and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) for the Ontario Naloxone Program Expanded Access.

**Carried**

#### **11.6 2021 Budget- Approval for the Procurement of Seven Ambulances**

Report number 2021-0407-EMS-R03-BK, 2021 Budget- Approval for the Procurement of Seven Ambulances, dated April 7, 2021 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Chief Bruce Krauter provided a report on the procurement of seven ambulances in 2021. He advised that increases in price were attributed to supply chain disruptions and COVID related price increases and that a budget shortfall of \$9,573 for the entire project would be realized and to be funded from reserves.

**076-2021**

**Moved By** Marc Bondy

**Seconded By** Tom Bain

That Essex County Council approve the proposal by Essex Windsor EMS to proceed with the 2021 ordering of seven (7) Crestline Coach Ltd. Type III ambulances with a total purchase price of \$1,242,623 (plus HST).

**Carried**

#### **11.7 Tender Summary - Bridge Over Belle River B-27-12**

Report number 2021-0407-ISC-R010-JM, Tender Summary - Bridge Over Belle River B-27-12, dated April 7, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer

Jane Mustac reported on the tender results for rehabilitation of the Bridge over the Belle River on County Road 27. She explained that the proposed timing of the works was anticipated to commence in early May and expected to take three (3) months to complete, with detour routes extending to County Road 31.

**077-2021**

**Moved By** Nelson Santos

**Seconded By** Joe Bachetti

That Essex County Council award the tender for Project Number - 116-2021 - County Road 27 - Bridge over Belle River (B-27-12) to Front Construction Industries Inc. for a total tender amount of \$436,400.00 plus H.S.T.

**Carried**

### **11.8 Tender Summary - Non-Coning Water-Borne Traffic Paint**

Report number 2021-0407-ISD-R012-JM, Tender Summary - Non-Coning Water-Borne Traffic Paint, dated April 7, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer

Jane Mustac reported on the tender results for the acquisition of Non-coning Water Borne Paint required for line painting projects under legislation. She explained that supply chain impacts had increased the cost of this product and that savings experienced in other areas would assist to offset the increase in pricing of this product.

**078-2021**

**Moved By** Hilda MacDonald

**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council award the tender for Project Number IS-2021-019-DN Non-Coning Water-Borne Traffic Paint to Ennis Paint Canada ULD for a total tender amount of \$420,750.00 plus H.S.T.

**Carried**

### **11.9 Traffic Calming Gosfield North Public School**

Report number 2021-0407-ISD-R011-JM, Traffic Calming Gosfield North Public School, dated April 7, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services Department/County Engineer

Jane Mustac provided a report in response to a safety inquiry about County Road 27, adjacent to Gosfield North Public School. She explained that preliminary information had been gathered in consultation with the school principal. She explained that during COVID, the school had experienced more parents driving their children to school in lieu of bussing, however, this was anticipated to be a temporary situation. This preliminary report indicates there is signage and safety markings in place at this time. A full report will be provided before the end of school year.

**079-2021**

**Moved By** Gord Queen

**Seconded By** Crystal Meloche

That Essex County Council received report 2021-0407-ISC-R011-JM Traffic Calming Gosfield North Public School as information.

**Carried**

**12. Unfinished Business**

**13. New Business**

**13.1 Proposal for School Zone Designation on County Road 27**

At the March 21, 2021 meeting of Essex County Council, Gord Queen raised an issue with the portion of County Road 27, which is adjacent to Gosfield North Public School and issued the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas the Health and Safety of all our Residents is important, regardless of age; and

Whereas the Present COVID-19 has highlighted problems within our County; and

Whereas our School Children, School Teachers and Parents are all experiencing challenges getting to school safety; and

Whereas on more than one occasion concerns have been expressed about the speed and safety for Parents to drop off and pick up their Children at the Gosfield North Public School located on the Belle River Road, often referred to as County Road 27; and

Whereas the Council of the Town of Kingsville is scheduled to discuss this issue at their next regular meeting on March 22.

Now therefore, in the event that we gain support and concurrence of our local Town Council, I may move or cause to have moved as follows:

That a School safety zone be established by or in front of the Gosfield North Public School, with appropriate signage; and

Further, that the County of Essex review and make such other actions and recommendations that may aid in the safe passage of our students.

(Refer to Item 11.9 for disposition)

### **13.2 Intersection Warning Systems**

In response to a question, Jane Mustac provided information regarding the study of warning systems at intersections throughout the County.

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

**080-2021**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Richard Meloche

That By-laws 2021-13 through 2021-15, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

**Carried**

### **14.1 By-Law Number 2021-13**

Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Essex and Building Bridges Erie Shores

### **14.2 By-law Number 2020-14**

Being a By-law to execute an agreement between the County of Essex (Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services) and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) for the Ontario Naloxone Program Expanded Access.

### **14.3 By-law Number 2021-15**

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex for April 7, 2021

## **15. Notice of Motion**

## **16. Adjournment**

**081-2021**

**Moved By** Larry Snively

**Seconded By** Gord Queen

That the Essex County Council meeting for April 7, 2021 be adjourned at 8:08 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