

# **Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

# Wednesday, July 21, 2021 7:00 PM

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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

Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational

Development

Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County

Engineer

Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk

Michelle Bishop, General Manager, EWSWA Kristie Cronin, Director of Human Resources

Crystal Sylvestre, Council and Community Services

Administrative Assistant

# 1. Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting of County Council was held at 6:30 PM, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended regarding a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality.

150-2021 Moved By Crystal Meloche 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:

• a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality.

**Carried** 

153-2021 Moved By Aldo DiCarlo Seconded By Gord Queen

That Council move out of in-camera session at 6:39 PM.

Carried

#### 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

154-2021 Moved By Gord Queen Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the June 16, 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. Summer is in full swing and we have moved another step toward reopening Ontario. Businesses that were closed or restricted are ramping up, and everyone can get out to enjoy more social time. Over half of Windsor-Essex County residents are now fully vaccinated.

This is good news. Thank you to all who have worked so tirelessly to make it happen.

Tonight, we want to give a special salute to Essex-Windsor EMS Chief Bruce Krauter. Last month, he received the first ever Community Partnership Award for his outstanding contribution and commitment to advancing teaching and learning for students at St. Clair College.

Chief Krauter played an integral part in ensuring paramedic students got the hands-on training they needed to graduate.

When the pandemic prevented students from riding with our Essex-Windsor EMS crews, the college set up a simulation at its Windsor campus. Chief Krauter helped make sure the simulation met rigorous standards and that our paramedics were available to assess students.

It is this kind of can-do attitude and teamwork that has helped us get through this pandemic. So, congratulations to Chief Krauter and everyone at Essex-Windsor EMS for this award.

A big thank you, as well, to St. Clair College. It has been a tremendous partner throughout the pandemic, stepping up to provide space for a field hospital, COVID testing and a vaccination centre.

Today, that vaccination centre closed, but we still have many locations where residents who need COVID shots can get them.

Over 60 per cent of eligible Windsor and Essex County residents are now fully vaccinated. Those who still need shots can book appointments at any of the five mass vaccination sites. There are also walk-in spots available at four of the sites, and every week there are pop-up vaccination clinics at various locations.

To find out more go to the WEVax.ca website.

We are in a war to beat back COVID-19 and the best ammunition we have is vaccine.

Throughout the pandemic we have praised the heroes, especially healthcare and essential workers, who soldiered through long hours under difficult circumstances. Now everyone over the age of 12 can be a hero by getting vaccinated and making it harder for COVID-19 to spread. The harder it is for the virus to spread, the harder it is for new variants that may be deadlier to emerge.

Thanks to all the vaccine heroes who have already done your part. I encourage anyone who is hesitating to talk to a trusted health-care provider about getting your shots.

To quote Chief Krauter, we want to "get out of the tunnel of COVID and see the brightness on the other side."

# 8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations scheduled for the July 21, 2021 County Council meeting.

#### 9. Communications

#### 9.1 Correspondence

155-2021 Moved By Larry Snively Seconded By Richard Meloche

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for July 21, 2021, be received and any noted action approved.

**Carried** 

# 9.1.1 County of Essex - Public Information Centre (PIC)

County Road 22 Project Information can be found online on the interactive <u>Placespeak website</u>. A recording of the PIC session is also online on the <u>County Road 22 Project page</u> on the County website.

Comments and feedback will be received until July 29, 2021. <u>Participate in the survey online.</u>

#### 9.1.2 Office of the Solicitor General of Ontario

July 8, 2021 - Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 and Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 RE animals and motor vehicles during summer months

#### 9.1.3 Province of Ontario

News Release - <u>Premier Ford Announces Changes to Cabinet</u>
Listing of <u>Ontario's Cabinet Members</u>

#### 9.1.4 Invest Windsor Essex (IWE)

June 22, 2021 <u>Media Release - Windsor-Essex automobility ecosystem welcomes Ettractive Inc.</u>

#### 9.1.5 Pathway to Potential

June 2021 - Newsletter and Information Sharing

#### 9.1.6 Ombudsman Ontario

June 29, 2021 - Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé releases his Annual Report today

#### 9.1.7 Ontario 211

July 6, 2021 e-Blast Newsletter - Windsor Essex 211

# 9.1.8 Coaches Association of Ontario and Hydro One Networks Inc.

Applications for the Return to Coaching Community Grant can be submitted online at <a href="https://www.safesport101.coachesontario.ca">www.safesport101.coachesontario.ca</a>. Submissions close August 8, 2021 and decisions will be issued by September 1.

#### 9.1.9 Youth Canada Works

June 15, 2021 - Wage subsidies for summer jobs

#### 9.1.10 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

Resolution RE Support 988 Crisis Hotline

#### 9.1.11 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

Resolution RE Environmental Protection Amendment Act

#### 9.1.12 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

Resolution RE Banning Unencapsulated Poly Foam

#### 9.1.13 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

Resolution RE Support for Abandoned Cemeteries

#### 9.1.14 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for suicide prevention hotline

#### 9.1.15 Township of Archipelago

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for suicide prevention hotline

#### 9.1.16 Township of Brock

Resolution RE Invasive Phragmites

#### 9.1.17 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Drainage Matters and the Canadian National Railway

#### 9.1.18 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Bill 228 - Banning un-encapsulated Polystyrene foam and Bill 279 - Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics for Washing Machines) 2021

#### 9.1.19 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Induction of 'Chatham Coloured All-Stars' into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

#### 9.1.20 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Support for Abandoned Cemeteries

#### 9.1.21 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act

#### 9.1.22 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE support Ontario Big Cities Mayors action on mental health and addiction plan

#### 9.1.23 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution RE Licensing of Cannabis Operations – Previously Operating Illegally

#### 9.1.24 Town of Cochrane

Resolution RE Coverage for the PSA Test for Men

#### 9.1.25 Town of Fort Erie

Resolution RE Lyme Disease Awareness Month

#### 9.1.26 Town of Fort Erie

Resolution RE Licensing of Cannabis Operations - Previously Operating Illegally

#### 9.1.27 Township of Georgian Bay

Resolution RE Bill 279 - Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines)

#### 9.1.28 Township of Georgian Bay

Resolution RE Lottery Licencing to Assist Small Organizations

#### 9.1.29 Township of Georgian Bay

Resolution RE Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

#### 9.1.30 Township of Greater Napanee

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for suicide prevention hotline

#### 9.1.31 Township of Greater Napanee

Resolution RE Support for Abandoned Cemeteries

#### 9.1.32 Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for suicide hotline

### 9.1.33 Township of Huron-Kinloss

Resolution RE Domestic Production of COVID-19 Vaccine

### 9.1.34 Town of Kingsville

Support for County of Essex resolution 389-2021 RE Discretionary Regional Reopening Strategy

#### 9.1.35 City of Kitchener

Resolution RE Increasing Building Material Costs

156-2021

**Moved By** Joe Bachetti **Seconded By** Larry Snively

That Essex County Council support the resolution of the Council of the City of Kitchener, seeking Federal and Provincial action to mitigate or offset the impacts to the rising cost of building materials.

#### 9.1.36 City of Kitchener

Letter to Prime Minister RE Support for Bill-C 313.

#### 9.1.37 Township of Lake of Bays

Resolution RE Include Fire Service under Infrastructure Programs

#### 9.1.38 City of Mississauga

Resolution RE Indigenous Recognition and Canada Day Observations

#### 9.1.39 Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Resolution RE Support for Cemetery Funding

#### 9.1.40 Township of Scugog

Resolution RE Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds

#### 9.1.41 City of St. Catharine's

Resolution RE Lyme Disease Awareness Month

#### 9.1.42 Municipality of St. Charles

Resolution RE Land Transfer Tax

#### 9.1.43 Tay Valley Township

Resolution RE Provincial Funding of Major Hospital Capital Equipment

#### 9.1.44 Tay Valley Township

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for suicide prevention hotline

#### 9.1.45 City of Vaughn

Resolution RE Raising driving age to 18.

#### 9.1.46 Township of Wainfleet

Resolution RE Invasive Phragmites

#### 9.1.47 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

June 17, 2021 - ROMA Insider ROMA is reaching out to you directly to help shape a number of its 2021 strategic priorities

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9.1.48	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)
	Virtual Event Reminder - <u>Annual General Meeting August 25-</u> 26 'Climate Change and Beyond'
9.1.49	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)
	June 2021 GLSLCI Newsletter 'Making Waves' Online
9.1.50	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)
	July 15, 2021 - Registration Now Open for Virtual Annual Meeting (Aug 25-26)
9.1.51	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 15, 2021 - <u>Leading Through Crisis Strengthening</u> Personal Resilience September 16, 2021
9.1.52	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 16, 2021 - AMO 2021 Training Human Rights and Equity The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders Thursday, September 9, 2021
9.1.53	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 17, 2021 - AMO Watchfile Online
9.1.54	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 18, 2021 - AMO Policy Update - Provincial Cabinet Shuffle
9.1.55	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 24, 2021 - AMO Watchfile Online
9.1.56	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 24, 2021 - AMO Policy Update - Moving to Step Two of COVID-19 Reopening on June 30 and Adding Mental Health Support to OPP Communication Centres
9.1.57	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
	June 28, 2021 - AMO Policy Update - Community

Paramedicine, Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities, and Pathway Immigration Program

# 9.1.58 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

June 28, 2021 - News Release - AMO and MPAC partner on search for municipal e-permitting platform

#### 9.1.59 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 30, 2021 - AMO Watchfile Online

#### 9.1.60 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 6, 2021 - <u>Government Keynotes and Ministers' Forums</u> Confirmed

#### 9.1.61 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 7, 2021 - AMO 2021 Training Human Rights and Equity
The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders Thursday,
September 9, and Thursday, October 21, 2021

#### 9.1.62 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 8, 2021 - AMO Watchfile Online

#### 9.1.63 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 8, 2021 - AMO Policy Update - AMO Long-Term Care
Transformation Advocacy, Expanding Addictions Support, and
Free Skills Training for Newcomers

#### 9.1.64 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 10, 2021 - Special Programming added to Conference

# 9.1.65 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 15, 2021 - AMO Watchfile

# **9.1.66** Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 15, 2021 - AMO and OFIFC Present: <u>Indigenous</u> <u>Community Awareness Training</u>, <u>September 22, 2021</u>

#### 9.2 Resolutions

#### 9.2.1 Municipality of Learnington

Resolution RE Support for three digit dialing for National Suicide Prevention hotline

157-2021 Moved By Hilda MacDonald Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Leamington, dated June 15, 2021, advising of their Council's endorsement for the 988 Crisis Line initiative; and further that Leamington Council Resolution No. C-181-21 be supported.

Carried

## 10. Consent Agenda

158-2021 Moved By Marc Bondy Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1, on the Consent Agenda for July 21, 2021, be approved.

Carried

#### 10.1 Approval of Invoices for Legal and Consulting Services

Report number 2021-0721-ADM-R006-MG, Approval of Invoices for Legal and Consulting Services, dated July 21, 2021 from Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer

# 11. Reports and Questions

# 11.1 Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA)

The minutes of the May 4, 2021 and June 1, 2021 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting, and the 2020 Annual Waste Diversion Report, presented by Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Chair EWSWA. EWSWA General Manager, Michelle Bishop was also present for questions.

There were no questions or comments.

159-2021 Moved By Aldo DiCarlo Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority meetings dated May 4th and June 1st, 2021 and 2020 Residential Waste Diversion Report be received.

#### 11.2 Comprehensive General Insurance Program Renewal

Report number 2021-0721-FIN-R10-SZ, Comprehensive General Insurance Program Renewal, dated July 21, 2021 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services Department/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers advised County Council on the cost of the comprehensive insurance program renewal for the period covering June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Ms. Zwiers noted that the motion to delegate approval authority to the CAO was passed by Council at a previous meeting.

Ms. Zwiers explained the ongoing challenges of obtaining insurance coverage; including reduced providers, general hardening of the market and the perceived risk with respect to municipal liability. Coverage details and premium increases were reviewed. Ms. Zwiers noted that global coverage was maintained and the program meets the needs of the County. She also explained that some increases in deductibles were required to obtain suitable coverage. Gratitude was expressed and supported by County Council to AON Insurance for their assistance in developing this program.

It was noted that risk mitigation activities in both fleet and cyber services continued to be developed and implemented to ensure the County continued to be an attractive customer for insurance providers.

Ms. Zwiers explained that the 2021 Budget anticipated an overall increase of 10 percent, however, the program presented an increase of 13.47 percent. She advised that, in the event the variance could not be overcome by the end of the year, the difference would be taken from reserves pending Council approval. She further noted that Administration had commenced a review of General Liability and Health Benefits from a regional approach with a view to determining the viability of alternative solutions for insurance coverage, such as self insuring.

160-2021 Moved By Marc Bondy Seconded By Tom Bain

That Essex County Council receive for information the details of the insurance program proposal submitted by AON Risk Solutions for the period commencing June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at \$1,081,792 plus applicable taxes, having been approved by the CAO on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in accordance with Resolution 147-2021.

#### 11.3 2021 Federal Gas Tax Allocation

Report number 2021-0721-FIN-R11-SZ, 2021 Federal Gas Tax Allocation, dated July 21, 2021 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers updated County Council on the requirement for a Bylaw to reallocate the distribution of 2021 Federal Gas Tax funds to the local municipalities of the County of Essex, with allocation being an 80/20 percentage basis, in favour of the local municipalities, rather than the 50/50 percentage basis.

Ms. Zwiers reminded Council that additional Federal Gas Tax funding was announced after the approval of the 2021 budget, nearly doubling the anticipated funding.

161-2021 Moved By Nelson Santos Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council approve the 2021 Federal Gas Tax Distribution Schedule and accompanying By-law.

**Carried** 

#### 11.4 Essex Windsor EMS Uniform Contract EMS 2021-0415

Report number 2021-0721-EMS-R05-BK, Essex Windsor EMS Uniform Contract EMS 2021-0415, dated July 21, 2021 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Chief Bruce Krauter provided Council with the report regarding the supply and delivery of uniform pieces required for Essex-Windsor EMS staff during the course of their duties.

He explained that the RFP submissions were evaluated on a technical criterion and then on the financial proposal. He noted that the contract awarded provided for a fixed rate program, allowing informed budget decisions from 2021 to 2024 with a possible three-year extension.

162-2021 Moved By Tracey Bailey Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That Essex Windsor EMS Uniform Contract #EMS2021-0415 be awarded to Unisync Group Limited for the period from 2021 to 2024, at a base cost of \$429,087.00 and the inclusion of a possible three (3) year extension.

And further, that Essex County Council authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Essex.

**Carried** 

#### 11.5 Essex Windsor EMS Experience 2020-2021

Report number 2021-0721-EMS-R006-BK, Essex Windsor EMS Experience 2020-2021, dated July 21, 2021, from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Chief Bruce Krauter provided Council with the Essex-Windsor EMS Experience report for the period covering January 2020 to June 2021. This report is typically provided annually but was deferred in 2020 due to pivoting energy towards pandemic response. The report covered background and information on ambulance call response experience and activity across the Essex-Windsor service area.

Chief Krauter explained that the data provided in the report was collected in the same manner as previous years, noting that call volume peaked in 2018 at just below 60,000 calls and trended downward in 2019 with a further decline in 2020. Chief Krauter attributed the decline to the effectiveness of the Community Paramedicine program and COVID-19. Chief Krauter emphasized that the data contained in the report was for the past period and reopening impacts from the pandemic were likely to increase call volume going forward as an echo-pandemic.

The 2018 Essex-Windsor EMS 10-year Master Plan depicted demographic increases and decreases in the region and were anticipated. It was stated that the Master Plan would continue to be a guiding document for the department.

Chief Krauter commended community partners and allied agencies for their collaboration in implementing strategies to relieve known pressures such as offloads delays and volume at local hospitals. He advised that vigilance towards mitigating these issues would continue including daily meetings, diversion protocols, real-time communication pathways, upstaffing units and alternate means of transportation. He indicated that the issues noted were being experienced across the country and are not isolated to the Essex-Windsor region.

Chief Krauter applauded all staff of their commitment to adapt and change to serve the community through uncertain times, acknowledging the strain the pandemic had placed on them

professionally and personally. He stated that the department would continue to actively recruit new hires to maintain staffing levels but had been experiencing many of the same challenges as other healthcare sectors such as retirement and resignations. He remarked that, together with the Union, the department was focused on implementing plans to ensure work-life balance was maintained for all staff.

163-2021 Moved By Marc Bondy Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That Essex County Council receive report number 2021-0721-EMS-R006-BK for information.

Carried

#### 11.6 Traffic Calming Gosfield North Public School

Report number 2021-0721-ISD-R021-JM, Traffic Calming Gosfield North Public School, dated July 21, 2021, from Jane Mustac, Director, Infrastructure Services/County Engineer

Jane Mustac provided a follow up report regarding the need for traffic calming measures in front of Gosfield North School on County Road 27. She advised that a study had been conducted and the school principal was interviewed. There had been an influx of vehicular traffic to the school during the pandemic as a result of more students using the Kiss and Ride program rather than the bussing option. She advised that the school was planning a parent education program at the start of the school year in September 2021. As a result of the information collected, it was recommended that a School zone with reduced speed limits during certain times of the week day should be implemented for a portion of County Road 27 in front of the school.

164-2021 Moved By Gord Queen Seconded By Nelson Santos

That Essex County Council adopt By-Law number 2021-26 to amend By-law 26-2002 (A by-law to regulate traffic and parking on highways within the Essex County Roads System), designating a school zone on a portion of CR 27, in the Town of Kingsville.

#### 11.7 Land Acquisition - CR 43 Diversion

Report number 2021-0721-ISD-R022-JM, Land Acquisition – CR 43 Diversion, dated July 21, 2021 from Jane Mustac, Director, Infrastructure Services/County Engineer

Jane Mustac provided Council with the report outlining land acquisition requirements to support the County Road 43 / Banwell Road Diversion Project. It was explained that the project included widening of County Road 43 from the City of Windsor limits to South of County Road 42, including a jog elimination that would shift the road to the west of the existing location with a multilane roundabout at the intersection at County Roads 42 and 43.

An opportunity to obtain part of the required lands for this project was reviewed by the County Solicitor during a recent property transaction on County Road 43. It was explained that the lands required for this project were identified in the 2009 Environmental Assessment as a minimum. Ms. Mustac acknowledged that additional lands would be required but the final land requirements and exact location were not yet known at this phase of the project and that final design details and drainage requirements had not yet been finalized. Ms. Mustac explained once those details were available, additional lands would be purchased under a separate agreement.

It was noted that direction surrounding negotiations for the purchase of the property were discussed in Closed Session with the County Solicitor prior to the open meeting and that funding for the required lands had been included in the annual Capital Works Program of the Infrastructure Services budget.

Mr. Bachetti brought forward concerns about the width of the right of way identified in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Mr. Bachetti noted that Town of Tecumseh Council had negotiated certain design elements in the County Road 43 EA which were subsequently approved by resolution of Tecumseh Council, that would require the right of way to be wider than the 30 metres that was being proposed in the purchase agreement.

Discussion took place regarding the potential need for a wider road right of way, being 38 metres, and whether the purchase of the additional lands should be negotiated and included in an amended purchase agreement or whether the need for additional lands could be determined and purchased at a later date.

Upon consultation with the County Solicitor, it was determined that the proposed By-law 2021-27 could be amended to approve

negotiation of the purchase of lands adequate to accommodate a 38 metre right of way through an amended Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the seller.

165-2021 Moved By Joe Bachetti Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council approve By-Law 2021-27, as amended, authorizing the execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, negotiated through the County Solicitor;

And further that the amendment to By-law 2021-27 stipulate that the lands to be purchased, be adequate to accommodate a 38 metre road right-of-way.

**Carried** 

#### 12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for July 21, 2021.

#### 13. New Business

#### 13.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting of Essex County Council was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular Council meeting, pursuant to Sections 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason:

 a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Council provided Administration with direction regarding the acquisition of property for the County.

# 14. Adoption of By-Laws

166-2021 Moved By Nelson Santos Seconded By Richard Meloche

That By-laws 2021-25 through 2021-28, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

## 14.1 By-law 2021-25

Being a By-law Authorizing the Allocation of Funds to the Lower Tier Municipalities in the County of Essex, being the Towns of Amherstburg, Essex, Kingsville, LaSalle, Tecumseh and the Municipalities of Lakeshore and Leamington, in Accordance with Section 6.2 of the Agreement with The Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds.

#### 14.2 By-law 2021-26

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.

#### 14.3 By-law 2021-27

Being a By-law to authorize the purchase of certain lands for the realignment of County Road 43, also known as Banwell Road and 11th Concession Road, in the Town of Tecumseh.

#### 14.4 By-law 2021-28

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex for July 21, 2021.

#### 15. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for July 21, 2021.

# 16. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for July 21, 2021 be adjourned at 8:41 PM.

167-2021 Moved By Larry Verbeke Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

Gary McNamara
Warden - County of Essex
Mary Birch
Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

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Date Signed