



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

<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
 - Tony Gaffan, Alternate Member, Town of Kingsville
 - Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
 - Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
 - Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
 - Richard Meloche, Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Absent:
- Steve Bjorkman, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
- Administration:
- Mike Galloway, Chief Administrative Officer
 - Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk
 - Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services
 - Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
 - Kristie Cronin, Director of Human Resources
 - Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
 - Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services
 - David Sundin, County Solicitor
 - Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative and Community Services
 - Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer
 - Jerry Behl, Manager, Transportation Planning and Development

1. **Closed Meeting**

A Closed Meeting was held at 6:45PM on July 20, 2022.

159-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Marc Bondy

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

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

162-2022

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That Council adjourn, and rise from the closed meeting at 6:52 PM

Carried

2. **Moment of Reflection**

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

4. **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

5. **Recording of Attendance**

Warden McNamara and members of Council attended the meeting at the Essex County Civic Centre, Council Chambers.

Steve Bjorkman was absent.

Tony Gaffan attended as the alternate member for the Town of Kingsville.

(Nelson Santos – resigned as Mayor of Kingsville July 17, 2022)

6. 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:

"We will begin this evening's meeting by taking a few moments to honour Jack Morris, who passed away Friday.

Jack was probably best known throughout Essex County as an auctioneer. He and his wife Mauretta ran Jack Morris Auctions from their farm near Comber for 49 years. On top of farming and managing a successful auction business, Jack served his community in many capacities.

He spent over 35 years in municipal office and was a member of Essex County council for 23 years, including a term as Warden in 1983.

Jack's involvement and dedication to the community where he lived his whole life earned him the Queen's golden, diamond and platinum Jubilee medals, and a well-deserved induction into the Essex County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

We extend our condolences to Mauretta and the rest of the Morris family. Please join me for a minute of silence in honour and remembrance of Jack Morris. Thank you.

We also want to recognize another former member of Essex County council who is moving on after 21 years at this table: Nelson Santos. I still want to say "Kingsville Mayor" Nelson Santos because that is what he was for the last 18 years.

He has been a huge asset to this council and his municipality, serving as warden from 2007 to 2010 and Deputy Warden from 2018 until last week.

Nelson was first elected to Kingsville council in 1997 and was Deputy Mayor before first being elected Mayor in 2003. He always seemed to have an endless fountain of energy to carry out his municipal role while working and spending time with his family.

Nelson is now starting a new chapter of his life in municipal government as chief administrative officer for the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio. We wish him well and thank him for his tremendous service.

Summer is in full swing, and it is the busy season for our road maintenance workers and the rest of the Infrastructure and Planning Services staff. The County of Essex has budgeted 47 and a half million dollars for road construction work that must be completed before winter.

This includes rehabilitating 58 kilometres of county roads, adding paved shoulders for cyclists and expanding the capacity of some of our busiest routes.

County of Essex crews are also painting fresh lines on county and municipal paved roads. The line painting truck is clearly signed and will pull over at appropriate intervals to let traffic pass.

Motorists, please be patient when navigating your way around these projects. Let's keep road construction and maintenance workers safe and show them the gratitude and respect they deserve.

Another team of workers we hope everyone in Essex County and Windsor will be cheering on next week is made up of Essex-Windsor EMS members. They will be competing in the Can-Am 2022 Police-Fire Games.

The last two years have been especially challenging for our paramedics and they have continually risen to the occasion. Let's help them have a great games experience by getting out to support them as they compete.

The Can-Am 2022 Police-Fire Games will be held in Windsor from Tuesday, July 26, to Sunday, July 31. Essex County Council sends its best wishes to all the participants and volunteers, and a big cheer for our team. Go, Essex-Windsor EMS, go!"

7. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest raised.

8. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council

165-2022

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Tom Bain

That the minutes of the June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

9. **Delegations and Presentations**

There were no delegations scheduled for July 20, 2022.

10. **Communications**

10.1. Correspondence

163-2022

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for July 20, 2022, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

10.1.1 Stantec Consulting Ltd.

June 13, 2022 RE Baseload Power Battery Storage Facility
Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission
Facilities

10.1.2 Municipality of Brighton

Resolution RE Amber Alert System in Ontario

164-2022

Moved By Crystal Meloche

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council endorse that the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

Carried

10.1.3 Town of Cobourg

Resolution RE Expanding the Amber Alert System

10.1.4 Municipality of East Gwillimbury

June 15, 2022 RE Summary and Implications of Provincial [Bill 109: More Home for Everyone Act, 2022](#)

10.1.5 County of Frontenac

Resolution RE Community Schools Alliance Action Plan and Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities on Ontario

10.1.6 Township of Greater Madawaska

Resolution RE Request for Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption During Actual Emergency

10.1.7 Hastings County

Resolution RE Expanding Amber Alert System

10.1.8 Municipality of Killarney

Resolution RE Sanctions for Russia and Denouncing Unlawful War again Ukraine

10.1.9 Township of Lucan Biddulph

Resolution RE Support for Implementation of Russian Sanctions

10.1.10 Township of Matachewan

Resolution RE Mailing Address of Voters on the Voters Lists Provided to Candidates

10.1.11 City of Mississauga

Resolution RE Ontario Amber Alert System - Expansion

10.1.12 Township of Mulmur

Resolution RE Climate Emergency Declaration

10.1.13 City of Orillia

Resolution RE Sanctions Against Russia

10.1.14 City of Owen Sound

Resolution RE Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances

10.1.15 Township of Perry

Resolution RE Support for Private Member's Bill C-233, "Keira's Law" An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Judges Act (violence against an intimate partner)

10.1.16 Municipality of Tweed

Resolution RE Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

10.1.17 Township of West Lincoln

Resolution RE Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects - Bridge and Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

10.1.18 Town of Kingsville

June 21, 2022 - RE Endorsement of Active School Travel Charter for Windsor-Essex County

10.1.19 Town of LaSalle

June 20, 2022 - RE Endorsement of Active School Travel Charter for Windsor-Essex County

10.1.20 Ontario's South West

July 6, 2022 - Tourism, Ontario's South West - Build your best-yet summer bucket list

10.1.21 Ontario Premier's Office

June 30, 2022 News Release - [New Regulations and Statutes](#)

10.1.22 Ontario Premier's Office

June 30, 2022 [News Release - Ontario Government Providing More Relief at the Pumps](#)

10.1.23 Ontario Premier's Office

June 24, 2022 [News Release - Premier Ford Unveils New Cabinet to Build Ontario](#)

10.1.24 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

June 29, 2022 [News Release - Ontario Caps 2023 Rent Increase Guideline Below Inflation at 2.5 Per Cent](#)

10.1.25 Municipal Engineers Association (MEA)

June 13, 2022 - Letter RE The Retention of Professional Engineers at Ontario Municipalities

10.1.26 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)

July 17, 2022 - Letter to Mayor Nancy Rotering, City of Highland Park RE Membership Support and Condolences for Gun Violence Incident

10.1.27 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI)

July 11, 2022 - A Message from the New Chair of the GLSLCI

10.1.28 Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC)

June 21, 2022 [WERCC Newsletter](#)

10.1.29 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 9, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.30 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 16, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.31 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 23, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.32 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 24, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – New Cabinet Sworn In](#)

10.1.33 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 30, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.34 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 4, 2022 - [Secretary Treasurer's Nomination Report on the 2022 - 2024 AMO Board of Directors](#)

10.1.35 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 6, 2022 - [AMO Policy Update – Introductory Letters to Cabinet, House Resuming Timing, and Blue Box Update](#)

10.1.36 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 7, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.1.37 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 11, 2022 - [4S Virtual Webinar: Pandemic Recovery Support for Municipal Health and Safety Programs](#)

10.1.38 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 14, 2022 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

10.2. Resolutions

There were no resolutions for Council consideration for July 20, 2022.

11. Consent Agenda

166-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Tony Gaffan

That the recommendations in the Administrative Report listed as item 11.1, on the Consent Agenda for July 20, 2022, be approved.

Carried

11.1. Approval of Invoices – Legal/Consulting Services

Report number 2022-0720-LCS-R15-DS, Approval of Invoices - Legal/Consulting Services, dated July 20, 2022 from David Sundin, County Solicitor

12. Reports and Questions

12.1. Essex County Library Board (ECLB)

April 27, 2022 Essex County Library Board Meeting Minutes, Mayor Richard Meloche, Chair

Hilda MacDonald asked for an explanation of the Library and Political Elections Policy.

Kristie Cronin replied that information would be obtained and provided.

167-2022

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board meeting, for April 27, 2022, be received.

Carried

12.2. Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA)

June 7, 2022 EWSWA Board Meeting Minutes, Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair.

168-2022

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority meeting minutes for June 7, 2022, be received.

Carried

12.3. Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee (ECAAC)

Minutes of the June 9, 2022 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, Deputy Mayor, Gord Queen, Vice Chair

169-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes for June 9, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

12.3.1. Correspondence from the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

July 15, 2022 letter from Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee RE Request for support for the purchase of a commemorative bench.

170-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Tom Bain

That Essex County Council approve the purchase of a commemorative bench, with funding from the ECAAC 2022 budget, for placement on the ERCA Greenway trail at the discretion of the ECAAC and ERCA.

Carried

12.4. 2022-2023 Comprehensive Insurance Program Renewal

Report Number 2022-0720-FIN-R12-SZ, 2022-2023 Comprehensive Insurance Program Renewal, dated July 20, 2022 from Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Sandra Zwiers provided Council with the follow up presentation regarding the one-year insurance renewal contract that was executed by the CAO on June 28, 2022. Delegation of authority to execute the contract was provided by Council at the June 15, 2022 Council meeting. Ms. Zwiers explained the financial implications outlined in the report highlighting that the increase in cost was 4.76 percent; which was lower than the anticipated increase of 7 percent.

Ms. Zwiers further explained that the limits of coverage and deductible amounts had been maintained from previous years. Discussion included the unfortunate global state of insurance coverage availability to municipalities and although below the anticipated increase, the 4.76 percent increase was high.

171-2022

Moved By Leo Meloche

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That Essex County Council receive for information Report #2022-0720-FIN-R11-SZ, outlining the insurance program proposal submitted by AON Risk Services Number for the period commencing June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 at \$1,110,609 plus applicable taxes, having been approved by the CAO on June 28, 2022 in accordance with Resolution 154-2022.

Carried

12.5. County Road 34 and County Road 27 Intersection Analysis

Report number 2022-0720-ISD-R19-JB, County Road 34 and County Road 27 Intersection Analysis, dated July 20, 2022, from Jerry Behl, Manager of Transportation Planning and Development, and Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services

Jerry Behl provided the report to Council regarding the review of the intersection at County Road 27 and County Road 34 in Cottam. Mr. Behl explained that there was currently a two way stop on County Road 27, the posted speed limit on all approaches was 50 km/h and there were street lights at the intersection.

The analysis of current traffic conditions revealed that a four-way stop would be an appropriate improvement to the intersection. Signage indicating the change would be posted for one month prior to the installation.

Discussions included the potential for increased traffic volumes following the completion of Highway 3 widening. Mr. Behl indicated that flashing beacons or traffic signals were not warranted at this time. It was agreed that the intersection would be analyzed again in the future to determine if additional infrastructure improvements would be required.

172-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That Essex County Council adopt By-law #2022-22, amending the Traffic and Parking By-law #26-2002, to implement an all-way stop at the corner of County Road 34 at County Road 27.

Carried

12.6. Tender Summary – Culvert Replacement on County Road 12 at Essex Outlet Drain, C-12-106

Report number 2022-0720-ISD-R20-AB, Tender Summary – Culvert Replacement on County Road 12 at Essex Outlet Drain (C-12-106), dated July 20, 2022 from Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services.

Allan Botham presented the tender summary to Council outlining the work to include complete removal of the culvert and replacing it with a precast culvert, precast wing walls and asphalt road restoration.

Mr. Botham explained the work would require a full closure of County Road 12 for 4 weeks and a detour will be in place beginning in October 2022.

173-2022

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That Essex County Council receive report number 2022-0720-ISD-R20-AB and award a contract for the County Road 12 Culvert over Essex Outlet Drain (C-12-106) to Southshore Contracting of Essex County Inc., in the amount of \$589,680 (plus applicable taxes).

Carried

12.7. Essex Windsor EMS Construction of New EMS Station Kingsville

Report number 2022-0720-EMS-R05-BK, Essex Windsor EMS Construction of New EMS Station Kingsville, dated July 20, 2022 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Chief Krauter provided the report to Council explaining the amenities at the current Kingsville station that was leased from the Town of Kingsville. Chief Krauter explained that the construction of a new Kingsville station was planned for in the 2019 Master Plan and the property was purchased in 2020.

Chief Krauter explained how the amenities of the new station would facilitate current needs and accommodate future growth should the service receive an enhancement.

He explained the bidding process that was used to determine the successful bidder. Construction of the new building is scheduled to begin in July 2022 with an anticipated completion date of June 2023.

174-2022

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the Request for Tender EMS 2022-0518, Construction of New EMS Station Kingsville be awarded to Gulf Developments Inc. at a total bid cost of \$4,354,776.

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

Carried

13. Unfinished Business

13.1. Distribution of Funding for Housing and Homelessness Initiatives

Leo Meloche requested an update on the information requested of the City of Windsor regarding the distribution of funding they have received from upper levels of government to address housing and homelessness issues within the entire region.

Mike Galloway explained that there have been ongoing conversations between the two municipalities and that City Staff were scheduled to provide a delegation to County Council on August 10, 2022 regarding the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Annual Report. He indicated that would be an opportunity to ask questions regarding funding concerns.

14. **New Business**

14.1. Recruitment for Physician Recruitment and Retention Position

Hilda MacDonald raised concerns regarding the advertised County position for a full-time Physician Recruitment and Retention Professional. Ms. MacDonald's concerns included the County's funding and employment responsibilities for this position.

Mike Galloway explained that historically the person was an employee of Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH) and this recruitment was the result of the retirement of the incumbent Physician Recruitment Officer. He further explained that HDGH was the primary employer; taking responsibility for payroll and other related employment benefits and the County of Essex, along with Windsor Regional Hospital and ErieShores Healthcare, were financial contributors up to this point. He further added that the City of Windsor was a funder at the inception of the project but ceased their support a number of years ago.

The discussion included deliberation of the practicality of partnered support and the necessity of this position into the future. Council echoed Ms. MacDonald's concerns and requested the hiring process be paused until an administrative report was provided to Council to examine and determine the County's role in this arrangement.

175-2022

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That Essex County Council directs Administration to pause the hiring process of the Physician Recruitment and Retention position and directs Administration to provide a report back to County Council outlining some historical background, information on the success of the program, cost and proposal for the future of the position.

Carried

14.2. Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

A Closed Meeting of Essex County Council was held at 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting this evening, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Council was provided with information regarding labour relations and employee negotiations.

15. Adoption of By-Laws

176-2022

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Tony Gaffan

That By-law(s) 2022-22 through 2022-24, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

15.1. By-Law Number 2022-22

Being a By-law to Amend By-law 26-2002, A By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking in the County of Essex

15.2. By-Law Number 2022-23

Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Essex and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 860

15.3. By-Law Number 2022-24

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex, for July 20, 2022.

16. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion at the July 20, 2022 meeting.

17. Adjournment

That the Essex County Council meeting for July 20, 2022 be adjourned at 8:35 PM.

177-2022

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Marc Bondy

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk

Date Signed