



## **Essex County Council Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**5:30 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
  - Steve Bjorkman, Deputy Mayor - Town of Essex
  - Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
  - Tony Gaffan, Alternate Member - Town of Kingsville
  - Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
  - Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
  - Richard Meloche, Mayor, Town of Essex
  - Michael Prue, Alternate Member, Town of Amherstburg
  - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
  - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Absent:
- Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
  - Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
- Administration:
- Rebecca Belanger, Manager of Planning Services
  - Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk
  - Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services
  - Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
  - Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational Development
  - David Sundin, County Solicitor
  - Crystal Sylvestre, Administrative Assistant, Legislative and Community Services
  - Sandra Zwiers, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Recording of Attendance**

All members of Essex County Council were in attendance with the exception of Crystal Meloche and Aldo DiCarlo. Michael Prue attended as the Alternate for the Town of Amherstburg. Tony Gaffan attended as the Alternate for the Town of Kingsville.

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Hilda MacDonald declared a conflict of interest as the subject property abuts a property she owns. She left her seat and excused herself from the meeting.

**4. Purpose of Public Meeting and Confirmation of Notice**

<https://www.countyofessex.ca/en/news/notice-of-complete-application-and-public-meeting-opa-02-erie-sand-and-gravel.aspx>

Rebecca Belanger identified that Hal Kersey, as the agent for the Applicant and Allan Koop, as the Applicant, were present. She also noted that Amy Farkas, as the representative from the Municipality of Leamington was attending via Zoom. Rebecca Belanger provided information on the purpose of the meeting, advising that, the public meeting was to consider an Official Plan Amendment affecting a total of 54 ha of land immediately south of the Erie Sand & Gravel, Mainyard/Woolatt Pit located at 260 County Road 31, identified as "expanded Mineral Aggregate Resources Overlay" and as shown on the Map. The County received an Official Plan Amendment Application seeking to expand the Mineral Aggregate Resources Overlay lands on Schedule E1 of the County of Essex Official Plan. As a result of consideration of an expansion to the Mainyard/Woolatt Pit and a new proposed MOS Pit, it was identified that the Mineral Aggregate Resources Overlay in the County Official Plan did not coincide with the mineral aggregate resources mapping from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry used for approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act. The owners proposed to expand the Mainyard/Woolatt Pit to the adjacent acquired lands with the proposed new sand pit being referred to as the proposed MOS Pit. A license for the expanded area was currently being pursued from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry who oversee the licensing process in accordance with the Aggregate Resources Act. The proposed new MOS Pit would have a combined land area of approximately 7.3 ha. The Municipality of Leamington adopted OPA 13 through By-law 21-22 on April 26, 2022 which amended Schedule "B" to extend the Resource Overlay in the Leamington Official Plan (2008) which amends mapping only. This

amendment would come into effect following the approval of the related Official Plan Amendment by the County of Essex.

She recommended that the by-law approving Official Plan Amendment No. 2 be adopted in the open session of County Council, following the public meeting.

#### **4.1 Reports and Questions**

##### **4.1.1 County of Essex Official Plan Amendment No. 2**

Report number 2022-0907-IPS-R03-RB, County of Essex  
Official Plan Amendment No. 2, dated September 7, 2022  
from Rebecca Belanger, Manager, Planning Services

#### **5. Comments from the Applicant**

Mr. Kersey and Mr. Loop responded to some questions from Council, indicating that, if the OPA was adopted, the next steps would be for signage and notification in the newspaper with the applicable consultation period.

Amy Farkas indicated that she did not have comments to add.

#### **6. Presentations from the Public**

No requests were received.

#### **7. Comments from the Public**

No written submissions were received.

#### **8. Closing Comments**

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**Moved By** Marc Bondy

**Seconded By** Leo Meloche

That Essex County Council receive report 2022-0907-IPS-R03-RB, County of Essex Official Plan Amendment No. 2 - Erie Sand & Gravel, and pending comments received at this public meeting, that Essex County Council, at the September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting, adopt By-law No. 2022-27, and associated Official Plan Amendment No. 2.

**Carried**

**9. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Larry Verbeke

**Seconded By** Gord Queen

That the September 7, 2022 Public Meeting regarding the County of Essex Official Plan Amendment No. 2 (Erie Sand & Gravel) be adjourned at 5:47PM.

**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