



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

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Online Attendance Only**

Council:

Michael Akpata, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle  
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Warden / Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh  
Tracey Bailey, Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore  
Sherry Bondy, Mayor, Town of Essex  
Kimberly DeYong, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville  
Chris Gibb, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg  
Hilda MacDonald, Warden / Mayor, Municipality of Leamington  
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh  
Crystal Meloche, Mayor, Town of LaSalle  
Michael Prue, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg  
Dennis Rogers, Mayor, Town of Kingsville  
Rob Shepley, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex  
Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington  
Kirk Walstedt, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore

Administration:

Mary Birch, Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk  
Allan Botham, Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services  
Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home  
Adam Craig, CEO and Chief Librarian, Essex County Library  
Katherine Hebert, Manager, Records and Accessibility/Deputy Clerk  
Bruce Krauter, County of Essex  
Don McArthur, Manager, Communication and Organizational Development  
David Sundin, County Solicitor  
Crystal Sylvestre, Coordinator, Legislative and Community Services  
Sandra Zwiers, Chief Administrative Officer

Justin Lammers, Chief, Essex Windsor Emergency  
Medical Services  
Melissa Ryan, Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

1. **Call to Order**

Warden MacDonald called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. **Recording of Attendance**

Warden MacDonald and members of Council attended the meeting virtually from remote locations.

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

4. **Strategic Planning Session - Reviewing the Draft Plan**

Chris Loreto, Olivia Lahaie, Julie Gonyou and Emily White of StrategyCorp, presented the Strategic Planning Consultation Summary Report and Updated Strategic Plan Framework dated October 2023.

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**Moved By** Gary McNamara

**Seconded By** Joe Bachetti

That StrategyCorp be permitted to address Essex County Council.

**Carried**

Chris Loreto outlined the steps taken in the development of the Strategic Plan Framework.

Olivia Lahaie and Emily White reviewed the various types of consultations that had taken place during the stakeholder engagement sessions and shared the common themes and feedback received.

The vision, mission, and values were reviewed to arrive at the proposed strategic goals and directions for the County of Essex.

Rob Shepley joined the meeting at 2:28 PM.

5. **Adjournment**

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**Moved By** Crystal Meloche

**Seconded By** Dennis Rogers

That the Special Meeting of Essex County Council for November 1, 2023  
be adjourned at 2:42 PM.

**Carried**

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Hilda MacDonald  
Warden, County of Essex

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Mary Birch  
Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk

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Date Signed