



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

519-776-6441, ext. 1335

- Council: Warden Tom Bain
Deputy Warden Ken Antaya, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Bart DiPasquale, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Al Fazio, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Hilda MacDonald, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Ron McDermott, Mayor, Town of Essex
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
John Paterson, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
- Absent: Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Marc Bondy, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
- Administration: Mary Birch, Director of Council Services/Clerk
Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer
Tom Bateman, Director of Transportation Services/Engineer
Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
Renée Trombley, Manager Corporate Communications and Accessibility
Katherine Hebert, Council Services Administrative Assistant

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2017.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

The Warden noted that Mr. Bondy, Mr. DiCarlo and Mr. Bachetti were away. All other members of Essex County Council were in attendance.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of November 1, 2017

252-2017

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That the minutes of the November 1, 2017 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

The Warden welcomed the members of County Council and noted his participation in the following events:

- Attended various Remembrance Day services, as did other members of County Council. He noted that there were large crowds including a large youth contingent at services this year.
- Attended the Compassion Celebration in Kingsville, with Mayor Santos, where the work of the volunteers was celebrated.
- Attended the Jingle Bell Run, with Mayor McDermott. The very popular event raises funds for Community Living Essex.
- Attended the 2 day Economic Development Conference in Kingsville, which was packed with excellent speakers who delivered some great new ideas and information for the region.
- Attended the 'Re-United' 70th Anniversary Celebration of the United Way. He stated that this organization has done some amazing work in our community over the past 7 decades and continues to do so, with the support of its donors.
- Attended the Windsor Essex Age Friendly Seniors Summit. He explained that the focus of the summit was to bring to light the value that senior citizens add to our community through their life

experiences, their participation in events and volunteering within our communities.

8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations scheduled for the November 1, 2017 meeting.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

253-2017

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. DiPasquale

That the correspondence listed on the Regular Agenda for November 15, 2017, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online versions of [AMO WatchFile](#), dated November 2, 2017 and November 9, 2017. (online version)

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 3, 2017 from AMO Communications regarding AMO Policy Update - Government Consultation on Income Security Reform.

9.1.3 AMO

Received e-mail, dated November 8, 2017 from AMO Communications regarding Province Releases New AMO Action Plan for Seniors

9.1.4 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)

Received e-mail, dated October 27, 2017 regarding Rural Ontario Foresight Papers - [Press Release](#). (online version)

9.1.5 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)

Received e-mail, dated November 7, 2017 regarding OGRA Board of Directors - Call for Nominations.

9.1.6 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)

Received e-mail, dated November 9, 2017 regarding a free webinar entitled The Future of Municipal Mobility, November 17th, 11:00 a.m. View registration information.

9.1.7 Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Received e-mail, dated November 6, 2017 regarding New Horizon: Ontario's Draft Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation.

9.1.8 Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

Received correspondence, dated October 17, 2017 from Nancy Michie, Administrator Clerk/Treasurer referring to their resolution concerning the Tenanted Farm Tax Class properties being changed to the Residential Tax Class.

9.1.9 WindsorEssex Small Business Centre

Received e-mail, dated November 6, 2017 regarding The Latest News & Events from the Small Business Centre. (online version)

9.1.10 Legion Ontario Command

Received copy of Volume IV of their Military Service Recognition Book. (Available in Administration Office for viewing)

9.1.11 Ontario Agricultural College

Received correspondence from Karen Landman, University of Guelph thanking County Council for their support - Ridgetown Essex County Top Student Scholarship.

9.2 Resolutions

9.2.1 Town of Lakeshore

Received a copy of correspondence to Premier Wynne, dated October 1, 2017, requesting the Province to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program.

254-2017

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That Essex County Council support the resolution from the Town of Lakeshore urging the Province to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program.

Carried

10. Consent Agenda

255-2017

Moved By Mrs. MacDonald

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report, listed as item 10.1 on the Consent Agenda for November 15, 2017 be approved and further that the item 10.2 on the said Consent Agenda be received for information.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal Services

Report Number 2017-R07-ADM-1115-RM, from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

10.2 Housing Advisory Committee

Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated September 19, 2017.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Commercial/Industrial Vacancy Tax Rebate Program Recommendations.

Report Number 2017-R012-CS-1115-MB, from Mary Birch, Director of Council Services/Clerk.

Ms. Birch summarized the public input received from the open house, survey and e-mail comments regarding the proposed elimination of the Commercial / Industrial Vacant Unit Rebate Program. She noted that each municipality had passed resolutions requesting the County of Essex to make application to the Ministry of Finance to eliminate the rebate program for 2018.

256-2017

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Paterson

That Essex County Council support the elimination of the Vacant Unit Property Tax Rebate Program in Essex County;

And further that Essex County Council direct Administration to seek approval from the Minister of Finance to enact a Regulation to eliminate this Program, commencing for the 2018 taxation year.

Carried

11.2 Asset Management Plan 2017 Update

Report Number 2017-R06-ADM-1115-RM, from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Maisonville outlined the Asset Management Plan report and the procedures undertaken in the analysis. He noted that this plan was more comprehensive than the previous (first generation) Asset Management Plan as it included an operating condition index as opposed to just age based valuations.

257-20017

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. McNamara

That County Council approves the Corporation's Asset Management Plan, as provided in Appendix A of report #2017-R06-ADM-1115-RM.

Carried

11.3 2018 Construction Program

Report Number 2017-R025-TSD-1115-TRB, from Tom Bateman, Director of Transportation Services/County Engineer.

Mr. Bateman discussed the report, strategy and plan for each of the 3 sub programs associated with the proposed construction program, being Capacity Expansion Program, Rehabilitation Program and CWATS Program.

Mr. Paterson questioned whether the County Rd. 37 tar and chip project could all be completed in 2018, rather than separating it into 2 projects and not completing the second part until 2019.

Mr. Paterson requested that Administration review the 2018 Construction Program to see if the County Rd 37 project could be accommodated as one project.

Mr. Paterson expressed concern over the percentage of funding allocated to each municipality with regard to the road rehabilitation projects. He noted that the Transportation Master Plan was undertaken in 2005 and that the capacity requirements and projections have changed since that time and should be updated regularly.

Mr. Bateman indicated that even though that report was completed in 2005, there were reviews of the Plan undertaken approximately every 5 years that provide data to be used when determining the projects in the construction programs.

Mr. Santos noted that the County Road 20 Environmental Assessment may offer results that would impact the capacity needs for County Road 20 in the future. He noted that when the need arises for capacity in other areas, the data will indicate that.

Mr. Bateman indicated that it was time for a review and update of the Transportation Master Plan.

Mr. McNamara encouraged Council to be aware that there is more of a big picture to consider than the five years in our immediate future.

258-20017

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

That the 2018 Rehabilitation Program be approved as presented and the highlighted projects with an estimated value of \$5,705,000 be advanced as early release projects.

That the 2018 candidate projects identified under the Capacity Expansion Program and the Paved Shoulder Program be approved, subject to finalization of the 2018 Transportation Services Budget.

Carried

11.4 County Wide Active Transportation System

Report Number 2017-R026-TSD-1115-TRB, from Tom Bateman, Director of Transportation Services/County Engineer.

Mr. Bateman summarized the CWATS undertakings and the plan for 2018 and beyond.

Mr. Paterson expressed support for the program.

259-2017

Moved By Mr. Paterson

Seconded By Mr. Queen

1. County Council approve the 2018 CWATS Infrastructure Program projects as recommended by the CWATS Steering Committee.
2. County Council approve the 2018 Municipal Partnership Program projects as recommended by the CWATS Steering Committee.
3. County Council consider the remaining CWATS programs as part of the 2018 Budget deliberations.
4. County Council receive for information the CWATS Steering Committee Chair's report 2017-R04-CWATS-1115-JM.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Fantasy of Lights

Mr. Queen announced the Fantasy of Lights Festival that would be taking place over the holiday season in Lakeside Park in Kingsville.

13.2 Bill 148 - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act 2017

Mr. McNamara noted that there have been many responses to the senior level of Government from municipalities, concerned with the implications of this legislation for their communities. He noted AMO's correspondence.

260-2017

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That a letter to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs of Ontario be sent expressing support from the County of Essex for AMO's position regarding the implications and financial impacts for municipalities with the proposed Bill 148.

Carried

13.3 Bill 160 - Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act 2017

261-2017

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That a letter be sent to Minister Hoskins regarding Essex County Council support for AMO's recommendations on Bill 160 as it pertains to Fire Medics for municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

14. Adoption of By-Laws

262-2017

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. DiPasquale

That By-law(s) 47-2017 through 56-2017, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law 47-2017

A By-law to authorize the purchase from the Greater Essex County District School Board of the Board's ownership interest in the Essex County Civic Centre.

14.2 By-law 48-2017

A By-law to authorize the purchase from the Windsor-Essex County District School Board of the Board's ownership interest in the Essex County Civic Centre

14.3 By-law 49-2017

A By-law to authorize the purchase from the Essex Region Conservation Authority of the Conservation Authority's ownership interest in the Essex County Civic Centre.

14.4 By-law 50-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of an Artwork Co-Ownership Agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board.

14.5 By-law 51-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Use of Facilities Agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board

14.6 By-law 52-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board.

14.7 By-law 53-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Essex Region Conservation Authority.

14.8 By-law 54-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with Service de Transport des Eleves - Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services.

14.9 By-law 55-2017

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

14.10 By-law 56-2017

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Corporation of the County of Essex (November 15, 2017)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

263-2017

Moved By Mr. Meloche

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That the Essex County Council meeting for November 15, 2017 be adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Carried

Tom Bain

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk