



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

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- Council: Warden Tom Bain
Deputy Warden Ken Antaya, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Al Fazio, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Hilda MacDonald, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
John Paterson, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
- Absent: Marc Bondy, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Bart DiPasquale, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Ron McDermott, Mayor, Town of Essex
Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
- 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
Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home
Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
Renée Trombley, Manager Corporate Communications and Accessibility
Katherine Hebert, Council Services Administrative Assistant

1. Closed Meeting

1-2018

Moved By Mr. Paterson

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

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):

- Labour relations matter.

Carried

3-2018

Moved By Mr. McDermott

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

That Council rise from the closed meeting at 7:00 PM.

Carried

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

Warden Bain noted that all members of Essex County Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors Bondy, DiCarlo, DiPasquale and Queen.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2017 Minutes

4-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That the minutes of the December 20, 2017 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

Warden Bain welcomed the members of County Council, Administration and the public. He particularly noted the attendance of Ms. Sandra Zwiers, the County's new Director of Financial Services/Treasurer and welcomed her to the team.

The Warden noted his participation in the following:

- Attended the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club. This celebration focused on the many contributions made in this community by the Rotary Club over the past 100 years, including the commitment to complete the final connection of the Essex Region Conservation Authority trail within the County.
- Attended a Windsor Essex County Economic Development Commission meeting where the Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development was in attendance to participate in discussions about regional issues such as, the importance of NAFTA to local economies, the automotive industry and agricultural enterprises, as well as autonomous vehicles, innovation in the technology industry and tourism.

8. Delegations and Presentations

8.1 Alzheimer's Society Windsor- Essex

Rosemary Fiss, Manager of Education and Support Programs, Alzheimer Society Windsor-Essex to speak to County Council regarding January being Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

5-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. Bachetti

That Ms. Fiss be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ms. Rosemary Fiss presented information regarding the Alzheimer's Society of Windsor Essex County. She noted that January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Ms. Fiss discussed the current initiative that is an awareness campaign that brings to light the importance of ending the stigma that is associated with the diagnosis and onset of dementia and Alzheimer's. She explained that Dementia and Alzheimer's affects an estimated 564,000 Canadians and there are about 25,000 new

cases diagnosed every year. She further noted that those affected can be adults of various ages, not only seniors living with the diagnosis and that it is estimated that 50% of people living with dementia or Alzheimer's are fearful of disclosing it to others. She expressed that the Association was working together this year to end the stigma and start the conversation about the fact that a diagnosis is not necessarily the lifelong burden people imagine it to be. She encouraged using the hashtag #ilivewithdementia to keep the conversation going.

8.2 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Mr. Matt Wilson, AMO Senior Advisor to speak to County Council regarding the Local Share Campaign.

6-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That Mr. Wilson be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor at AMO discussed a proposal that AMO has presented as a possible solution to the infrastructure funding gap that exists in Ontario municipalities. He explained that the proposal outlines a 1% increase to the provincial Harmonized Sales Tax, the proceeds of which would then be allocated to Ontario municipalities based on a per/household scale.

He advised that AMO was seeking that Ontario municipalities demonstrate their support by passing a resolution in favour of the proposal.

Discussion took place with regard to the many years of work, meetings and analysis that was needed to come up with the option that was being proposed.

Some members of Council expressed support for the proposal and noted that municipalities need the funding, and increasing the property taxes isn't the long-term solution.

Other members of Council expressed opposition to the proposal on the basis that the financial health of local residents is not such that people could support a new or increased tax. It was suggested by some members of Council that they would rather ask the Province to allocate further funds back to municipalities from current sources of revenue to address the infrastructure funding gap.

Mr. Wilson noted that if the provincial government were not in support of the proposal, it was the general thought that they should at least consider another alternative of funding.

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

That the County of Essex support the AMO resolution as presented; and that notice of this support be sent forward.

Lost

8.3 Joan Mavrinac, Regional Physician Recruitment Officer

Joan Mavrinac, Regional Physician Recruitment Officer, to provide County Council with a regional physician recruitment update.

7-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That Ms. Mavrinac be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ms. Joan Mavrinac made a presentation regarding the physician recruitment activities and provided statistics regarding the success of the program.

It was noted that there has been good success with recruitment but more doctors were still needed to fill our underserved region.

Discussion took place with regard to the funding of the regional physician recruitment initiative and the fact that the City of Windsor had not financially contributed for a number of years. Council expressed a desire for the issue of jointly funding the regional physician recruitment office to be revisited with the City of Windsor.

The Warden thanked Ms. Mavrinac for her work and presentation.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

8-2018

Moved By Mrs. MacDonald

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for January 17, 2018 be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online version of [AMO WatchFile](#), dated December 21, 2017, January 4th and 11th, 2018.

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mail, dated January 3, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - New Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation.

9.1.3 County of Essex

Design and Construction Open House Notice regarding County Road 22 Phase 6a From I.C. Roy Road to Municipal #1010.

9.1.4 Ministry of Finance

Receive e-mailed correspondence from Charles Sousa, Minister regarding the federal legalization of recreational cannabis by the July, 2018 deadline.

9.1.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Received e-mail, dated December 15, 2017 from the Honourable Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Government and Consumer Services and the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding an update on Bill 59, Putting Consumers First Act (Consumer Protection Statute Law Amendment), 2017.

9.1.6 Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Received e-mail, dated December 15, 2017 from Deputy Minister Matthew Torigian regarding the expansion to the Ontario Naloxone Program to eligible community organizations.

9.1.7 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Received e-mail, dated December 21, 2017 from Jennifer Keyes, Manager, Water Resources Section Policy Division regarding the Notification of Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 Receiving Royal Assent.

9.1.8 SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)

Received e-mail, dated January 3, 2018 from SWIFT regarding - Canada's largest, publicly funded, regional broadband project prepares for construction.

9.1.9 Windsor Essex Pride Fest

Received e-mailed invitation regarding Community Engagement Town of Essex - Strengthening our Community, January 23, 2018 6:30 pm Essex United Church.

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for consideration at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

10. Consent Agenda

09-2018

Moved By Mrs. MacDonald

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1, on the Consent Agenda for January 17, 2018, be approved.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal Services

Report Number 2018-R01-ADM-0117-RM, dated January 17, 2018 from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex Windsor EMS Kingsville Base Lease

Report Number 2018-R001-EMS-0117-BK, dated January 17, 2018 from Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor Emergency Medical Services.

Chief Krauter provided a summary of the report and the details of the EMS base lease in Kingsville.

10-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the Lease Agreement pertaining to the property municipality known as 1720 Division Road North, Kingsville be approved and that Essex County Council adopt By-law #01-2018 authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Essex.

Carried

11.2 Donation of Surplus Ambulances to St. Clair College Paramedic Program

Report Number 2018-R002-EMS-0117-BK, dated January 17, 2018 from Bruce Kratuer, Chief, Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services.

Chief Krauter provided a summary of the details of the report. He outlined the previous practice of the County for disposing of surplus ambulances and discussed the relationship between St. Clair College and the EWEMS department. It was noted that although the ambulances had reached their useful life as it relates to the County of Essex EMS operations, there was still some value to these vehicles as training vessels for students in the paramedic program at the college level. He explained that there was a mutual benefit to both parties if the surplus ambulances were donated and used by potential future paramedics for EWEMS. After considering the request for 2 ambulances, it was determined that it is optimal to provide one ambulance per year for each year 2018, 2019, 2023 and 2024. Further, he advised the vendor of new ambulances had offered a rebate incentive of \$3,500 per ambulance donated off the cost of new units.

11-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. Paterson

That Essex County Council authorize Essex Windsor EMS to donate ambulances to the St. Clair College Paramedic Program according to the following schedule;

- One (1) ambulance in 2018
- One (1) ambulance in 2019
- One (1) ambulance in 2023
- One (1) ambulance in 2024

Carried

11.3 Property Tax Rate Reduction - Kingsville Affordable Housing Development

Report Number 2018-R001-CCS-0117-MB, dated January 17, 2018 from Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk.

Ms. Birch provided an overview of the report. She noted that the reduction that was being proposed by Kingsville was not unique, as reductions had also been applied on other affordable housing units under a similar program.

Mr. Santos noted that there was a need for further conversation and solutions from the provincial government regarding affordable housing. He invited members to attend a special forum on February 6, 2018 being held in Kingsville to discuss that issue.

12-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. Paterson

That Essex County Council adopt By-law #02-2018, authorizing a single residential tax rate be applied to calculate the County property taxes for the affordable housing development located 225 Prince Albert St. N., in the Town of Kingsville.

Carried

11.4 2017 Accessibility Annual Report and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the Corporation of the County of Essex

Report Number 2018-001-CCA-0117-RT, dated January 17, 2018 from Renée Trombley, Manager of Corporate Communications and Accessibility.

Ms. Trombley presented the details of the report, highlighting the activities of the ECAAC over the course of the year. She noted that the ECAAC had worked to prepare an updated Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the County and that document was currently posted on the website to give the public an opportunity to review and comment.

13-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Ron McDermott

That Essex County Council receive the 2017 activities and updates of the ECAAC for information, receive the 2017 annual Status Report for the Essex County Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2013-2017) and that Essex County Council adopt the Corporation of the County of Essex Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2018-2022) as presented.

Carried

11.5 Smart Cities Challenge

Report Number 2018-R001-CCA-0117-RT, dated January 17, 2018 from Renée Trombley, Manager of Corporate Communications and Accessibility.

Ms. Trombley presented the report regarding the Smart Cities Challenge and noted that there had been an effort among local partners to collaborate on this project.

She explained that in order to proceed with the opportunity to receive a grant of \$250,000, the local team would have to prepare and submit the project plan in order to qualify. She noted that the group had decided to engage the services of a consultant, KPMG, to assist in developing the application. It was noted that the City of Windsor and the County of Essex would be co-applicants for the grant and that the City of Windsor, St. Clair College and the University of Windsor had already committed \$15,000 each to the cost of the consultant.

Mr. Paterson questioned how the grant funds would be allocated if the bid were successful. In response, Ms. Trombley indicated that the grant would be applied to a project of regional benefit.

14-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. Bachetti

That Essex County Council receive the Smart Cities Challenge report, approve participation in a joint submission to the Smart Cities Challenge, and approve the \$15,000 cost share contribution for KPMG to help execute Phase 1 of the Windsor-Essex Smart Cities Challenge proposal, funded by the Corporation's Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

11.6 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for December 21, 2017.

15-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting for December 21, 2017 be approved.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 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, pursuant to Section 239 (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Administration provided an update to County Council on a labour relations matter.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

16-2018

Moved By Mr. Paterson

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That By-law(s) 01-2018 through 05-2018, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 01-2018

A By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville and The Corporation of the County of Essex for an Emergency Medical Services Station.

14.2 By-law Number 02-2018

A By-law to Authorize a Single Residential Tax Rate for County Tax Purposes for the Municipal Capital Facility for Affordable Housing at 225 Prince Albert St. N., in the Town of Kingsville.

14.3 By-law Number 03-2018

A By-law to Adopt the Corporation of the County of Essex Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the period 2018-2022.

14.4 By-law Number 04-2018

A By-law to Appoint Sandra Zwiers as the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer for the Corporation of the County of Essex

14.5 By-law Number 05-2018

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex. (January 17, 2018)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

17-2018

Moved By Ron McDermott

Seconded By Mr. McNamara

That the Essex County Council meeting for January 17, 2018 be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Carried

Tom Bain
Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch
Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk