



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

360 Fairview Avenue West

Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y6

519-776-6441, ext. 1335

Council:

Warden Tom Bain

Bart DiPasquale, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg

Ron McDermott, Mayor, Town of Essex

Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex

Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville

Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville

Al Fazio, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore

Deputy Warden Ken Antaya, Mayor, Town of LaSalle

Marc Bondy, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle

John Paterson, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington

Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Absent:

Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg

Hilda MacDonald, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington

Administration:

Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer

Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk

Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS

Tom Bateman, Director of Infrastructure Services/Engineer

Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources

Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home

Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library

Renée Trombley, Manager Corporate Communications and Accessibility

Jeanie Diamond Francis, Community Services Coordinator

Katherine Hebert, Council & Community Services

Administrative Assistant

1. Closed Meeting

61-2018

Moved By Mr. Bondy

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

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

- a proposed disposition of land owned by the County of Essex
- labour relations matter

Carried

63-2018

Moved By Mr. Bondy

Seconded By Mr. McNamara

That Council rise from the Closed Meeting at 6:50 PM.

Carried

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

All members of Essex County Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillors DiCarlo and MacDonald.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

64-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. Paterson

That the minutes of the March 7, 2018 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, general public and members of the media. He noted his participation in the following:

- Attended Essex County Hall of Fame
- Attended a local school to speak to the students about municipal government and the roll of the Mayor and Council.
- Attended the Lakeshore Horseracing Association Annual General Meeting and brought congratulations from the County on breaking two records in the 2017 season (attendance and betting records).
- Participated in the Meals on Wheels program, along with other Mayors and Deputy Mayors from the area.
- Attended the Ontario Southwest Tourism Conference over two days in Leamington.

Warden Bain extended a congratulatory message to the Lakeshore Canadians Jr. C hockey team who had recently defeated the Essex 73's in the playoffs.

8. Delegations and Presentations

65-2018

Moved By Mr. DiPasquale

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That Mr. Meloche and Mrs. Edwards be permitted to address Essex County Council.

Carried

8.1 Mr. Leo Meloche and Ms. Kathy Edwards

Mr. Leo Meloche and Mrs. Kathy Edwards, on behalf of Leamington Lodge, Seniors Alternative Care and Essex Manor, seeking Council support to review the Housing with Supports daily resident per diem rate.

Mr. Meloche, appeared before Council on behalf of his client Mrs. Edwards, who owns and operates 3 of the Housing with Supports homes the County has contracts with for service. He discussed some of the concerns facing his client, due to the financial implications of Bill 148. He indicated that currently, they receive a per diem amount of \$51.19 per day for each resident. He noted that when the cost of operations, staffing levels and all of the services that are provided by the homes are taken into consideration, the current rates are far too low to be sustainable for

the operators. He indicated that the per diem rates (provided through CHPI funding) have not increased since 2016 and that the rate is not sufficient to provide the basic amount required to support an individual residing at the home.

Mr. Meloche indicated that Mrs. Edwards was providing a home for residents who require supports for the activities of daily living and some have complex needs. He explained that Mrs. Edward's residences and other housing with supports providers are reducing homelessness in our communities and deserve to have adequate funding to continue to operate.

Mr. Meloche requested that Council consider passing a motion to request the City of Windsor, as the Administrator of CHPI funding for the region, review and consider increasing the per diem

Ms. Birch noted that the City of Windsor Social Services department have been receiving this sort of request from their service providers as well, and that it was their intention to bring a recommendation to City Council exploring the possibility of increasing the per diem.

Mr. Antaya questioned whether County Administration endorsed the recommendation from the delegation? Ms. Birch indicated that an increase to the per diem had not taken place since 2016 and given the increase in the cost of living, Administration would recommend the request for an increase.

Members of Council requested to be provided with the delegation's presentation for their review and consideration. Ms. Birch indicated that further information would be provided to Council as requested.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

66-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for March 21, 2018 be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online version of the [AMO Watch File Newsletter](#), dated March 8, 2018 and March 15, 2018.

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mail, dated March 6, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Province Broadens Municipal Investment Powers. (online version)

9.1.3 AMO

Received e-mail, dated March 9, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Cannabis Implementation - Municipal Funding Announcements. (online version)

9.1.4 AMO

Received e-mail, dated March 14, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Canada-Ontario Sign Infrastructure Program Agreement - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Phase 2. (online version)

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9.1.6 AMO

Received e-mail, dated March 15, 2018 regarding an AMO Policy Update - Guidance on Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statements. (online version)

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

Received e-mailed copy of the GLSLCI Press Release, dated March 5, 2018 regarding Coalition of cities, states, tribes, business, industry and conservation organizations release joint priorities for the Great Lakes. (online version)

9.1.8 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Received e-mail, dated March 6, 2018 referring to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change News Release, dated March 5, 2018 regarding Ontario Supporting Innovative Solutions to Fight Climate Change - Province Funding New Program to Help Reduce Greenhouse Gas Pollution. (online version)

9.1.9 County of Renfrew

Received e-mail, dated March 2, 2018 seeking support for the County of Renfrew Council's resolution regarding Proposed Amendments to the Endangered Species Act.

9.1.10 WindsorEssex Small Business Centre

To view the online version of the [WindsorEssex Small Business Centre News & Events March 2018](#).

9.2 Resolutions

9.2.1 Town of Essex

Received correspondence, dated March 12, 2018 from Robert Auger, Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services, seeking support for Essex Council's resolution R18-03-096 regarding User Pay Childcare Services at AMO and FCM Conference.

Discussion took place with regard to the Town of Essex resolution.

Mr. Meloche indicated that the resolution was intended to bring awareness to AMO and FCM through a letter of support from Council outlining the issue of ensuring access to childcare services for elected and municipal officials when they attend conferences with their families. He explained that the Town of Essex wanted to encourage people of any age and family situation to participate in local government and making these options available at conferences might lead to greater interest and participation.

67-2018

Moved By Mr. Bachetti

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That Essex County Council receive the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding User Pay Childcare Services at AMO and FCM Conference.

Mr. Santos requested that the motion to receive the Town of Essex letter be amended to note that FCM already provides this type of childcare service at their annual conference and the County of Essex send a letter to AMO indicating they are supportive of this type of service being offered at conferences.

Amendment:

68-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. McNamara

That the main motion be amended to reflect that County Council receive the Town of Essex letter, acknowledge that FCM does provide child care options at their conference and forward a letter of support for offering childcare services to AMO for their consideration.

Carried

The main motion (67-2018) was then **Put** and **Carried** as amended.

10. Consent Agenda

Mr. Santos indicated that affordable housing wait lists are getting increasingly long and consideration in the next official plan review should be given to the lot sizes for smaller housing needs for immediate and future area needs.

69-2018

Moved By Mr. McDermott

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That the information item listed as item 10.1 on the said Consent Agenda for March 21, 2018 be received.

Carried

10.1 Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)

Minutes of the HAC meeting, dated February 20, 2018.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee (ECAAC)

Report of the ECAAC minutes, dated March 8, 2018, Mr. Gord Queen, Vice Chair.

Mr. Queen indicated that the ECAAC had not yet reviewed these March 8, 2018 minutes.

70-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for March 8, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

11.2 Essex County Library Board (ECLB)

Essex County Library Board minutes, dated January 24, 2018, Mr. Richard Meloche, Chair.

71-2018

Moved By Mr. Meloche

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board, dated January 24, 2018 be received.

Carried

11.3 2017 Statement of Councillors' Remuneration

Report Number 2018-0321-FIN-R003-SZ, dated March 21, 2018 from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

72-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That Essex County Council receive the 2017 Statement of Councillors' Remuneration.

Carried

11.4 Tender Summary - 2018 Structure Rehabilitations (3)

Report Number 2018-0321-IS-R009-TRB, dated March 21, 2018 from Tom Bateman, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Mr. Bateman presented the report, the tender process and recommendation.

73-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That Project Number – 686-2018 – County Road 20 Bridge over Wigle Creek be awarded to Intrepid General Ltd. for a total tender amount of \$480,473.89, plus HST.

Carried

11.5 Resident Quality Inspection (RQI) 2017

Report Number 2018-0321-SPH-R001-LM, dated March 21, 2018 from Lynda Monik, Administrator Sun Parlor Home.

Ms. Monik presented the historical context of the reporting requirements and discussed the most recent RQI report.

74-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Meloche

That Essex County Council receive Report 2018-0321-SPH-001-LM regarding the Resident Quality Inspection report for 2017.

Carried

11.6 Sun Parlor Home Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA)

Report Number 2018-0321-SPH-R002-LM, dated March 21, 2018 from Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

Ms. Monik presented the report and outlined the changes to the Patient First, Ontario's Action Plan for Healthcare legislation. She noted that the home has long been compliant with legislation and that it was a good exercise to review policies and practices at times of change.

75-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into the Service Accountability Agreement for the Sun Parlor Home with the Erie St. Clair LHIN for the period April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019.

Carried

11.7 Resident Room Furnishings, Request for Proposal

Report Number 2018-0321-SPH-004-LM, dated March 21, 2018 from Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

Ms. Monik reviewed the RFP process and the analysis that was undertaken with the proposals submitted, which included a physical assessment of furniture. She noted that the results of the analysis were reflected in the report recommendation.

76-2018

Moved By Mr. Bondy

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with Monarch Basics Inc. the preferred vendor to purchase resident room furnishings for the Sun Parlor Home.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

Warden Bain indicated that a Closed Meeting of Essex County Council was held at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting, pursuant to Section 239 (c) and (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where Administration provided an update to County Council on an offer to purchase a County owned property which had been declared surplus, and further in the Closed meeting, Council was provided with information regarding a labour relations matter and opportunity for additional funding from the LHIN.

The Warden called for motions authorizing directions discussed in Closed Session.

77-2018

Moved By Mr. DiPasquale

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That County Council authorize Administration to proceed with the sale of the property known as the Harrow Yard, located at 970 County Road 41, in the Town of Essex for the sum of \$555,000.

Carried

78-2018

Moved By Mr. McDermott

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That the Warden and Clerk approve the acceptance of funds for the Behavioural Supports Ontario Lead Team of Essex and that the Sun Parlor Home employ the existing Essex Team, comprised of the BSO Supervisor and BSO Coordinator.

Carried

13.2 Roads Rationalization Study

Mr. Antaya requested an update on the status of the County Roads Rationalization Study.

Mr. Bateman provided an update as to the status of the County Roads Rationalization Study, advising that the selected consulting firm, IBI Group, had started their work with a background report and draft criteria report being reviewed at the three project team meetings which had been held. He further advised that he anticipated the final criteria would be agreed upon at the next project team meeting. He expressed that the project team, consisting of representatives from the local municipalities as well as Chatham-Kent and Windsor, have been very engaged and anticipated being in a position to bring a report back to Council in May.

13.3 General Landfill Inquiry

Mr. Paterson sought input from members of Council regarding the process that was undertaken for the siting of the Regional Landfill when that was being considered in the 1990's, in response to a question from the Mayor of Grand Bend who was expressing

concerns about that municipality having no ability to say they were not a willing host for new landfill for the purpose of accepting external refuse from the municipality.

Members of Council and Administration provided some detail regarding the process that was undertaken, pointing out that the Regional Landfill siting process would differ from that of a private landfill for external garbage.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

79-2018

Moved By Mr. Paterson

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That By-law(s) 17-2018 and 18-2018, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 17-2018

A By-law to Authorize the Execution of A Service Accountability Agreement between Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network and the Corporation of the County of Essex.

14.2 By-law Number 18-2018

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex. (March 21, 2018)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

80-2018

Moved By Mr. Bachetti

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

That the Essex County Council meeting for March 21, 2018 be adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carried

Tom Bain

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk