



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 6, 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
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
Hilda MacDonald, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Absent: Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex

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
Katherine Hebert, Council & Community Services
Administrative Assistant

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for June 6, 2018.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

Warden Bain noted that Mr. Meloche and Mr. DiCarlo were away, and that all other members of Essex County Council were in attendance.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018 County Council minutes.

128-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Antaya

That the minutes of the May 16, 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 and members of the public. He noted his participation in the following:

- Attended the Accessibility Awareness Awards Night
- Attended several cannabis legislation workshops and information sessions at the Police Services Boards Conference
- Attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference
- Warden Bain took a moment to discuss the Ontario provincial election that is taking place on June 7, 2018. He noted the importance of exercising the vote.

Warden Bain noted that the Sun Parlor Home would be hosting a play called Strangers Among Us and invited anyone interested to attend the event which raised awareness of the issue of dementia and Alzheimer's and the impact on peoples' lives.

Warden Bain announced the results of the Senior Games Mayors' Pickleball Challenge. He noted that Mayor Santos was the champion, he won the silver medal and in a tie breaker Mayor Antaya took home the bronze. For the second year in a row, Mayor McDermott took home the pickle prize of last place.

8. Delegations and Presentations

8.1 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Members of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee to make a presentation to County Council regarding Access Awareness Week.

129-2018

Moved By Mr. Santos

Seconded By Mr. DiPasquale

That the ECAAC members be permitted to address Essex County Council.

Carried

In attendance for the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee were: ECAAC Chair Christine Easterbrook, Vice-Chair Gord Queen, Rosemary Cobby, Therese Lecuyer and John Boyko.

Ms. Easterbrook introduced the members of the ECAAC, discussed Access Awareness Week and presented some information regarding disabilities related to mental health and addiction. She further dispelled some common myths regarding mental health disabilities and some expressions that are incorrectly used to describe mental health disabilities.

The ECAAC presented a video on the subject of mental health in Canada.

Ms. Cobby presented some statistics about mental health disabilities and addiction.

Ms. Lecuyer discussed 'Able-ism' being the stereotypes that surround the daily lives of those with a disability.

Mr. Queen thanked County Council on behalf of the ECAAC for their continued financial and organizational support. He invited the members of Council to join ECAAC at their June 23, 2018 'Celebrate Our Abilities - Awareness Walk', being held at the Vollmer Recreational Complex in LaSalle.

8.2 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Theresa Marentette, Acting CEO and Dr. Wajid Ahmed, Acting Medical Officer of Health to speak to County Council regarding an Oral Health Report.

130-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. DiPasquale

That Ms. Marentette and Dr. Ahmed be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Dr. Ahmed and Ms. Marentette presented information regarding the Oral Health Report and the data within it. The following four recommendations were discussed:

1. Windsor-Essex municipalities should consider continue to or introduce community water fluoridation as a key prevention strategy for dental caries.
2. Continue and increase support for oral health education and awareness in the community.
3. Improve access to oral health services within Windsor-Essex.
4. Advocate for improved funding for oral health services and expansion of public dental programs such as Healthy Smiles Ontario to priority populations including.

8.3 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Kim Casier, Oral Health Manager to speak to County Council regarding oral health services provided in the County by the Oral Health Department.

131-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That Ms. Casier be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Kim Casier presented information regarding the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, the importance of dental screening in school aged children as well as infants. She further discussed her observations on children's' oral health, while working for public health boards in other regions of Ontario compared with the Essex-Windsor region.

8.4 Tamara Stomp, Resident of the County of Essex

Tamara Stomp to speak to County Council regarding the Health Unit's Oral Health Report and recommendations.

132-2018

Moved By Mr. Bachetti

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That Ms. Stomp be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ms. Stomp advised of her background and history with Essex County Council as a member as well as her participation on the Windsor Essex County Health Unit board. She noted her profession as a lawyer, but indicated she was not presenting in a legal capacity.

Ms. Stomp discussed her opposition to the fluoridation of municipal water. She cautioned the members of Council to consider the liability of their decisions for the municipality and for themselves.

8.5 Kim DeYong, Resident of the County of Essex

Kim DeYong to speak to County Council regarding the Health Unit's Oral Health Report and recommendations.

133-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That Ms. DeYong be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ms. DeYong expressed her opposition to the fluoridation of municipal water, citing that there was conflicting information regarding the impact of ingesting fluoride on human health.

8.6 Richard St. Denis

Richard St. Denis, Past Director of Great Lakes United Lake Erie Region, Board Member (Treasurer) of Prevent Cancer Now and Local 444 Environment Committee Member, to provide County Council with additional information regarding fluoridation of the water supply.

134-2018

Moved By Mr. Bondy

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That Mr. St. Denis be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Mr. St. Denis discussed the Oral Health Report recommendation and the decisions of previous municipal councils to exclude fluoride from municipal water. He asked members of Council to remain consistent with their previous decisions to keep fluoride out of the water.

8.7 Dr. Anne Young

Dr. Anne Young, on behalf of local pediatric dentists to speak to County Council regarding the Health Unit's Oral Health Report.

135-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. DiPasquale

That Dr. Young be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Dr. Young presented statistics regarding children's dental health and experience from her practice. She reiterated that the Oral Health Report contained four recommendations and the fluoridation component of the recommendation is only one portion of the multi-faceted solution to the issue.

8.8 Lesley Labbe, Resident of Essex County

Lesley Labbe to speak to County Council regarding the Health Unit's Oral Health Report and recommendations.

136-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. McNamara

That Ms. Labbe be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ms. Labbe discussed the negative implications of fluoridation on her health personally and the impact that it would have on her organic farm enterprise.

8.9 Dr. Charles Frank

Dr. Charles Frank to speak to County Council regarding the Health Unit's Oral Health Report and recommendations.

137-2018

Moved By Mr. Bachetti

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That Mr. Frank be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Dr. Frank discussed the positive impacts of water fluoridation on the oral health of people in all stages of life. He noted that water fluoridation is a cost effective way to deliver a consistent low level of fluoride to all people. He noted examples from his practice of children in particular, from low socio-economic backgrounds who would benefit from the fluoride.

Mr. McNamara discussed the science behind the Oral Health Report and the experience and expertise of the medical professionals of the Windsor Essex County Health Unit. He noted that although the issue of municipal water fluoridation was controversial, he believed the issue should seriously be considered by the lower tier Councils. He noted that there may be legislative changes that will mandate the addition or cessation of fluoridation. He noted that it was important to base decisions on science and not on fear and speculation. He advised that dental issues are directly related to

other health complications, including physical and mental health, therefore good oral health should not be taken for granted.

Mr. Fazio thanked all the delegations for their presentations and expressed that it is not an issue exclusively in Essex-Windsor. He noted that if the issue of fluoridation was a certainty, the Province would be legislating it.

Mr. McNamara questioned whether other municipalities that had removed fluoride from their water systems had re-introduced it? Dr. Wajid indicated that there have been re-introductions.

Mr. Antaya questioned whether communities without fluoridation have greater instances of poor oral health? Dr. Wajid indicated that the findings are inconsistent with fluoridation.

Mr. Antaya questioned whether there had been any follow up contact with the Province regarding the fluoridation inquiries? Dr. Wajid indicated that Minister Hoskins had expressed his support for municipal water fluoridation, but had not put forward a Ministry of Health position. Mr. Antaya expressed that the opinion of Minister Hoskins isn't the same as getting concrete direction or legislated instruction from the Province.

Mr. Queen expressed that the issue was not only with regard to fluoridation, but with good oral health in general. He stated that no child should be suffering from dental related pain and that it was the responsibility of the government to ensure the health of its citizens was protected and that the Healthy Smiles Ontario program should continue to be funded and further programs and public education for young children was necessary.

Mr. McDermott expressed his opposition to exposing at-risk individuals with fluoridated water.

Mr. Santos noted that there is no cost benefit to fluoridation in some communities, since the technology to fluoridate is not currently installed in the water treatment plants and would be very expensive to do so. He noted that there was, however, still some important value in the three (3) other recommendations contained in the Oral Health Report and that those initiatives should be provincially funded.

Mr. Bachetti expressed that municipalities need provincial direction on the issue of fluoridation.

Ms. MacDonald expressed that County Council was not the body that makes the decisions regarding municipal water so it should not be discussing the issue. She further expressed that provincial intervention on a municipal issue was not ideal as municipalities need to be aware of implications to their businesses and residents and the decision to fluoridate should rest exclusively with them.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

View the online versions of the AMO Watchfile Newsletter, dated May 17, 2018, May 24, 2018 and May 31, 2018.

9.1.2 AMO

Received e-mail, dated May 25, 2018 regarding AMO's Municipal Guide for the 2018 Provincial Election.

9.1.3 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee (ECAAC)

Announcement regarding the Celebrate Our Abilities Awareness Walk on June 23 10:30 A.M. at the Vollmer Recreation Complex, LaSalle. Hosted by the ECAAC.

9.1.4 Town of Oakville

Received e-mail, dated May 5, 2018 referring to Oakville Council's resolution regarding CN Intermodal Update.

9.1.5 City of Quinte West

Received a resolution from the City of Quinte West dated May 28, 2018 requesting support for their Council resolution requesting a 6 month grace period after the enactment of cannabis legislation.

9.1.6 SWIFT

Received Media Release, May 24, 2018 announcing SWIFT Partners with CIRA to Measure Internet Performance.

9.1.7 Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI)

Received e-mailed notification, dated May 16, 2018 regarding TWEPI's Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2018.

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

Received e-mail, dated May 14, 2018 from John Dickert, President and CEO referring to the 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held at the Ajax Convention Centre, Ajax, June 13 - 15, 2018.

9.1.9 St. Clair College Foundation

Received correspondence, dated May 2018 from John Fairley, Vice President, College and Community Relations, extending gratitude for the County's donation towards the St. Clair College Scholarship Program.

Also received cards and notes of appreciation from the recipients of the County of Essex Scholarships.

9.1.10 National Housing Strategy Overview

Invitation to attend an overview of the first National Housing Strategy (NHS) June 11, 2018, 8:30 A.M.

9.1.11 Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority

Invitation to the annual Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority Open House at the Recycling Centre Facility located at 3560 North Service Rd. E., Windsor, Sunday June 10, 2018 10:00AM - 2:00PM - Rain or Shine. www.ewswa.org

9.1.12 Dr. Sanjukta Mohanta B.Sc.DDS

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 25, 2018, from Past President, Halton-Peel Dental Association, in support of community water fluoridation.

9.1.13 Canadian Dental Hygienists Association

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 29, 2018 from Chief Executive Officer Ondina Love, on behalf of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association

(CDHA), expressing strong support for Essex County Council to encourage municipalities in the region to re- introduce community water fluoridation as a key prevention strategy for dental care.

9.1.14 Dr. Thomas Oper

Received e-mail correspondence, dated May 29, 2018 from Dr. Thomas Oper, Pediatric Dental Specialist, confirming findings of Oral Health Report 2018, observing the declining dental health of children in Windsor-Essex County.

9.1.15 Ontario Dental Hygienists Association

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 30, 2018 from The Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) in support of fluoridation in community water supplies.

9.1.16 Children First

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 30, 2018 from Children First in support of fluoridation in community water supplies.

9.1.17 CommUnity Partnership Windsor Essex

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 31, 2018 from Cheryl Taggart, CommUnity Partnership Director, in support of the Health Unit's 2018 Oral Health Report and Recommendations.

9.1.18 Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 31, 2018, from Dr. Faahim Rashid, President, Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry, in support of community water fluoridation.

9.1.19 Ontario Dental Association

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated June 1, 2018, from Dr. David M. Stevenson, Chair and President, Ontario Dental Association in support of Community Water Fluoridation.

9.1.20 Dr. Peter Cooney

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated June 1, 2018, from Dr. Peter Cooney, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, Retired Chief Dental Officer of Canada in support of community water fluoridation.

9.1.21 Windsor-Essex County Dental Hygienists' Society (WECDHS)

Received e-mailed correspondence, dated May 30, 2018, in support of community water fluoridation.

9.2. Resolutions

There were no resolutions for the June 6, 2018 meeting.

***9.3. Addendum Correspondence re: Fluoridation in Community Water Attachment**

E-mail correspondence received since Regular Agenda for June 6, 2018 was published regarding Fluoridation in Community Water.

10. Consent Agenda

139-2018

Moved By Mrs. MacDonald

Seconded By Mr. Paterson

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1 on the Consent Agenda for June 6, 2018, be approved.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices – Legal Services

Report #2018-0606-ADM-R11-RM, dated June 6, 2018 from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex County Library Board

Essex County Library Board minutes, dated April 25, 2018, Mr. Richard Meloche, Chair.

140-2018

Moved By Mr. Antaya

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That the Essex County Library Board minutes dated April 25, 2018 be received.

Carried

11.2 2018/19 Property & Liability Insurance Coverage

Report Number 2018-0606-FS-R005-SZ from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Ms. Zwiers discussed the increase in the insurance coverage and the reason for same. She noted additional assets to the holdings of the Corporation was one of the factors for the increase. Another factor noted as a cause for the increase was the higher instance of motor vehicle accident claims. She noted the overall increase for the year was 3%.

141-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. Bondy

That County Council accept the insurance program proposal submitted by AON Risk Solutions for the period commencing June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at \$776,211 plus taxes.

Carried

11.3 Operational/Organizational Review Vendor Selected

Report Number 2018-0606-SPH-R008-LM from Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

Ms. Monik advised Council of the voluntary operational and organizational review to be undertaken at the Sun Parlor Home. She explained the rationale being that receiving an outside perspective would provide the Sun Parlor Home some feedback on

how to improve the care and operations at the facility, even though the level of satisfaction was already very good.

142-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Santos

That Essex County Council receive Report #2018-0606-SPH-R008-LM regarding the selection of a vendor to conduct the operational/organizational review.

Carried

11.4 Purchase of Nordic Wellness Chair

Report Number 2018-0606-SPH-R007-LM from Lynda Monik, Administrator, Sun Parlor Home.

Ms. Monik provided an overview of the recent trial of a Nordic Wellness Chair at the Sun Parlor Home. It was noted that the experience with the patients that have used the device had been positive and the impact on patients with behavioural issues had been significant. She indicated that the use of this chair as part of the care plan of the patients with Alzheimer's and dementia had proven to have positive outcomes and therefore, Administration was seeking Council's support in the purchase of this item even though it had not been included in the 2018 budget.

Ms. MacDonald offered support for the initiative and applauded the Administration of Sun Parlor Home for their resourcefulness in providing care for its residents.

Mr. Fazio questioned whether the device was covered by a warranty? Ms. Monik indicated that at this time, the technology was new, but the manufacturer was standing behind their product.

143-2018

Moved By Mrs. MacDonald

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That 1 (one) Nordic Wellness Chair be purchased using \$14,400 from the general Life Enrichment Donation Reserve. The chair will be used throughout the 8 (eight) neighborhoods of the Sun Parlor Home.

Carried

11.5 Tender Summary - 2018 CWATS Paving Project (2)

Report Number 2018-0606-IS-R016-TRB from Tom Bateman,
Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Mr. Bateman provided a summary of the CWATS projects and the tender process. He noted the recommendation for Council's consideration.

144-2018

Moved By Mr. Fazio

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That the tender for the CWATS Active Transportation Pathway on County Road 2 be awarded to Amico Infrastructure Inc. for a total tender amount of \$1,130,035.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

11.6 Tender Summary - 2018 Structure Rehabilitations (6)

Report Number 2018-0606-IS-R017-TRB from Tom Bateman,
Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Mr. Bateman discussed the structural rehabilitation program progress and the tendered project in particular. He discussed the tender and the recommendation before Council.

145-2018

Moved By Mr. Queen

Seconded By Mr. Fazio

That Project Number 691-2018 – County Road 20 Culvert over South 7th Concession Road Drain be awarded to Southshore Contracting Inc. for a total tender amount of \$397,325.00, plus HST.

That Project Number 689-2018 – County Road 27 Culvert over Cottam Outlet Drain be awarded to Southshore Contracting Inc. for a total tendered amount of \$467,888.00 plus HST.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

14. Adoption of By-Laws

146-2018

Moved By Mr. DiPasquale

Seconded By Mr. Queen

That By-law 27-2018, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 27-2018

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex. (2018-06-06)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

147-2018

Moved By Mr. McNamara

Seconded By Mr. McDermott

That the Essex County Council meeting for June 6, 2018 be adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Carried

Tom Bain

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk