



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 PM

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- Council:
- Gary McNamara, Warden, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
 - Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
 - Tracey Bailey, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
 - Tom Bain, Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
 - Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
 - Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
 - Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
 - Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
 - Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
 - Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
 - Larry Snively, Mayor, Town of Essex
 - Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
- Administration:
- Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
 - Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
 - Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
 - Bruce Krauter, Chief, Essex Windsor EMS
 - Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer
 - Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
 - Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
 - Renée Trombley, Manager Communications and Organizational Development
 - Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
 - Jeanie Diamond Francis, Community Services Coordinator
 - Danielle Dunlop, Council and Community Services Administrative Assistant
 - Michelle Bishop, Manager, Finance and Administration
 - Ilija Maodus, General Manager, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority
 - Rebecca Belanger, Manager of Planning Services

1. Closed Meeting

There was a Closed Meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M.

234-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Gord Queen

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

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried

236-2020

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Richard Meloche

That Council rise from the Closed Meeting.

Carried

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

Warden McNamara attended the meeting at the Council Chambers. All other members of Council participated in the meeting via video conferencing from alternate remote locations.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020 - Essex County Council, Regular Meeting Minutes

237-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Tom Bain

That the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

The Warden extended condolences to the family of John Jacobs, as well to Leamington Council for their sudden loss.

Warden McNamara welcomed the members of County Council, Administration and members of the public and delivered the following greeting:

I would like to begin by expressing my condolences to the family and friends of those who have died from COVID-19. We lost a Windsor and Essex County resident earlier this week, bringing to 77 the number of local people killed by this terrible virus.

We knew all along the cooler temperatures of Autumn might well coincide with a second wave of COVID-19 and, unfortunately, our worst fears have come true. Cases are surging here and across the province and country. There are more than 190 active cases in the region and five outbreaks. Our daily case counts can now be measured in double digits. The risk of exponential growth is very real unless we all take concerted action to slow the spread and keep our community safe.

We need to act resolutely and without delay, as individuals and as a region, to keep COVID-19 from overwhelming our healthcare system and further infiltrating our long-term care homes, where it could have a devastating impact on our most vulnerable residents. We need to protect ourselves and each other.

Earlier today, I joined Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens and my fellow County mayors in calling on Windsor-Essex residents to urgently respond to these rising case counts by zealously adhering to health guidelines and physical distancing protocols. I know it won't be easy but I know it can be done and I know Windsor-Essex residents are up for the challenge.

It's difficult to remember the fear and uncertainty that gripped us all when this pandemic began, but we need to recall how we felt and how we reacted. The situation is just as grim now as it was then and it is poised to get worse before it gets better. We locked our economy down in the

spring, we declared a state of emergency, we worked remotely, we limited our contacts, we washed our hands, we stayed home when we were sick and we flattened the curve. Now, we have to do it again. Each and every one of us.

The difference, the key and crucial difference, between now and the spring is that we know much more about COVID-19 and how it spreads and what actions we can take as individuals to slow that spread. The province has also taken steps to secure sectors where the virus is likely to spread. The Ontario government in partnership with agri-business announced this week a comprehensive strategy to protect agricultural workers and the province's food supply chain. This three-pillared strategy will work to keep our farms in business and our workers and our communities safe. It is a welcome development.

I know we are all suffering from pandemic fatigue. I know we miss gathering with family and friends. I know the warnings are getting tired and stale, but cases are surging and we need to react accordingly. It's not too late. We can make a difference. We need to buckle down and beat back this terrible virus by making smart, selfless choices.

8. Delegations and Presentations

8.1 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP)

Leonardo Gil, Project Manager - Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

238-2020

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

That Mr. Gil be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Leonardo Gil, Project Manager, presented information on the Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, providing County Council with a fulsome understanding of the requirements of the plan (legislated under the *Police Services Act*). He outlined the background, key project updates, framework, methodologies and project timeline.

Mr. Gil provided a brief demonstration on the asset mapping initiative.

Warden McNamara congratulated Leonardo Gil, Mary Birch and the entire Leadership Table for their hard work and involvement on developing the Community Safety Plan.

8.2 Hydro One - Chatham to Lakeshore Line Project

Dan Levitan, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations, Sanjiv (Sonny) Karunakaran, Director of Project Delivery

Dan Levitan and Sanjiv (Sonny) Karunakaran presented information on the project planning for Hydro One, providing County Council with a project overview and status. Mr. Levitan noted that consultation and community engagement was a top priority for Hydro One. He indicated that growth in the region has greatly increased the demand for power supply.

Sonny Karunakara provided information on public input, acknowledging the impact and effect that project infrastructure had on the public.

Dan Levitan provided information on next steps, which included the planned project milestones and the selection of a preferred route by early 2021.

Warden McNamara discussed the regional and residential growth opportunities and the timeliness of the project. He noted the importance of protecting local farmland and for continued equal development opportunities for the region.

8.3 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority - 2021 Budget

Ilija Maodus, General Manager and Michelle Bishop, Manager of Finance and Administration., EWSWA to present the 2021 EWSWA budget.

239-2020

Moved By Hilda MacDonald

Seconded By Nelson Santos

That Ilija Maodus, General Manager and Michelle Bishop, Manager, Finance and Administration, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, be permitted to address County Council.

Carried

Ilija Maodus, General Manager and Michelle Bishop, Manager of Finance and Administration for EWSWA, presented the 2021 EWSWA budget. They noted a 4.1% increase and indicated that they were in year 4 of 10 of a sustainable, balanced budget objective. Ms. Bishop provided details on the budget recommendations approved by the Authority Board, as well as all revenues and expenditures.

240-2020

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Marc Bondy

THAT the Essex County Council approve the 2021 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority budget and a 4.1% increase to the 2020 total municipal assessment of \$12,469,800 based on a fixed cost allocation calculated on population and a Total Waste Management Fee of \$39.00 per tonne fee for refuse delivered for disposal; and further that the total assessment to County of Essex municipalities and to the City of Windsor will also include the increase in municipal tonnage from 2020 to 2021, being an additional 2,450 tonnes representing \$95,550 with the overall 2021 assessment to Windsor and the County municipalities being \$13,076,600.

Carried

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

241-2020

Moved By Tracey Bailey

Seconded By Richard Meloche

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for November 18, 2020 be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Enbridge Gas - Notice to Customers

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2021

9.1.2 Township of Amaranth

Resolution in opposition to Ontario Bill 128, Supporting Recovery and Municipal Elections Act 2020.

9.1.3 City of Bellville

Resolution RE Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - requesting Provincial funding and support resources.

9.1.4 County of Prince Edward

Resolution opposing changes to RE Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020.

9.1.5 Municipality of St. Charles

Resolution seeking support for RE Reliable Broadband Access

9.1.6 Town of Plympton Wyoming

Resolution RE Supporting Loyalist Township's resolution regarding funding for community groups affected by pandemic.

9.1.7 City of Hamilton

Resolution RE Requesting Province to Amend licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores .

9.1.8 ProsperUS

[Prosperus Community Action Network](#) - call for members

9.1.9 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 2, 2020 - AMO Policy Update – Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes](#)

9.1.10 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 3, 2020 - AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO's Bill 218 Submission](#)

9.1.11 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 4, 2020 - AMO Policy Update – Additional Funding for Broadband](#)

9.1.12 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 5, 2020 - AMO Watchfile Online](#)

9.1.13 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 5, 2020 - AMO Policy Update: 2020 Provincial Budget](#)

9.1.14 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 6, 2020 - AMO is pleased to support the City of Brampton on their first-ever virtual Economic Empowerment and Anti-Black Racism Conference.](#)

9.1.15 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 9, 2020 - AMO Policy Update – \\$1.75 Billion Announced for Broadband Across Canada](#)

9.1.16 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

[November 9, 2020 - The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting Employee Mental Health in the Wake of COVID-19](#)

9.1.17 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

November 12, 2020 - [AMO Watchfile Online](#)

9.1.18 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) - National Disaster Mitigation Program - Intake 6

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is pleased to advise that the federal government is opening a new intake of the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP).

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for consideration at the November 18, 2020 meeting.

10. Consent Agenda

241-2020

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1 on the Consent Agenda for November 18, 2020 be approved and further that the information items listed as items 10.2 and 10.3 (as amended), on the said Agenda be received.

Carried

10.1 Approval of Invoices - Legal and Consulting

Report Number 2020-1118-ADM-R015-MB, Approval of Invoices - Legal and Consulting Services, dated November 18, 2020 from Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk and Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

10.2 Windsor-Essex County Regional - 911 Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Regional - 911 Technical Advisory Committee meeting, dated October 2, 2020.

10.3 Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC)

Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee, dated November 14, 2020.

Leo Meloche noted an error in the record of attendance on the minutes. He stated that both himself and Kiran MacKenzie were in fact present at the meeting.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

Minutes of the EWSWA meeting dated October 6, 2020, Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair.

242-2020

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Hilda MacDonald

That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, dated October 6, 2020 be received.

Carried

11.2 Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

October 8, 2020 ECAAC Meeting Minutes, Deputy Mayor Gord Queen, County Council representative on the committee.

243-2020

Moved By Gord Queen

Seconded By Leo Meloche

That the minutes of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for October 8, 2020 be approved.

Carried

11.3 Speed Limit Review - Various County Roads

Report number 2020-1118-ISD-R033-JM Speed Limit Review-Variou County Roads, dated November 18, 2020 from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Jane Mustac, provided a summary of the Speed Limit Review - Various County Roads report, and outlined data collected for speed assessments on various County Roads. She further explained the review process, design criteria and challenges that were featured in the speed assessment.

Ms. Mustac indicated that the review of Road Safety was done in collaboration with stakeholders through the Safety Groups and CWATS, with a goal for a consistent approach to implement safe roads.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation in the report to deny the request from the Town of Tecumseh seeking the speed limit on County Road 34 to be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h, from Highway #3 to County Road 19 (Manning Road) within the Maidstone Hamlet Settlement Area and requesting the designation of a School Zone with a speed limit of 40 km/h on County Road 34 for the St. Mary's French Immersion Catholic Elementary School. A similar request for the designation of a School Zone on County Road 8 at St. Thomas of Villanova Secondary School was raised.

It was recommended that any motions regarding changes to the County Traffic and Parking By-law 26-2002, not included in the proposed By-law 2020-48, be raised under New Business

244-2020

Moved By Crystal Meloche

Seconded By Joe Bachetti

That By-Law 2020-48 be adopted to amend Schedule 'H' of the County Traffic and Parking By-Law 26-2002, to amend the posted speed limit on various County roads as outlined in Report number 2020-1118-ISD-R033-JM.

Carried

11.4 Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) Services Agreement

Report number 2020-1118-EMS-R03-BK, Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) Services Agreement, dated November 18, 2020 from Bruce Krauter, Chief - Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services.

Chief Krauter provided a summary of the Primary Public Safety answering Point (P-PSAP) Services Agreement, including details on the origin of the agreement and the current status.

245-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Tracey Bailey

That Essex County Council adopt By-law 2020-49 authorizing the execution of an agreement with the OPP for the Provision of 9-1-1 Primary PSAP Services for a term of five years, or as amended.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for November 18, 2020.

13. New Business

13.1 Public Reporting of Closed Meeting

A Closed meeting was held prior to the regular meeting of Council on November 18, 2020, pursuant to Sections 239 (2) (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended.

Council was provided with updates regarding:

- Matters involving potential litigation;
- Matters requiring legal advice and subject to client solicitor privilege.

13.2 Speed Limit Reductions and School Zone Requests on County Road 34 and County Road 8

Request from the Town of Tecumseh, as well as the Town of LaSalle, to lower the speed limits and create School Zones on both County Road 34 (Maidstone Hamlet) and County Road 8 (Villanova).

Joe Bachetti requested that Council consider the resolution from the Town of Tecumseh and approve their request to lower the speed limit on County Road 34 from 60 km/h to 50 km/h, from Highway #3 to County Road 19 (Manning Road) within the Maidstone Hamlet Settlement Area, and to approve their request to designate a School Zone at St. Mary's Elementary school, with a speed limit of 40 kilometers an hour.

Crystal Meloche requested that Council designate the Villanova Secondary School area on County Road 8 as a school zone, with a speed limit of 60 kilometers an hour.

246-2020

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Crystal Meloche

THAT County Council approve the lowering of the speed limit on County Road 34, within the Maidstone Hamlet, to 50 kilometers per hour; and

THAT County Council designate County Road 34, in the vicinity of St. Mary's Elementary as a school zone, with a speed limit of 40 kilometers an hour; and

THAT County Council designate County Road 8, in the vicinity of Villanova Secondary school as a school zone, with a speed limit of 60 kilometers an hour.

Carried

13.3 Roundabout Construction on County Road 11

Review of the size of the new Roundabout at South Talbot and Walker Road (County Road 11).

Leo Meloche questioned the adequacy of the size of the new Roundabout at South Talbot and Walker Road (County Road 11). Mr. Meloche expressed concern that the roundabout did not provide sufficient room to accommodate transport trucks to pass through, without the risk of tipping.

Jane Mustac committed to reviewing the roundabout design and indicated that she would report back to Mr. Meloche with the findings.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

247-2020

Moved By Larry Verbeke

Seconded By Tom Bain

That By-law(s) 2020-48 through 2020-50 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 2020-48

A By-law to Amend By-law Number 26-2002, Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Essex County Roads System

14.2 By-law Number 2020-49

A By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement for the Provision of 9-1-1 Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) Services Agreement Between The Corporation of the County of Essex and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of The Province of Ontario as Represented by the Ministry of the Solicitor General on Behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.)

14.3 By-law Number 2020-50

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Corporation of the County of Essex for November 18, 2020.

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment

248-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Nelson Santos

THAT the meeting of County Council for November 18, 2020 be adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Date Signed