



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council held on

September 8, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present: Mayor Marc Bondy, Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Michael Akpata, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Administration Present: J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, L. Silani, Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives, P. Marra, Director of Public Works, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, D. Hadre, Corporate Communications & Promotions Officer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, R. Hyra, Human Resource Manager, E. Thiessen, Deputy Fire Chief, P. Funaro, Manager of Recreation & Culture, I. Middleton, IS Administrator

Clerk's Note: Mayor Bondy, Members of Council, and Administration participated in the Meeting electronically via video conference technology.

The Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Clerk, and IT personnel were present in Council Chambers to participate electronically.

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silent Reflection

Mayor Bondy calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

238/20

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on August 24, 2020 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 25, 2020 BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

4. Mayors Comments

Mayor Bondy reflects on three staff members who recently lost close relatives. Mayor Bondy also reflects on the loss of Frank Mocerri on September 3, 2020. Frank was the chair of the "Our Vision Our Future" Campaign to help build the Vollmer Complex. Mayor Bondy and members of Council reiterate how grateful they are to have worked closely with Frank, whose legacy will live on in the Town of LaSalle.

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND/OR HEARINGS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. To Support a Healthy Ecosystem for Local Journalism

239/20

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the correspondence received from Jim Angus, on behalf of ink-stainedwretches.org, BE RECEIVED; and that the following resolution BE ENDORSED:

Whereas a healthy, professional news media is essential for the proper functioning of civil society and democracy at the local, regional, federal and international levels;

Whereas the Public Policy Forum declares — on its website for the 2017 report *The Shattered Mirror: News, Democracy and Trust in the Digital Age* (commissioned by the federal government) — that “real news is in crisis” in this country;

Whereas the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) cited eight “critical information needs” the media help to provide including emergencies; other public risks to health; education; the environment; economic opportunities; civic and political knowledge of policy initiatives; and the conduct of public officials, and candidates for office (The Shattered Mirror p.4);

Whereas Canadians, including residents of LaSalle, have lost the essential services provided by roughly 2,000 media workers in 100 communities across Canada due to layoffs in only six weeks from the time the COVID-19 pandemic began — a time it became clearer to the public how important it is for Canadians to receive accurate information — and advertising revenues have plunged, prompting an emergency \$30-million advertising-buy by the federal government;

Whereas residents of 190 Canadian communities — including residents of nearby Amherstburg, Windsor and Tecumseh — lost 250 established news outlets due to closings or mergers between 2008 and 2018;

Whereas two thirds of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that because of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak the federal government should treat widespread media bankruptcies and layoffs as an emergency, according to a Nanos Research poll of April 2020;

Whereas the federal government allocated nearly \$600 million in aid for Canadian media over five years in its 2019 budget, including a 25-per-cent tax credit for newsroom salaries; a 15-per-cent tax credit for digital media subscribers; and charitable tax status for non-profit news outlets;

Whereas Canada’s federal government acknowledged in its 2019 budget (p. 173) that “A strong and independent news media is crucial to a well-functioning democracy.”;

Whereas at least seven municipal councils in Ontario have already passed resolutions similar to the one proposed below;

Whereas the local news media have been instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring local citizens have accurate local information;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of LaSalle Council recognizes that a healthy, professional news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in our municipality, urges nearby municipal councils and across Canada to recognize that a robust news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in their jurisdictions; endorses legislation and regulations to support and rejuvenate news outlets across Canada; and urges the federal government to move quickly to pass legislation to ensure an ecosystem for a healthy news media to serve all Canadians. And that the resolution be forwarded to the area municipalities, local M.P.s and M.P.P.s and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.

F. COMMITTEE MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. By-law Committee Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2020

240/20

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Akpata

That the Minutes of the Closed and Regular Meeting of the By-law Committee held September 1, 2020 BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED

- 1. July 2020 Financial Statement and Financial Reports

241/20

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Meloche

That the report of the Supervisor of Accounting dated August 19, 2020 (FIN-19-2020) regarding the July 2020 Financial Statement and Financial Reports BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

2. Summary of Reports to Council

242/20

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the Report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 8, 2020 being a Summary of Reports to Council BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

H. BY-LAWS

243/20

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the following By-law BE GIVEN first reading:

8466 A By-law to amend By-law 8289 AMPS By-law to establish a system of administrative penalties in the Town of LaSalle

Carried.

244/20

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That By-law number 8466 BE GIVEN second reading.

Carried.

245/20

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That By-law number 8466 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

I. COUNCIL QUESTIONS

J. STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

K. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

L. NOTICES OF MOTION

M. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

N. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

246/20

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Meloche

That Confirmatory By-law 8467 BE GIVEN first reading.

Carried.

247/20

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Akpata

That Confirmatory By-law 8467 BE GIVEN second reading.

Carried.

248/20

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That Confirmatory By-law 8467 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

O. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Police Services Board Public Meeting - September 14, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustments - September 16, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation and Events Committee - September 17, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting - September 22, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting - September 22, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair 6:18 p.m.

Mayor: Marc Bondy

Deputy Clerk: Linda Jean