



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE

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

July 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present: Mayor Ken Antaya, Deputy Mayor Marc Bondy, Councillor Michael Akpata, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Jeff Renaud

Administration Present: J Milicia, Acting Chief Administrative Officer & Director of Finance & Treasurer, B. Andreatta, Director of Council Services & Clerk, L. Silani, Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives, P. Marra, Director of Public Works, J. Columbus, Director of Culture and Recreation, D. Sutton, Fire Chief, D. Hadre, Corporate Communications & Promotions Officer, N. DiGesù, IT Supervisor, L. Jean, Administrative Assistant to the Clerk, C. Riley, Town Solicitor,

Additional Administration Present: Ed Thiessen, Deputy Fire Chief and Dale Langlois, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silent Reflection
2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
3. Adoption of Minutes

257/17

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Meloche

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held June 27, 2017 BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

4. Approval of Payment of Accounts

258/17

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the Accounts Payable report dated July 11, 2017 BE APPROVED for payment.

Carried.

5. Mayors Comments

Considering the number of people here, I will be quick, and mention a couple of events that have occurred in our Town over the past two weeks.

The Canada Day celebration at the Vollmer. Wow. What a well-planned day, and well attended by our residents. We opened the ceremonies by unveiling the Canada 150n Mosaic Mural. I believe 600 tiles, 400 of which were painted by our residents, was consolidated to depict the “Griffon”, which is of course the ship sailed by our namesake, Rene de Cavilier de LaSalle. What a terrific occasion. We are one of 150 Canadian municipalities (out of over 3500) chosen to take part in this momentous event. It is and will remain at a permanent location inside the Vollmer Centre for all to view and admire for generations.

Also as part of these celebrations, we opened the Splash pad/interactive playground at the Vollmer Centre. There were children activities, entertainment, and free refreshments. Of course the children enjoyed the new attractions, and Council is confident that it will be a popular Vollmer attraction for years to come.

On behalf of Council, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the staff that made this day so special in our Town. I will refrain from naming them, for fear of missing some, but they know who they are. It was a fun, entertaining and community enriching day that went off without a hitch.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Council, to congratulate Mr. Angelo Avolio, who has worked as a Town Building Inspector for over 20 years. Last week, he left our employ to become the Chief Building Official for the Town of Amherstburg. He was a loyal, entertaining employee that we will all miss. We do wish him the best, and even though he is no longer employed with the Town, he remains a friend always.

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. FIRE MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATION- SECOND FIRE STATION

Anna Dean, 405 Superior, appears before Council to advise of the process undertaken to circulate a neighbourhood petition in opposition to the location of a satellite fire station and community /Emergency Operations Centre room on Hazel Street adjacent to John Dupuis Park, indicating that 97.8% of persons approached signed the petition. She asks the Town to consider an alternate location as Dupuis Park is well used and valued by area residents.

Tim Hampson, 396 Bouffard, appears before Council stating that the safety of children will be at risk if the satellite fire station is located adjacent to Dupuis Park as the proposal blocks a site line to the park creating dead space which is unsafe for children.

Tim Samson, 476 Superior, appears before Council advising that emergency responders will increase traffic in the area, that the Emergency Operations Centre does not appear to be an acceptable recreation use and a satellite station at this location will not accomplish the goals as set out in the Fire Master Plan.

Chris Knight, 415 Superior, appears before Council to suggest that the location criteria were subjective and that response times will not be improved as many volunteer fire fighters respond from locations other than their homes. He suggests that locating a satellite fire station adjacent to Dupuis Park will cause significant and dangerous traffic and children and pedestrian safety will be negatively impacted.

Kevin Campagna, 535 Superior, appears before Council advising that he has lived in the neighbourhood for three years and chose the location based on its proximity to John Dupuis Park. He is opposed to a satellite fire station at this location citing safety, negative property value, noise pollution from sirens and flashing lights from emergency response vehicles as disturbances to the quiet neighbourhood.

Rajesh Seth, 510 Superior, appears before Council in opposition to the proposed location of a satellite fire station adjacent to John Dupuis Park indicating that the neighbourhood impact was not weighted appropriately, the intended location will eventually be staffed and Hazael Street should be upgraded regardless of whether the satellite fire station is located adjacent to the park.

Alison Peters, 380 Superior, appears before Council indicating she lives across from the proposed location of the fire station. She cites safety, noise, speeding vehicle and overall disruption to the neighbourhood.

Dave Edgar, 410 Huron, appears before Council in opposition to the proposed location of the satellite fire station adjacent to the park indicating pedestrian safety concerns, especially children.

Pierre Tessier, 498 Superior, appears before Council questioning why administration did not use GIS mapping in its consideration and suggests that responders can access Front Road faster than Hazael Street. He questions the age of the Fire Master Plan and suggests that if the study were done today it would draw different conclusions as the neighbourhood has changed in the last ten years.

Chantal Smith, 430 Huron, appears before Council to ask why area residents were not notified earlier if the Hazael Street location had been proposed years ago as people may have chosen not to locate in the neighbourhood.

Alison Peters, appears before Council a second time to ask if an Environmental Assessment will be done and whether the Endangered Species Act was a consideration in the selection of Hazael Street.

Chris Knight, appears before Council a second time to suggest that there should have been a second independent report as the original report from Dillon Consulting was completed ten years ago. He states that the ideal location for a satellite station is Matchette Road.

Ray Renaud, 1445 Stuart Blvd, appears before Council stating that the Town paid for the planning and development of John Dupuis Park and the estimated cost to build a secondary Emergency Operations Centre is not warranted as chances are slim that the Emergency Operations Centre at the Civic Centre would ever be lost due to a disaster.

Claudia DeThomasis, 470 Superior, appears before Council to ask if a municipal environmental assessment will be undertaken.

259/17

Moved by: Councillor Meloche

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

That the report prepared by Administration dated June 30, 2017 (CAO-16-17) regarding the Fire Master Plan Recommendation - Second Fire Station BE RECEIVED and that the construction of a satellite fire substation and community/EOC room on Hazel Street adjacent to John Dupuis Park, as recommended by administration BE REJECTED.

At the request of Councillor Burns a recorded vote it taken.

In favour: Councillors Akpata, Meloche, Desjarlais, Renaud and Deputy Mayor Bondy.

Against: Mayor Antaya and Councillor Burns.

Carried.

260/17

Moved by: Councillor Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the matter of the location of a satellite fire station BE REFERRED back to Administration for consideration and a report back on options, statistics on response time and use of GIS mapping.

Carried.

The meeting recesses at 8:43 pm.

The meeting reconvenes at 9:05 pm and all members of Council and Administration are present with the exception of the Director of Culture and Recreation.

D. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND/OR HEARINGS

None.

E. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. THE APPOINTMENT OF PROXY HOLDERS TO CAST THE MUNICIPALITY'S VOTE AT ESSEX POWER CORPORATION'S 2017 SHAREHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

261/17

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Akpata

That the report of the Deputy Clerk dated June 30, 2017 (CL-13-17) regarding the appointment of proxy holders to cast the municipality's vote at Essex Power Corporation's 2017 shareholders' annual meeting BE RECEIVED; and further

That Mayor Ken Antaya BE APPOINTED proxy holder for the Town of LaSalle to cast its shareholder's votes at Essex Power Corporation's 2017 shareholders annual meeting scheduled for July 26, 2017, and that Joe Graziano BE APPOINTED as an alternate proxy holder for the Town of LaSalle to cast its shareholder's votes at Essex Power Corporations 2017 shareholders' annual meeting if Mayor Antaya is unable to attend; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign all necessary proxy forms and that the forms BE FORWARDED to Essex Power Corporation.

Carried.

2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

262/17

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

THAT the report from the Finance department dated July 5, 2017 (FIN-19-2017) regarding the Delegation of Authority with Respect to Property Assessment and the Collection of Taxes be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

1. THAT Council delegate authority to initiate and file notices of assessment appeal, for any property in the Town of LaSalle, with the Assessment Review Board ("the ARB"), to the Treasurer or his/her designate;
2. THAT Council delegate authority to withdraw any appeal filed by the Town of LaSalle, should it be determined that it is not in the Town's best interest to proceed, to the Treasurer or his/her designate;
3. THAT Council delegate authority to attend any Mediation or Settlement Conferences on property tax or assessment matter as a party to all appeals whether filed by the Town of LaSalle or another person, entity or agent, to the Treasurer or his/her designate;
4. THAT Council delegate authority to attend before the Assessment Review Board on property tax or assessment matters as a party to all appeals whether filed by the Town LaSalle or another person, entity or agent, to the Treasurer or his/her designate;
5. THAT Council delegate authority to execute settlement agreements, on behalf of the Town of LaSalle, reached in the course of a taxation or property assessment appeal, mediation or settlement conference to the Treasurer or his/her designate;
6. THAT the designates for the Treasurer be identified as the Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer, the Supervisor of Revenue and any other party as deemed necessary
7. AND THAT the delegation by-law be updated to reflect these items of delegated authority.

Carried.

3. FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

263/17

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the LaSalle Fire Committee meeting held July 4, 2017 BE APPROVED.

Carried.

4. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

264/17

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

That correspondence received from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal dated June 26, 2017 regarding the potential download of enforcement responsibility for residential maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7 BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

5. BYLAW TO APPOINT MR. WILLIAM SZEKELY AS BUILDING INSPECTOR

265/17

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Meloche

That the report of the Chief Building Inspector dated July 10, 2017 (DS-42-2017) recommending that Mr. William Szekely be appointed as a building inspector BE APPROVED and that the corresponding bylaw BE ADOPTED during the bylaw stage of the agenda

Carried.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED

1. TAX RATE HISTORY COMPARISON OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

266/17

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer dated June 27, 2017 (FIN-17-2017) regarding the tax rate history comparison of local municipalities as requested at the April 11, 2017 meeting BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

2. 2017 SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAX WRITE OFFS

267/17

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

That the report of the Supervisor of Revenue dated July 5, 2017 (FIN-18-2017) regarding the 2017 second quarter property tax write offs from April, May and June 2017 BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

3. SUMMARY OF REPORTS TO COUNCIL

268/17

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Chief Administrative Office dated July 11, 2017 being a summary of reports to Council BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

G. BY-LAWS

269/17

Moved by: Councillor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Meloche

That the following By-laws BE GIVEN first reading:

8037- A By-law to authorize the Treasurer or his/her designate, to file complaints to the Assessment Review Board relating to requests for reconsideration of assessment, and to settle assessment appeals and requests for reconsideration of assessment, where appropriate.

8038 - A By-law to appoint Building Inspectors.

Carried.

270/17

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That by-law numbers 8037 & 8038 BE GIVEN second reading.

Carried.

271/17

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That by-law numbers 8037 & 8038 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

H. COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Councillor Burns requests a report regarding dead trees on private and public property, the procedure for removing them and if we can charge property owners for removal.

I. STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Burns thanks the Communications Officer for providing information about Lyme Disease to residents through a flyer which was included in the water bill mail out.

Councillor Desjarlais advises that the Sandwich Secondary Robotics Team has sent a letter of thanks for support received by the Town of LaSalle.

Deputy Mayor Bondy expresses appreciation to the Public Works Department for their quick resolution regarding adverse AWQI test results.

Councillor Renaud reminds everyone of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Golf Tournament being held July 20, 2017.

J. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Councillor Burns advises the new fabric roof is on the dome located behind the Town of LaSalle Fire Hall.

K. NOTICES OF MOTION

L. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

M. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

272/17

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the Confirmatory By-law #8039 BE GIVEN first reading.

Carried.

273/17

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Akpata

That the Confirmatory by-law number #8039 BE GIVEN second reading.

Carried.

274/17

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Akpata

That the Confirmatory by-law number #8039 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

N. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Committee of Adjustment- July 19, 2017 @ 5:30pm

Regular Meeting of Council- July 25, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council - August 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 9:20 pm.

Mayor: Ken Antaya

Clerk: Brenda Andreatta