



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle
Regular Meeting of Council
Agenda

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

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A. Opening Business

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Land Acknowledgement Statement
- 3. Moment of Silent Reflection and Playing of National Anthem

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Mayor Crystal Meloche, Chair of the LaSalle Police Services Board, and Michael Pearce, Chief of Police, appearing before Council to present the

2024 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report.

Recommendation

That the 2024 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report, as presented by Mayor Crystal Meloche, Chair of the LaSalle Police Services Board, and Michael Pearce, Chief of Police, be received for information.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost 54

Registered Delegates - Marjorie Sakalo & Lisa Homenick

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated June 16, 2025(CR-2025-14) regarding the Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost be received;

And that the request for a fee waiver be denied.

2. Request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane 58

Registered Delegate - Lyall Hodgson

Recommendation

That the report of the Legal Counsel dated June 20, 2025, (AD-2025-09) regarding the request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane be received;

And that Council deny the request to purchase the municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane.

3. Regulate the Setting of Fires 61

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief dated June 18, 2025 (FIRE-25-04) regarding Regulate the Setting of Fires be received;

And that, Council repeal the existing Setting of Fires By-law 7170 and adopt the revised Setting of Fires By-law 2025-062 at the appropriate stage of this Council meeting.

I. Consent Agenda

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Recommendation

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for July 8, 2025, be received.

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Recommendation

That the County Council Highlights for June 18, 2025, be received.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

L. Notices of Motion

1. Mayor Meloche - Frivolous, Vexatious or Unreasonable Requests or Complaints Policy

Recommendation

Mayor Meloche may move or cause to have moved the following:

Whereas the Town of LaSalle is committed to fair, transparent, and efficient enforcement of municipal by-laws;

And whereas repeated, unfounded, or frivolous complaints made to By-Law Enforcement, Fire Services, or other departments can place an undue burden on municipal resources;

And whereas such complaints can negatively impact residents who are in full compliance with Town by-laws, contributing to a sense of harassment or unfair treatment;

And whereas other municipalities across Ontario have adopted formal vexatious or frivolous complaints policies to manage and respond to patterns of unreasonable behaviour in a consistent and equitable manner;

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct Administration to develop a draft policy for Council's consideration that outlines how the Town will address and manage frivolous, vexatious, or repeated unfounded complaints;

And further that the policy include, but not be limited to, provisions on:

complaint intake and review procedures, criteria for identifying and responding to frivolous or vexatious complaints, the balance between proactive and reactive enforcement, confidentiality and protection of complainant and respondent information and procedural fairness for all parties involved;

And further that By-Law Enforcement staff collaborate with other relevant departments to ensure the policy includes appropriate language to address related areas, and that residents are provided with clear and understandable information regarding the Town of LaSalle's By-Laws;

And further that a draft policy be brought forward to Council for review at a future meeting.

M. Closed Session

1. Report Out from July 8, 2025, Closed Meeting of Council

N. By-laws

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Recommendation

That the following By-laws be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed:

2025-058, A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 8600, the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law, as amended

2025-060, A By-law to authorize a by-election be held to fill the vacancy for the Office of Councillor

2025-062, A By-law to regulate the setting of fires within the Town of LaSalle

2025-063, A By-law to re-appoint Hearing Officers pursuant to the Administrative Monetary Penalties System

O. Confirmatory By-law

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Recommendation

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-066 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Regular Meeting of Council: July 22, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Special Closed Meeting of Council: July 24, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council: August 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation and Events Committee: August 26, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council: August 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Q. Adjournment



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting of the Town of LaSalle

June 24, 2025

4:30 pm

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Councillor Jeff Renaud

Administration Present:

J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, G. Beggs, Director of Planning and Development, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, K. Brcic, Manager of Planning & Development, A. Burgess, Supervisor of Planning & Development, N. DiGesù, Manager of IT, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, C. Bartlett, Supervisor of Engineering

Additional Administration Present:

Jessica Prevost, Summer Student, Planning Department

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Meloche read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PPM-09-2025

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the June 24, 2025, Public Planning Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

D. Purpose of the Meeting and Confirmation of Notice

Mayor Meloche read the purpose of the meeting and confirmed that proper notice had been given.

E. Subject Application

1. Public Planning Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment File Z-03-2025 for 6220 Malden Road

a. Presentation

T. Pillon-Abbs, Principal Planner at Pillon Abbs Inc. and agent for the applicant, provided an overview of the application.

She advised that the property currently contains an existing two-storey residential building, which is proposed to be converted to commercial. The proposal includes three new mixed-use two-storey buildings containing ground floor commercial each with residential unit on the second floor, with paved parking for 28 vehicles. The development is subject to site plan control.

Ms. Pillon-Abbs stated that the proposed development is not expected to adversely impact traffic in the area and that no negative impacts are anticipated as a result of the development. A shadow study was conducted, which identified only minor impacts on adjacent properties.

She further noted that the proposal is consistent with provincial objectives to increase housing supply and support economic development. The application is consistent with the PPS, conforms with the intent and purpose of the County of Essex Official Plan, the Town of LaSalle Official Plan, and the Town of LaSalle Zoning By-law.

b. Comments from Administration

Ms. Brcic advised that, in addition to the studies previously noted, she confirmed that the application complies with the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and the applicable Official Plans. She further advised that a letter was received today from Mrs. Wigle, 6295 Malden Road, opposed to the application.

She noted that the applicant is currently undertaking the site plan application process with the Town. Comments from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) were received the previous day, indicating no concerns with the proposed development.

Ms. Brcic also stated that the lands fronting Malden Road are already zoned Mixed Use Two (MU2), which permits the proposed structures.

c. Public Comments

Kelley Smith, 1799 Argus Street, expressed concerns regarding potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on traffic in the area. She suggested that the findings of the submitted traffic impact study are inconsistent with current traffic conditions and patterns in the neighbourhood. Ms. Smith also voiced her opposition to the introduction of a commercial plaza within her residential area and noted concerns regarding increased shadowing, referencing the angular plane and potential for more shadows on adjacent properties.

Mahmoud Algarousha, 1822 Edgemore Avenue, although registered to attend was not available to speak at the meeting.

Juanita Wigle, 6295 Malden Road, submitted written comments and also appeared at the meeting. She indicated that existing traffic conditions already make it difficult to exit her driveway and stated that she is not in favour of the proposed development.

Robert Bradford, 1885 Westview Court Boulevard, expressed opposition to the proposed development, echoing concerns raised by other residents.

Thuraya Suleiman, 1822 Edgemore Avenue, raised concerns about increased traffic volumes and the resulting impacts on safety, particularly for children in the area.

d. Written Submissions

Written submission received on June 24th, 2025 from Juanita Wigle, 6295 Malden Road.

e. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Carrick asked for clarification on the fencing at the rear of the property. He further commented on how the proposed development conforms to the character of the neighbourhood. He noted that the applicant could construct a taller building within the existing zoning permissions; however, they have chosen to maintain a design that aligns with the surrounding area in terms of scale and compatibility. Ms. Brcic confirmed that fencing will be installed along the property line abutting R1 zoned lands, which is addressed through the Site Plan Control process. She further noted that the design also considers the angular plane guideline to help mitigate impacts on adjacent properties.

Councillor Burns requested clarification on the depth of the rear yard and whether the requested variances are considered minor. Clarification was also requested on how the proposed development complies with zoning requirements and where garbage storage would be located. Ms. Brcic explained that the rear yard setback variances apply to the existing building on the site. She further explained that garbage storage areas are identified in the site plan and will not be located along the yards abutting residential properties. It was further noted that even if the variances were denied, the applicant retains the right to develop the site in accordance with the current zoning regulations, which permit a building with a 3-metre setback along Edgemore.

Councillor Riccio inquired about privacy for residents at the rear of the property. Ms. Brcic confirmed that a privacy fence will be installed along the rear lot line, which is addressed as part of the Site Plan Control process.

Mayor Meloche asked whether the proposed building is comparable in size to a two-storey home. Ms. Brcic clarified that the property is zoned MU2 and the applicant is permitted to construct a building up to the maximum height allowed within that zone, which could be taller than the current proposal. If the requested variances are not

approved, the applicant could revise the project and proceed with a taller structure that complies with existing zoning.

In response to concerns regarding traffic, Mayor Meloche noted that improvements are planned for Malden Road. These include the acquisition of land to widen the road to three lanes and the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Reaume Road and Malden Road, which is expected to help alleviate traffic impacts in the area.

f. Action by Council

PPM-10-2025

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Manager of Planning and Development dated May 27, 2025 (PD-25-2025) regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z-03-2025 be received;

and that the requisite Zoning By-law Amendment be brought forward for Council's consideration at a subsequent Council meeting.

Carried.

F. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk



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Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

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Administration Present:

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A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Mayor read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Moment of Silent Reflection and Playing of National Anthem

B. Adoption of Agenda

151/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the June 24, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

152/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the Minutes of the Closed and Regular Meetings of Council held June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche acknowledged the recent passing of Jaxon Moore, Team Leader in the Culture and Recreation Department. She expressed condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

The Mayor noted that Town of LaSalle services will be closed on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, to accommodate a full day of employee training. This initiative is part of the ongoing commitment for professional development.

She further advised that the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex will be closed for training on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Employee's will be participating in sessions focused on enhancing customer experience and safety protocols.

Mayor Meloche invited residents to the [Rotary Circle Grand Opening](#) on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the LaSalle Landing. The official ribbon cutting will take place at 4:30 p.m. followed by family-friendly fun, games and food trucks. The LaSalle Interact Club is hosting a Movie Night in the Park which will begin at dusk in the Event Centre, 970 Front Road. Admission is \$2 per person for anyone over 8 years old. The Mayor encouraged everyone to take part in these events and enjoy an evening of community connection and summer fun.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. King Charles III Coronation Medal - Maureen Taylor

Mayor Meloche presented the King Charles III Coronation medal to Maureen Taylor.

2. Petition - Resurfacing of Senator Street

Mr. Quick, petitioner, presented the petition and outlined several reasons in support of repaving the roads including safety concerns.

Councillor Burns inquired about the condition of the road. Mr. Osborne advised that Senator and Whaneta Streets are in line to be resurfaced within the next few years.

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo asked about the estimated cost and priority of the resurfacing. Mr. Osborne advised the cost would be in the six-figure range and confirmed the roads are on the rehabilitation list but not scheduled for immediate work

Councillor Carrick encouraged Mr. Quick to participate in upcoming budget deliberations to further advocate for the request.

Mayor Meloche asked whether Mill and Pave work on Senator and Whaneta would be affected by the DMAF project. Mr. Osborne confirmed that paving work could potentially be affected by the DMAF project, and that the DMAF project is still underway and we do not know at this time if those roads will see drainage improvements. He added that Council has committed the 2025 and 2026 Mill and Pave budget to resurfacing Broderick and Disputed.

153/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That a report regarding the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta and Manhattan Streets be prepared and presented during the 2026 Budget Deliberations.

Carried.

Amendment:

154/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That Council reconsider the motion previously adopted on the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta, and Manhattan Streets.

Carried.

155/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That a report regarding the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta and Manhattan Streets be prepared and brought back to Council at a future meeting.

Carried.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. G. Craig Park Land Transfer

Mr. Osborne presented the report.

156/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated June 24, 2025 (PW-10-2025) regarding G. Craig Park Land Transfer be received;

And that, Council directs Administration to complete a land donation from the Essex Region Conservation Authority to the Town of LaSalle upon approval from the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board.

Carried.

2. Front Road storm sewer rehabilitation tender award

Mr. Cappucci presented the report.

157/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Manager of Engineering dated June 4, 2025 (PW-08-2025) regarding Front Road storm sewer rehabilitation tender award be received;

And that, the sewer rehabilitation tender be awarded to J&J Lepera Infrastructures, for a bid price of 7,924,626.00, excluding H.S.T.;

And that, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said contract with J&J Lepera Infrastructures.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Correspondence

- a. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, dated May 30, 2025
RE: Municipal Ethics through Access and Education

2. Summary of Reports

158/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for June 24, 2025, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. County Council Highlights - June 4, 2025

159/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the County Council Highlights for June 4, 2025, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Carrick advised that he attended a County Council meeting on June 18, 2025 and expressed appreciation to Mayor Meloche for her continued advocacy for the Town of LaSalle.

L. Notices of Motion

Mayor Meloche gave Notice of Motion and noted that at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council she may move or cause to have moved the following:

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And further that By-Law Enforcement staff collaborate with other relevant departments to ensure the policy includes appropriate language to address related areas, and that residents are provided with clear and understandable information regarding the Town of LaSalle's By-Laws;

And further that a draft policy be brought forward to Council for review at a future meeting.

M. Closed Session

None.

N. By-laws

160/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the following By-law be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed:

2025-059, A By-law to authorize the purchase of lands municipally known as 120 Elsworth Avenue, LaSalle

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

161/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-061 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Q. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear members of the LaSalle community:

On behalf of the LaSalle Police Services Board, I am honoured to present the 2024 Annual Report for the LaSalle Police Service. As Chair of the Board, I am proud to highlight the remarkable progress and commitment of our police service in its continued mission to safeguard and serve our community.



The past year has brought its share of challenges, but our officers have demonstrated resilience and dedication, working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all who call LaSalle home. Throughout 2024, the LaSalle Police Service has remained focused on upholding the high standards of professionalism and service that our residents expect and deserve.

A significant milestone in 2024 was the appointment of our new Chief of Police in July. Since his arrival, Chief Pearce has already demonstrated exceptional leadership, bringing fresh insights and a collaborative approach to enhancing our service delivery. His commitment to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and community centred policing has been evident in his early initiatives. We are confident that under his leadership, the LaSalle Police Service will continue to thrive and adapt to the evolving needs of our community.

Community engagement continues to be at the heart of our policing strategy. Our officers have been deeply involved in various community activities, including school outreach programs, public safety initiatives, and charitable events.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated officers, support staff, and volunteers for their exceptional service and commitment. Their hard work and dedication are fundamental to the safety and well-being of our community. I also want to thank the residents of LaSalle for their ongoing support and collaboration, which play a crucial role in our shared efforts to maintain a safe and vibrant community.

Looking forward, I am confident that with the continued dedication of our personnel and the strong support of our community, the LaSalle Police Service will build on its proud legacy and continue to set the standard for policing excellence.

Sincerely,

Mayor Crystal Meloche
Chair, LaSalle Police Service Board



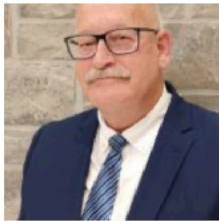
Crystal Meloche,
Chair



Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo,
Vice-Chair



Dan Allen,
Member



Morris Brause,
Member



Marie Campagna,
Member

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the LaSalle Police Service, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. This report reflects the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our members, as well as our shared commitment to community safety, service excellence, and continuous improvement.

Our members are the heart of the LaSalle Police Service. Their unwavering dedication to duty, integrity, and professionalism ensures that we provide the highest standard of policing to our community. Whether responding to emergencies, engaging in proactive crime prevention, or supporting citizens through various initiatives, their contributions are invaluable.

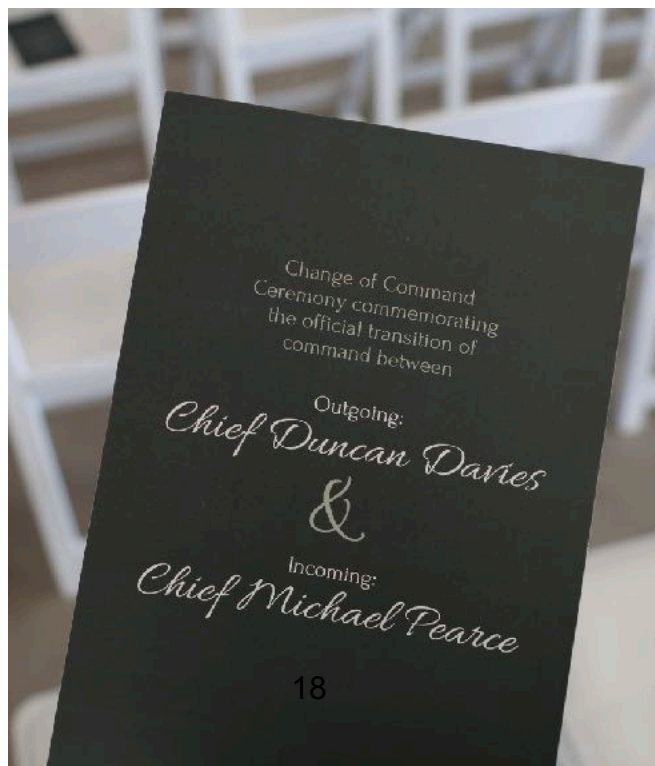
Community involvement remains a cornerstone of effective policing. We recognize that building strong relationships with the people we serve fosters trust, cooperation, and a shared responsibility for safety. Through partnerships with local organizations and active engagement with residents, we continue to work collaboratively to address concerns, enhance public safety, and create a stronger, more connected community.

As we navigate the modernization of the policing sector, we embrace change as an opportunity for growth. Innovation in policing, advancements in technology, and evolving community needs require us to remain adaptable and forward-thinking. By investing in training, modernizing our practices, and continuously evaluating our strategies, we ensure that we are equipped to meet present and future challenges effectively. Through our modernization efforts, we will seek to address organizational deficits to ensure a modern police service provides good value to taxpayers.

Transparency and accountability are fundamental to our operations. We recognize the importance of maintaining public trust and confidence in our service. By upholding the highest ethical standards, openly communicating with the public, and ensuring oversight in our actions, we reinforce our commitment to fairness, integrity, and justice.

As you review this annual report, I encourage you to reflect on the collective efforts that contribute to making LaSalle a safe and welcoming community. We remain steadfast in our mission to provide community leadership and service excellence, and we look forward to continuing our work in partnership with all those who call LaSalle home. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Michael Pearce, Chief of Police



The background of the slide features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the Lasalle Police crest. The crest is shield-shaped with a crown at the top, a central star, and the words 'LASALLE' at the top and 'POLICE' at the bottom. The text 'TO SERVE' is visible on a banner within the crest.

VISION

A safe and vibrant community

MISSION STATEMENT

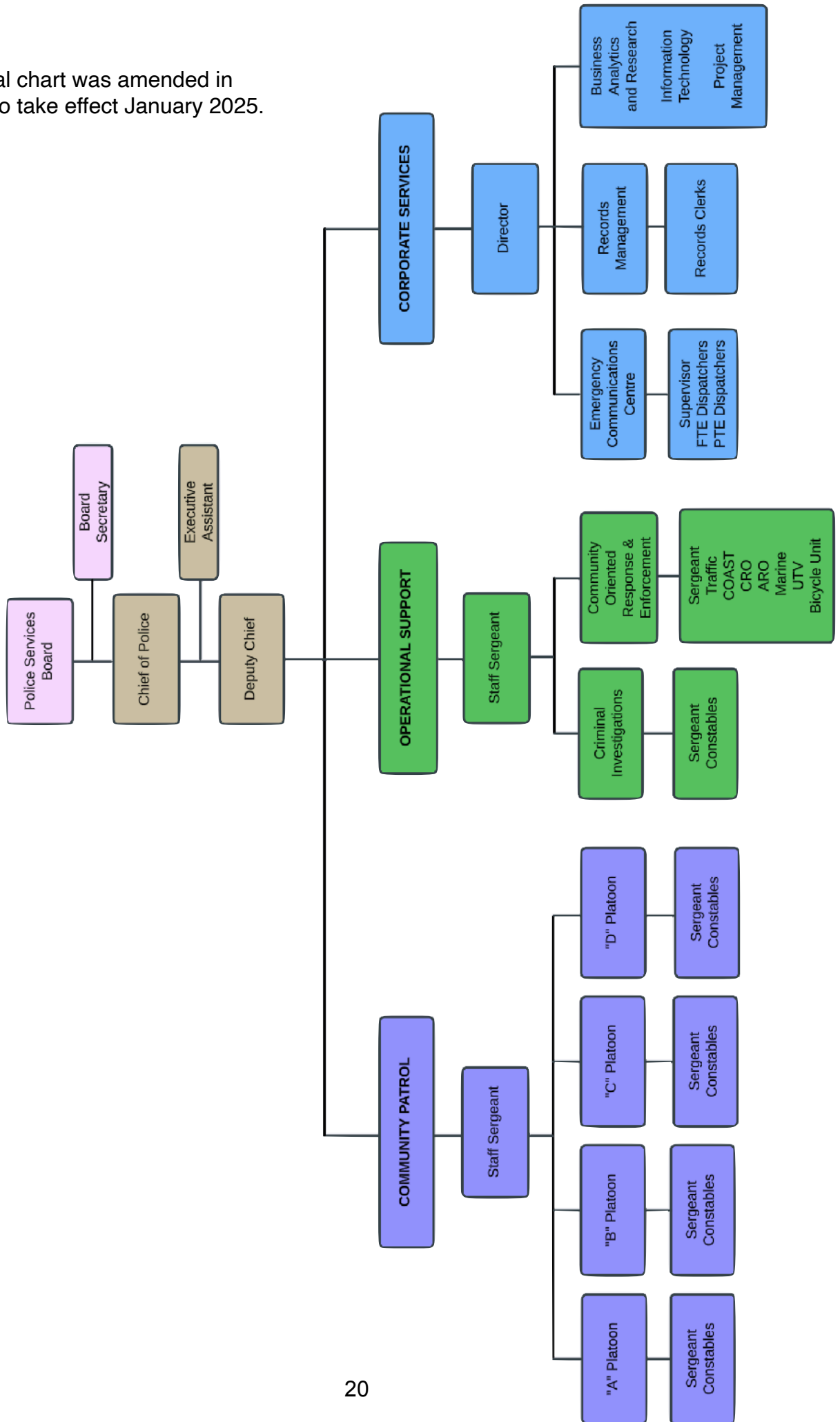
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leadership and service
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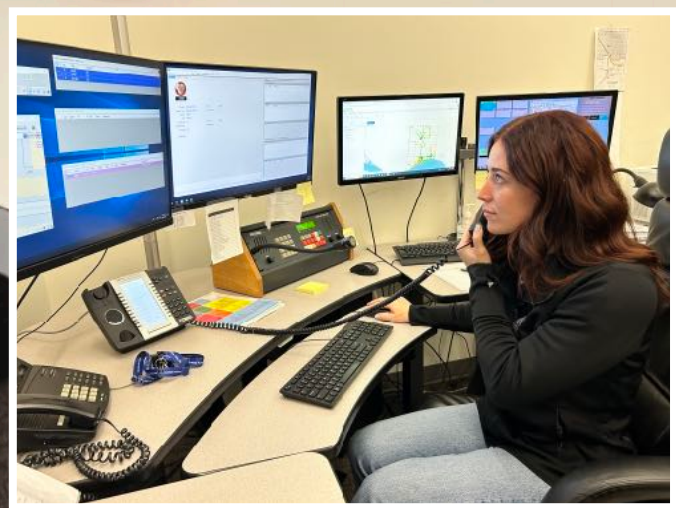
VALUES

Trust
Integrity
Courage
Inclusivity
Professionalism

The organizational chart was amended in December 2024 to take effect January 2025.

LaSalle Police Service Organizational Chart 2025





CORPORATE SERVICES

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

The Communications Centre is staffed with one supervisor, eight full-time and six part-time Emergency Communications Operators. They handle calls and dispatch for the LaSalle Police Service, LaSalle Fire Service, and the Kingsville Fire Service.



**In & Out
phone calls:**
30,049



**Total police and
fire calls for
service:**
11,327



**Reactive
policing calls:**
7,580
(+12%)



**Proactive
Policing calls:**
2,785
(-5%)



**LaSalle Fire
calls:**
589



**Kingsville Fire
calls:**
373

Priority 1
670

Priority 2
851

Priority 3
5,879

Priority 4
2,906

Priority 5
59

Emergency



Non-Emergency

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The Records Management Unit is responsible for the collection, storage, and retrieval of information.

Our three Records Clerks support administrative duties such as court liaison services, police clearances, freedom of information requests, criminal records and police file maintenance, front counter customer service, collision reports, commissioning of oaths, training and travel requisitions, and records management.



**Freedom of
information
requests:**
37
(-33%)



**Criminal checks
(Employment) :**
1,025
(+0.4%)



**Fingerprints
processed for
employment:**
123
(0%)



**Criminal checks
(Volunteer):**
584
(+1%)



**Number of pardon
requests:**
6
(+600%)



**Criminal checks
(Students) :**
332
(+4%)



COMMUNITY PATROL

ARRESTS AND CHARGES

Total Arrests

137

Total Charges

311

Forms of Release

Released
Unconditionally

19

Released
by Appearance
Notice

7

Released
by Undertaking

91

Held for bail

20



CRIME STATISTICS

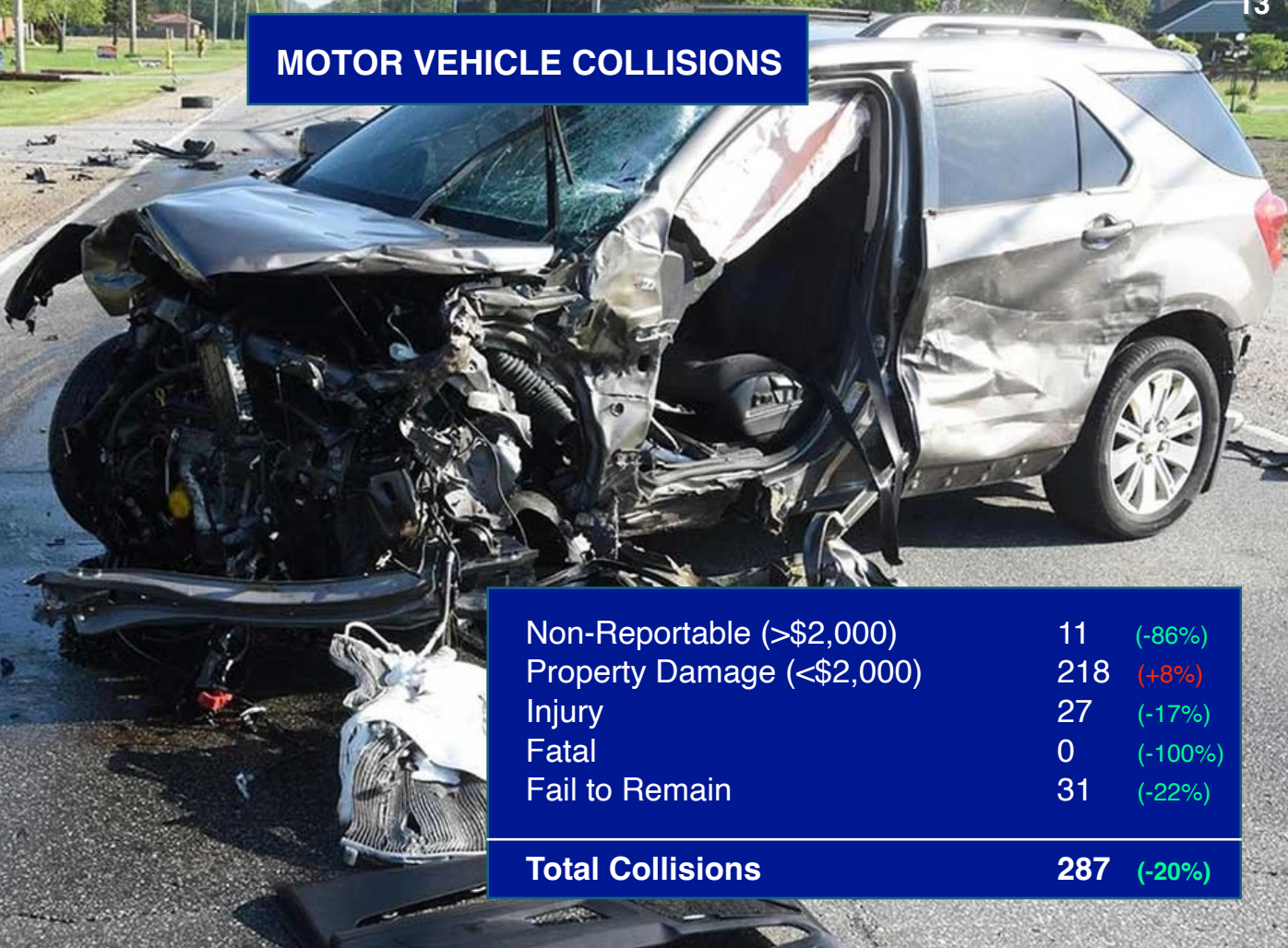
PERSON CRIMES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	CHARGES
Assault	40	19
Assault with a Weapon/Cause Bodily Harm	12	14
Aggravated Assault	0	0
Criminal Harassment	2	3
Cyberbullying/Sexting	12	0
Domestic Dispute/Violence	204	39
Extortion	8	9
Forcible Confinement	0	2
Obstruct or Resist Arrest	0	2
Sexual Assault	9	5
Threats	37	7

YOUTH CRIMES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	CHARGES
Youth Crime (Diversion/Departmental Discretion)	14	0
Youth Crime (Cleared by Charge)	6	11

PROPERTY CRIMES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	CHARGES
Break and Enter - Dwelling	14	6
Break and Enter - Business	12	0
Break and Enter - Other	9	2
Mischief	89	19
Possession of Stolen Property	0	14
Possession of Break In Tools	0	3
Theft Under \$5,000	88	7
Theft Over \$5,000	4	0
Theft - Shoplifting	88	7
Theft of Motor Vehicles	8	0
Theft - Recovered Motor Vehicles	11	0
Theft from Motor Vehicles	49	20
Theft of Licence Plates	11	0
Theft of Bicycles	12	1
Trafficking in Stolen Property	0	2
Trespassing by Night	1	1

OTHER CRIMES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	CHARGES
Bail Violations/Breaching	49	72
Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle	0	3
Driving While Prohibited	0	5
Drugs (Possession for the Purpose/Trafficking)	0	11
Facilitating a Breach	0	4
Firearms Offences	6	5
Impaired Driving/80+	6	18

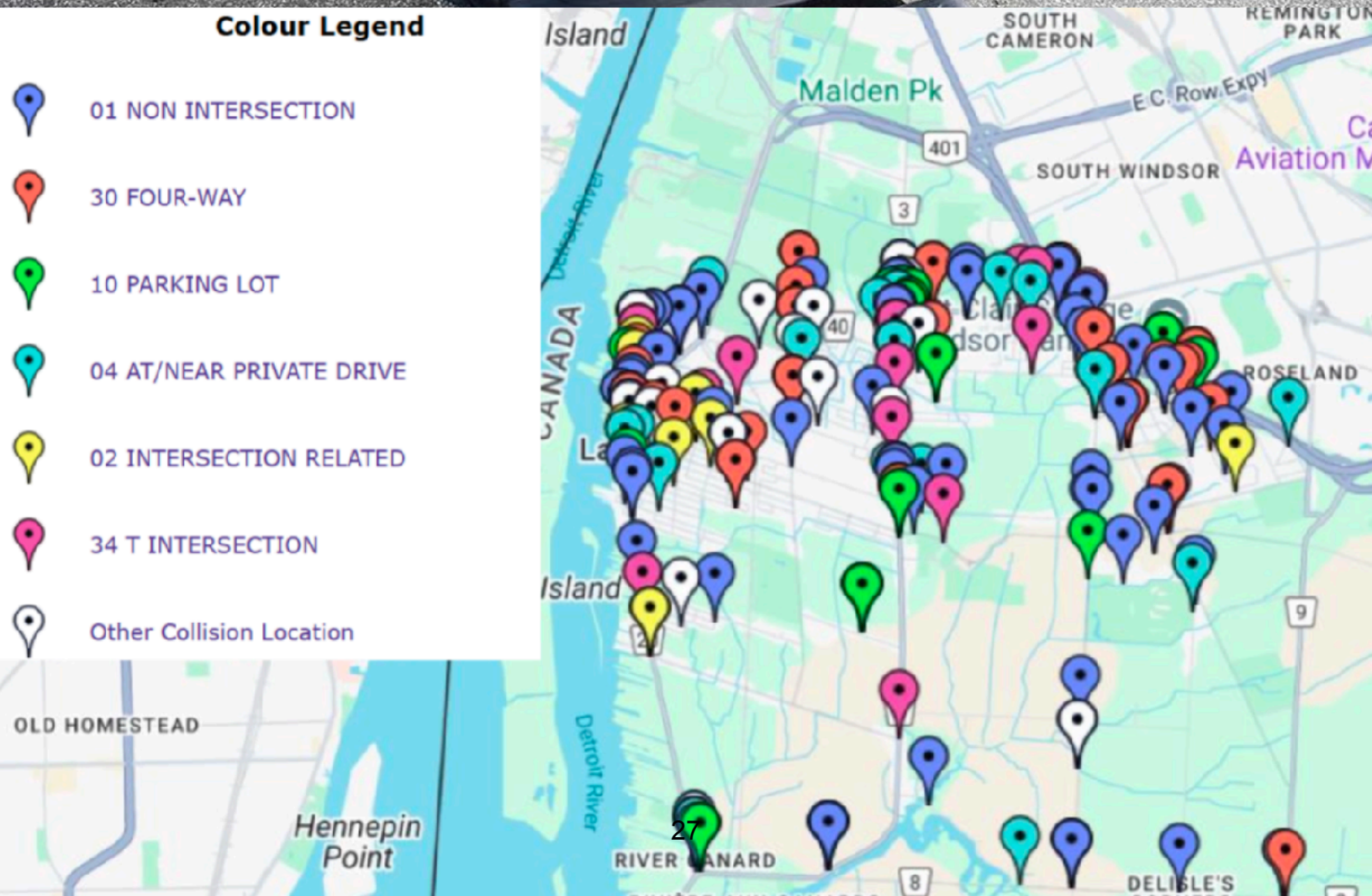
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS



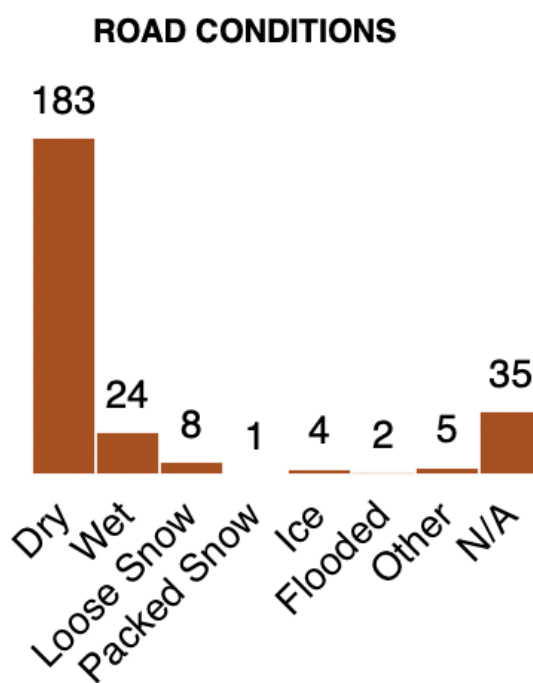
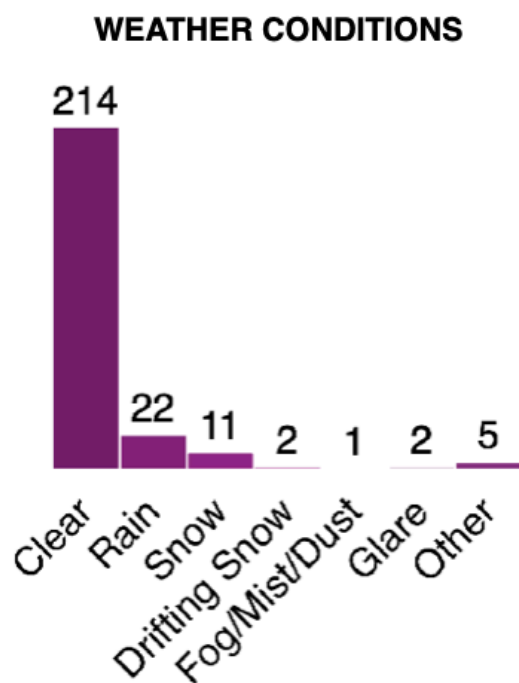
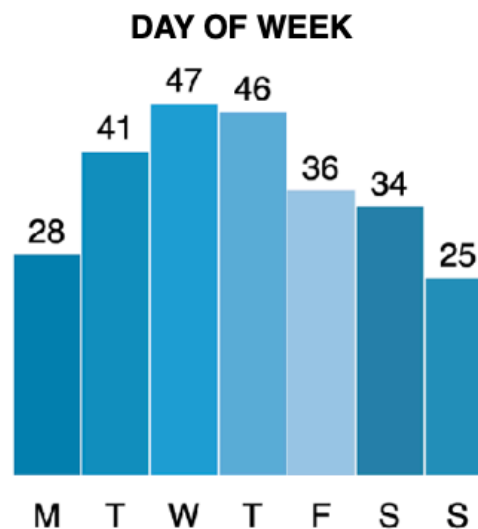
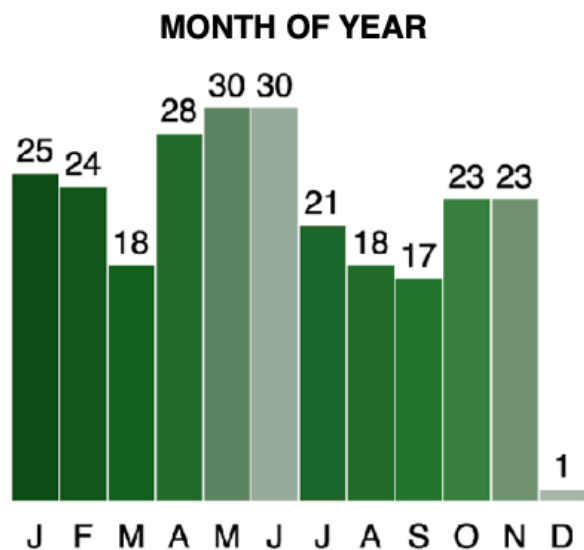
Non-Reportable (>\$2,000)	11	(-86%)
Property Damage (<\$2,000)	218	(+8%)
Injury	27	(-17%)
Fatal	0	(-100%)
Fail to Remain	31	(-22%)
Total Collisions	287	(-20%)

Colour Legend

-  01 NON INTERSECTION
-  30 FOUR-WAY
-  10 PARKING LOT
-  04 AT/NEAR PRIVATE DRIVE
-  02 INTERSECTION RELATED
-  34 T INTERSECTION
-  Other Collision Location



MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS



TOP 5 COLLISION INTERSECTIONS

INTERSECTIONS	# COLLISIONS	# PEOPLE	# INJURIES
Front Road / Laurier Drive	5	11	3
Malden Road / Normandy Street	5	11	1
Highway 3 / Todd Lane	5	10	0
Laurier Drive / Malden Road	5	10	0
Bouffard Road / Malden Road	4	7	0

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS



OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of one Detective Sergeant and two Detective Constables. A second Detective Sergeant was seconded in 2024 to assist with a complex suspicious death investigation. Throughout the year, three Constables were temporarily assigned to assist with a variety of investigations.

93

NUMBER OF
OCCURRENCES INVESTIGATED

6

NUMBER OF
ARRESTS

42

NUMBER OF
JUDICIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

159

NUMBER OF
REPORTS

7

NUMBER OF
CHARGES

23

NUMBER OF
SURVEILLANCE EVENTS

412

NUMBER OF
REPORTS FOR A SINGLE
MAJOR INVESTIGATION

5

NUMBER OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT
INVESTIGATIONS

16

NUMBER OF
MISSING PERSON
INVESTIGATIONS

FIREARM SEIZURES



NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

SUSPICIOUS DEATH

A suspicious death investigation began in December 2023 and continued through the entire year of 2024 involving multiple officers from the Criminal Investigations Division and Community Patrol.

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL GRANDPARENT SCAM

A LaSalle resident was defrauded of over \$500,000 USD and \$90,000 CAD by means of wire transfers and cash. A Community Patrol officer conducted the investigation and was temporarily seconded to the Criminal Investigations Division to dedicate time to the investigation and receive assistance from an experienced investigator. The investigation revealed additional occurrences and victims outside of LaSalle. These occurrences were linked to a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving police agencies in Ontario and Quebec. The investigation culminated with solving numerous “grandparents scams” in both provinces.

LADDER BREAK AND ENTER INVESTIGATION

CID linked two unsolved high-end break and enters occurring in February and June at different areas in LaSalle where the suspects used a ladder to gain access to second floor windows of two-story homes. A suspect was arrested at his residence in Windsor and charged with numerous break and enters across Essex County.

SHOPLIFTING/FIREARM/DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

CID assisted an investigation involving three people who were initially arrested for shoplifting. Searches incident to arrest yielded a backpack with a replica 9mm handgun and a large quantity of four different controlled substances.

POINTING A FIREARM INVESTIGATION

CID assisted Community Patrol with an investigation involving a local LaSalle resident pointing a firearm. CID assisted with obtaining a search warrant for a residence in LaSalle and completed an operational plan for the arrest and execution of the search warrant.

FIREARM MANUFACTURING

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) intercepted handgun 3D printer parts being delivered to a LaSalle address. Provincial Weapons Unit and Canada Border Services Agency executed a search warrant at a LaSalle residence. A 26-year-old man was charged with a variety of firearms offences, including manufacturing a firearm. CID assisted with the investigation.

DRIVE BY SHOOTING IN WINDSOR

Windsor Police Service investigated a drive by shooting. The investigation revealed the shooter was a 24-year-old LaSalle man. A search warrant was executed at a LaSalle residence and the male was charged with a variety of firearms offences and failing to comply with a release order.

LASALLE/WINDSOR JOINT BAIL COMPLIANCE UNIT



In 2024, LPS contributed one full-time and one part-time Detective Constable to a joint forces Bail Compliance Unit in partnership with the Windsor Police Service. Both police services share resources and is an opportunity for LPS officers to gain more experience with bail compliance at greater frequencies compared to conducting bail compliance in LaSalle alone.

255

BAIL COMPLIANCE CHECKS
(LASALLE AND WINDSOR)

55

ARRESTS
(LASALLE AND WINDSOR)

4,148

GPS CHECKS

20

BAIL COMPLIANCE CHECKS
(LASALLE)

3

ARRESTS
(LASALLE)

3

MONITORING OFFENDERS
DAILY
(LASALLE)



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

13

LPS MONITORED 13 SEX OFFENDERS (12 MEN, 1 WOMAN) IN 2024.

OFFENDERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE LASALLE POLICE SERVICE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. DURING 2024, TWO OFFENDERS LEFT LASALLE AND ONE ENTERED.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION

The Forensic Identification Unit consists of a Sergeant and two Constables that conduct these duties in addition to their regular duties in Community Patrol. They analyze forensic evidence such as fingerprint analysis/comparison, DNA collection, footwear impressions, hair/fibre collection, scene examination, and photography.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Scenes Processed - Forensic Identification Officers	21	25	26	23	5	-22
Number of Scenes Processed - Scenes of Crime Officers	13	13	15	12	17	5
Number of Fingerprint Comparisons	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Centre of Forensic Science Submissions	6	2	9	3	4	1



PROPERTY

PROPERTY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Drug Seizures	N/A	51	47	35	32	-3
Number of Seized Property Items	462	240	606	444	440	-4
Number of Seized Items Disposed of	N/A	58	261	202	97	-105

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

TRAFFIC OFFENCES	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Traffic Charges	1509	612	1214	1209	1098	-111
Traffic Cautions	2625	970	1735	1640	1900	260
TOTAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	4134	1582	2949	2849	2998	149

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE JFO	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Joint Forces Operation Events	/	/	/	2	4	2
Vehicles Taken Out of Service	/	/	/	0	31	31
Charges	/	/	/	38	128	90

IMPAIRED DRIVING	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Impaired Driving Occurrences	10	11	21	18	87	69
ASD Roadside Suspensions	41	31	23	19	18	-1
Impaired Related Arrests	8	8	5	4	21	17
RIDE Programs	6	5	3	5	5	0
RIDE - # Vehicles Stopped	2756	1507	1501	1756	725	-1031
RIDE - Roadside Tests	18	14	19	11	13	2
RIDE - Criminal Charges	0	1	2	2	1	-1
RIDE - HTA Offences	1	1	0	3	9	6
RIDE - HTA Cautions	122	50	71	90	25	-65

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT TEAM (COAST)

COAST comprises a full-time police officer paired with a social worker from Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare. This team meets every Tuesday and Thursday to see clients. They provide support to LaSalle citizens and members of the LaSalle Police Service.

COAST monitors calls for service, provides post-incident intervention as well as regular and ongoing follow-up with individuals, families and agencies. Victims of crime are sometimes emotionally distraught or experience issues with their mental health, so it is fitting that COAST extends to providing support to victims of crime.

COAST is proactive with the intention to have longer term benefits for both policing and the health care system by redirecting individuals to appropriate resources for help and treatment. This in turn reduces the likelihood of constantly recurring police interactions, crime, recidivism and/or causing strain on the overloaded health care system.



The image shows two women standing in front of a large stone wall with a sign that reads 'Town of LaSalle Police Service' and '880 Normandy St'. The woman on the left is wearing a black shirt and blue jeans, and the woman on the right is wearing a green shirt and black pants. Both are smiling and wearing lanyards with ID badges.

COAST	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Interventions in Person	144	112	117	104	111	7
Interventions by Phone	/	39	19	18	12	-6
Phone Calls To/For Clients	105	288	236	186	259	73
Referrals to Community Programs	/	295	270	289	264	-25
Special Events	/	/	/	/	18	18

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER



Just some of the events the Community Resource Officer attended in 2024!

Polar Plunge Kick Off at St. Clair College	McHappy Day	Stuff a Cruiser - LaSalle Food Bank
Bell Let's Talk Campaign	Police Week	National Police Memorial
Windsor Express Appreciation Night	Khalsa Sikh New Year's Celebration	Windsor Spitfires First Responders Night
Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario	Bike Rodeo	Salvation Army Food Drive at Zehrs
TogetherFest, Rotary Club	Bus Patrollers Safety Awards Banquet	Trick or Treat - Children's Safety Village
Ready for the Season Boat Campaign	Strawberry Festival	Truck or Treat - Vollmer Centre
Movie Day - Bus Patrollers Appreciation	LPA's Cops Fishing with Kids Derby	Trunk or Treat - Heritage Park Alliance Church
Border Sentinel Training Exercise	Fireworks Downtown Windsor	Crime Prevention Week
Ontario Police Memorial	Run with First Responders	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Sandwich Secondary Graduation	Villanova Graduation	LaSalle Safety and Crime Prevention Walk
LaSalle Police Youth Foundation Golf Tournament	Windsor PrideFest	Anti-Bullying Presentation, Villanova High School
LaSalle Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony	LaSalle Police Recruitment Event	St. Andrews Holiday Food Drive at Zehrs
Villanova High School Lock Down Drill	CPTED Presentation at St. Andrew's Food Bank	Children's Safety Village Annual General Meeting
Anti-bullying Presentations to Sacred Heart	Coffee with a Cop Events	Crime Prevention Presentations
Youth Road Safety Week at Villanova High School	Fraud Presentation at Sacred Heart Senior Group	Ontario Police Memorial



The LaSalle Police Service in conjunction with community partners has hosted the annual Children's Bike Rodeo for over 20 years. In 2024, there were 42 children that attended the Bike Rodeo.



The LaSalle Police Service designates certain days in a month where citizens can book an appointment to have their child seat inspected by a certified officer. In 2024, LPS designated 25 child seat inspections days (about 2 per month) and inspected 55 child seats.

VALUES, INFLUENCES, PEERS (VIP)

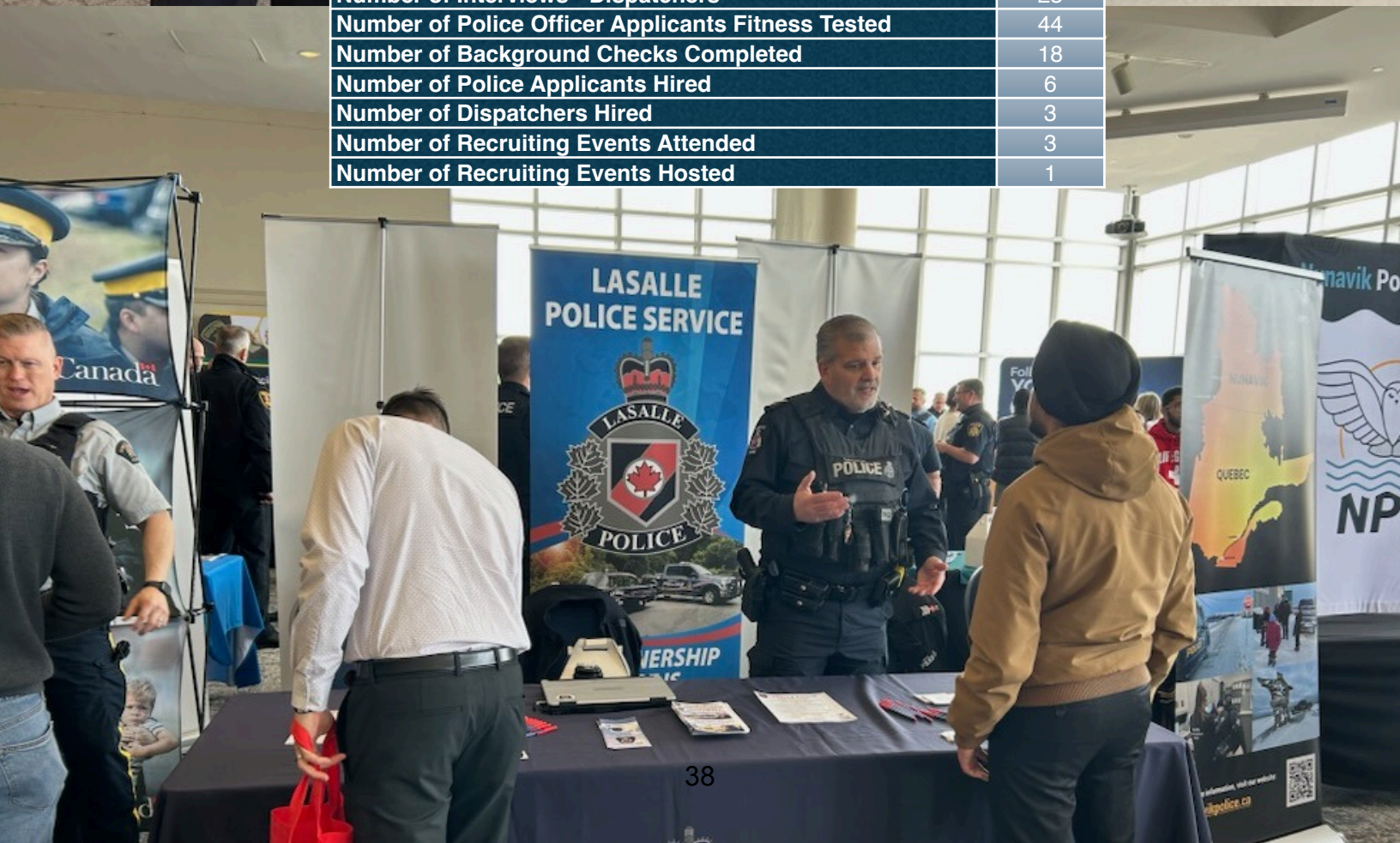
VIP programs is administered to grade 6 students at three Catholic elementary schools. Public schools elected not to participate in the program. VIP programs consist of 10 topics:

- Peer Pressure
- Internet Safety
- Bullying
- Healthy Friendships
- Youth and the Law
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs
- Responsible Citizenship
- Values and Rules
- Decision Making
- Authority Figures

RECRUITING



RECRUITING STATISTICS		2024
Number of Applicants - Police Officers		90
Number of Applicants - Dispatchers		189
Number of Applicants - Director of Corporate Services		62
Number of Interviews - Police Officers		41
Number of Interviews - Dispatchers		23
Number of Police Officer Applicants Fitness Tested		44
Number of Background Checks Completed		18
Number of Police Applicants Hired		6
Number of Dispatchers Hired		3
Number of Recruiting Events Attended		3
Number of Recruiting Events Hosted		1



SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

In the warmer months, the LaSalle Police Service provides additional patrols by boat, bicycle, and UTV. These are part-time activities when staffing and time permits.

The Marine Unit conducted 83 hours of patrol on water. They also participated in four special events and joined the OPP and Windsor Police Service with joint patrols.

Special Events

- Border Sentinel
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Detroit River Fireworks in Windsor
- Canadian Border Services JFO Marine Patrol Project in St. Clair River



MARINE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Hours on Water	102	129	122	168	170	2
Number of Calls for Service	0	0	1	1	1	0
Number of Special Events Attended	8	3	7	5	6	1



BICYCLE PATROL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Hours on Patrol	223	28	85	78	13	-65
Special Events Attended	1	4	4	4	3	-1

UTV PATROL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Number of Hours on Patrol	11	39	12	16	13	0
Special Events Attended	1	3	5	3	3	0

TRAINING

On April 1, 2024, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) came into force, along with Ontario Regulation 87/24, which imposed additional training responsibilities for police officers in Ontario.

Our members participated in 657 training opportunities in 2024.

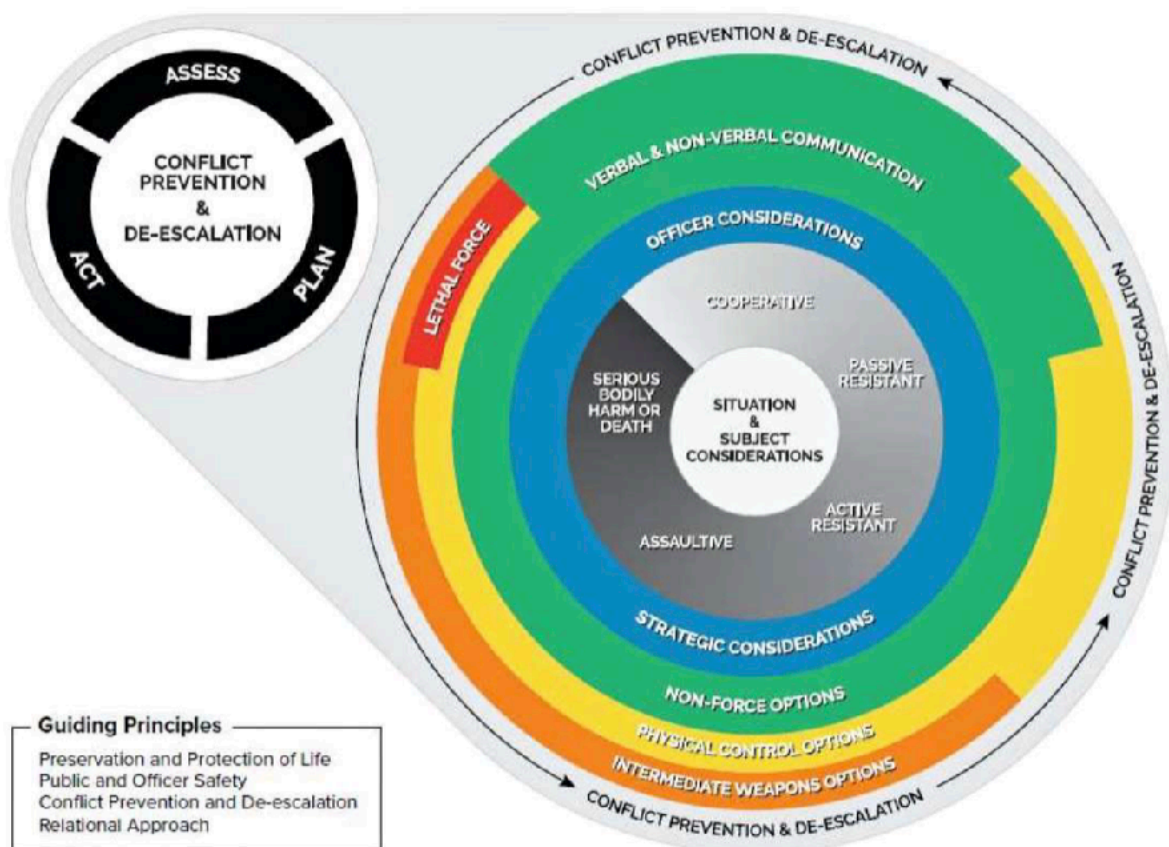
Advanced Pistol	Incident Management System 100
Automated Licence Plate Reader	Incident Management System 200
Auxiliary Coordinators Symposium	Incivility and Harassment Conference
Basic Constable Training	Intoxilyzer Field Coordinator's Course
Border Sentinel Exercise	Investigative Interviewing Techniques
Building a Case Against Hate	Joint Health and Safety
CISO Firearms Identification	Law Enforcement Complaints Agency
CISO Operational Body Conference	LEARN Training
Coaching Police Professionals	Lidar Training (In-Service)
Collision Investigations Conference	Live Scan
Communications Centre Supervisor	Marine Enforcement
Community Resource Officer Network	Media Relations
Conducted Energy Weapons	Mental Health First Aid
Constable Selection System	Military Veterans Wellness Program
Continuity and Risk Management	Missing Persons Act (OPCVA)
Courtroom Testimony Skills	Motorcycle Collision Reconstruction
CPIC Terminal Operator's Course	New Beginnings Youth Risk Intervention
CPR	OACP Shuttle Run Certification
Crisis Negotiator	Office 365
Community Safety and Policing Act Summit	Ontario's Diverse, Multiracial and Multicultural
De-escalation Techniques	Society (OPCVA)
Digital Evidence Management	Ontario Major Case Management
Dispatch Fire Training	Photography Refresher (In-Service)
DNA Collection for Court Orders	Powercase Command Triangle
Drug Investigation	Public Order Initial Training
Electronic Evidence and Big Data Analysis	Public Order Re-qualification
Emergency Management Ontario Note Taking	Query (CPKN)
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Conference	Resilient Minds
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Symposium	Rights and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis
Evidence Based Policing	People (OPCVA)
Facilitating Police Adult Learning	Scenes of Crime Officer
Firearms Identification for Public Agents	Search Manager
Freedom of Information Conference	Search Warrant
Frontline Supervisor	Sexual Assault Awareness Conference
Gang Investigations	Sexual Assault Investigators Association of Ontario
Grievance Workshop	Conference
Homicide Investigators Conference	Systemic Racism (OPCVA)
Human Resources Management	Towing and Storage Safety Enforcement Act
Human Rights (OPCVA)	UKG
Human Trafficking	Vehicle Pursuits (CPKN)
Human Trafficking Seminar	Violence Threat Risk Assessment Level 1
Incident Command 100	Warrant Execution
Incident Command 200	

USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Firearm Discharged	9	4	4	4	6	2
Draw/Point Firearm	2	4	2	2	1	-1
CEW Displayed/Used	4	6	6	6	2	-4
Empty Hand Techniques	1	0	0	1	0	-1
OC Spray	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	14	12	13	9	-4

In all six cases of a firearm discharged, officers euthanized injured animals following motor vehicle collisions. In the analysis of the 2024 reports, there are no instances that cause training concerns or require changes to existing policies.

ONTARIO PUBLIC-POLICE INTERACTIONS TRAINING AID



The officer continuously assesses the interactions and selects the most reasonable option(s) relative to the subject and circumstances given available resources and time.

COMPLAINTS

Law Enforcement
Complaints Agency



LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS AGENCY (LECA)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Screened out by LECA	0	0	0	1	3	2
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	1	2	1	-1
Resolved by Mediation	0	0	0	1	1	0
Continuing	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	0	0	1	4	7	3

CHIEF'S COMPLAINTS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0	1	0	-1
Substantiated	0	0	1	1	1	0
Continuing	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	1	0	1	2	2	0



SIU SPECIAL
INVESTIGATIONS UNIT
UES UNITÉ DES
ENQUÊTES SPÉCIALES

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	CHANGE
SIU Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC ORDER UNIT



Ontario Regulation 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) requires a public order unit must be able to be deployed in a reasonable time, having regard to the policing needs of the community, the geographic and socio-demographic characteristics of the police service's area of policing responsibility, the total population and population density of the police service's area of policing responsibility, the presence of critical infrastructure in the location where the public order unit is to be deployed, information about public order incidents in the police service's area of policing responsibility within at least the previous three years, including information about the scope and severity of the incidents, and best practices in relation to response times for public order units.

In 2024, the LaSalle Police Service trained officers in public order for the first time.

MILESTONES

RETIREMENTS

Chief Duncan Davies

Senior Constable Harbinder Gill

Dispatch Supervisor Dave Pettypiece

PROMOTIONS

Michael Agostinis to Staff Sergeant

Corrine Brun to Sergeant

Natalie Malandrucolo to Dispatch Supervisor

HIRES

Part-Time Dispatcher Jenna-Rose Hocevar

Part-Time Dispatcher Kaylee Ingram

Constable Daniel Keys

Constable Josef Fahsbender

Chief Michael Pearce

Cadet Chris Bedard

Cadet Brayden Houle

Cadet Carter Ducharme

Cadet Dallas Akins

ELEVATIONS

Victoria Alfini to Senior Dispatcher 23+ Years

Sarah Carr to Full-Time Dispatcher

Jimmi Hanna to Senior Constable 10 Years

Alison Hunter to Senior Constable 10 Years

Jamie Adjetey-Nelson to Senior Constable 10 Years

Matt Kosnik to 2nd Class Constable

Alex Pavia to 2nd Class Constable

Jack Bartlett to 3rd Class Constable

Eamon Gorman to 3rd Class Constable

Brady White to 3rd Class Constable





STRATEGIC PLAN RESULTS



In accordance with section 41(1)(a) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, on or before June 30 in each year, the police service board shall file an annual report with its municipality regarding the implementation of the board's strategic plan and the achievement of the performance objectives identified in the strategic plan.

2024 was the final year of the current strategic plan. We attained most of our goals, and with the recent release of our 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, we will take bold steps to modernize the police service.

Below explains our plan three years ago, and how we did.

CRIME PREVENTION

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
1.1	Explore the use and implementation of the crime-mapping in Versa as a tool of public dissemination of information, depicting crime locations within LaSalle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feasibility report and cost estimate * Record and measure the use and success of this software by investigators * Record and measure public participation. 	<p>Not Completed.</p> <p>Officers have access to traffic stop locations each month.</p>
1.2	In conjunction with LaSalle's 2020-2050 Strategic Plan, explore community partnerships to assist in crime prevention initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feasibility report and cost estimate * Implementation 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>LPS is engaged with multiple community partnerships and in 2024, provided the Windsor Essex Crime Stoppers office space in our Headquarters.</p>
1.3	Train more officers in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and create public training or advice to resident and businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Number of officers trained and number of reports using CPTED strategies 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Three officers completed CPTED training and presentations given to multiple community groups and businesses.</p>

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

COMMUNITY PATROL

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
2.1	Enhance Special Services to address needs in LaSalle by deploying them at targeted/optimal times to address community concerns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feasibility report and cost estimate * Track number of outing and community contacts 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>In 2022, Special Services was created to oversee: Traffic Enforcement, COAST, Community Liaison, and Seasonal Units</p>
2.2	Maintain current and enhance overall health of officers and civilians through health and wellness programs and alternative work hour arrangements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Participation and use of programs. 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Our employee health and wellness program encourages members to look after their physical and mental health. Incentives are provided to participate in the program.</p>

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
3.1	Acquire encrypted radios or mic phones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acquisition 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Encrypted mic phones purchased to communicate with officers from partner agencies.</p>
3.2	Enter into joint forced operations with surrounding agencies to combat crimes occurring in LaSalle and Essex County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Number of partnerships entered. 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Multiple JFO's completed, including investigations into sex crimes, counterfeit currency, car thefts, drug distribution, break and enters, and commercial motor vehicle inspections.</p>
3.3	Acquire equipment for surveillance and intelligence gathering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acquisition 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>A multipurpose camera was purchased through funding and surveillance vehicles were used.</p>

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
4.1	In conjunction with LaSalle's 2020-2050 Strategic Plan, explore the development and use available survey technology to solicit independent community feedback on police initiatives and investigations.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Achieved. Online surveys completed by citizens to provide feedback about the police service.
4.2	Explore the installation of computers in the police facility lobby to enable online reporting and access to public police related documents and forms.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Achieved. Elected not to install computers in the lobby. Our preference is to provide customer service by our staff.
4.3	In conjunction with the goals and objectives of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, explore and maintain ongoing partnerships with other police services and community agencies to integrate services, to improve efficiencies, cost savings, and community benefit.	* Acquisition	Achieved. Members of LPS took part in joint training initiatives with partner police agencies, and a member sits on the Community Safety and Well-Being Leadership Table.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
5.1	In conjunction with LaSalle's 2020-2050 Strategic Plan and to prevent further harm from emerging, explore new training opportunities with partner agencies in responding to high risk - low frequency emergency calls for service.	* Partner MOU's * Additional training dates	Achieved. Members participated in Border Sentinel training with other police services, Fire, Coast Guard, Navy, Port Authority, and EMS. Traffic joint forces operations with OPP, WPS, and MTO.
5.2	Train additional officers in emergency response (crisis negotiations, search master, and incident command).	* Increase number of trained officers.	Achieved. Numerous members have been trained in incident command, incident management systems, crisis negotiation, and search manager.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

VIOLENT CRIME

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
6.1	Maintain a front loaded and effective response to solving crimes of violence.	* Solve rate.	Achieved.
6.2	Increase number of intimate partner violence investigators.	* Increased number of trained officers.	Achieved. Several officers trained in intimate partner violence.
6.3	Monitor offenders with intelligence led, proactive approach.	* Number of arrests/charges.	Achieved. LPS partnered with WPS to create a joint bail compliance team that has successfully monitored offenders and led to arrests and charges.

PROPERTY CRIME

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
7.1	Enhance public education through social media on crime prevention to assist in the reduction of property crime.	* Number of public information messages.	Achieved. Our Community Resource Officer regularly posts information and crime prevention tips on our social media platforms.
7.2	Research, develop, implement and participate in crime prevention programs.	* Number of crime prevention programs created and implemented.	Achieved.

YOUTH CRIME

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
8.1	Continue to foster positive relationships with local youth through programs such as B-RAD, VIP, and LaSalle Hangout.	* Number of community partnerships and programs.	Achieved. Our members have participated in: * a youth basketball game with LaSalle Hangout * presentations at local public and secondary schools on anti-racism and bullying * Coffee with a Cop * B-RAD presentations * Attendance at youth centre events
8.2	Train officers in Violent Threat Risk Assessment to assist risk assessment for schools.	* Number of officers receiving training. 49	Achieved. A number of members received VTRA training.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
9.1	Ensure proper referrals are made to agencies that provide support services for victims.	* Number of Victim Services and community service referrals.	Achieved. Increases in referrals to both Victim Services and other community services.

ROAD SAFETY

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
10.1	Increase road safety awareness, issues and enforcement actions within our community through presentation, interactions, and social media.	* Number of presentations and number of social media posts related to road safety.	Achieved. Traffic enforcement officer provided presentations to schools and numerous social media posts related to road safety.
10.2	With the engagement of the new Traffic Enforcement Unit, gather and analyze statistics on road safety and traffic enforcement.	* Gather statistics to measure enforcement as well as motor vehicle collisions.	Achieved. Monthly report on traffic enforcement and speed sign downloads to provide data.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
11.1	Explore options for our website design and hosting.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Not Completed.
11.2	Research the cost of benefits of using E-ticketing technology.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Achieved. The Traffic Enforcement Officer participated in E-ticketing pilot project.
11.3	Maintain a surveillance camera registry to assist in canvassing during investigations.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	In Progress. Began implementation of CamSafe online camera registry.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

POLICE FACILITIES

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
12.1	Explore the installation of enhancing security and privacy measures, including a booking area partition, change room/ washroom partition, and exterior bollards.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Not completed.
12.2	Enhance employee wellness through purchase of ergonomic equipment.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate	Achieved. Ergonomic chairs purchased for Emergency Communication Operators and a new modern workplace for Community Oriented Response and Enforcement members.

RESOURCE PLANNING

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	MEASUREMENT	RESULT
13.1	Continue striking ad hoc service delivery committees to assess and review all aspects of policing operations.	* New committees	Achieved. A uniform equipment committee was created to review equipment needs. A communications committee partnered with the Town. A collective agreement working group was created.
13.2	Explore implementing auxiliary police and special constable positions.	* Feasibility report and/or implementation.	Not completed.
13.3	Increase number of trained officers in forensics and technology-based investigations.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate.	Achieved. Two officers trained.
13.4	Succession planning to replace required designations and develop future leaders.	* Feasibility report and cost estimate.	Achieved. Several officers trained in Leadership in Police Organizations. Provided regular Acting Rank opportunities.

COST OF POLICING

POLICING EXPENSES	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Salaries and Benefits	\$8,940,000	9,248,315	\$308,315
Administrative	\$217,500	\$297,786	\$80,286
Personnel	\$149,000	\$211,358	\$62,358
Facility	\$2,000	0	-\$2,000
Vehicles and Equipment	\$194,400	\$183,348	-\$11,052
Programs	\$121,500	\$164,220	\$42,720
Transfers to Capital/Reserves	\$204,000	\$204,000	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$9,828,800	\$10,343,460	\$514,660
Less Revenue	\$452,600	\$475,114	-\$22,514
Total Cost	\$9,376,200	\$9,834,313	\$458,113

Salaries and Benefits were over budget by \$308,315 for the following reasons: coverage for staffing shortages (three members on long-term disability, one member medically accommodated, three members on maternity leave, four members took parental leave, and a variety of injuries), the overlap of hiring five new members to replace five retiring members (Board approved), and overtime for a major complex death investigation.

Maintaining appropriate staffing levels continues to be a challenge both in LaSalle and across the policing sector in Ontario.

Administrative was over budget by \$80,286 to address technology deficits.

Personnel costs were over budget by \$62,358 due to an increase in legislated training requirements and costs associated to uniforms and equipment (we hired six officers to replace six retiring officers, making it necessary to purchase uniforms and equipment). This level of staffing turnover is atypical and cyclical. We anticipate additional turnover in 2025 but this will lessen 2026.

Facility costs were under budget by \$2,000.

Vehicles and Equipment costs were under budget by \$11,052.

Programs costs were over budget by \$42,720 primarily as a result of increased costs for court services, and increased recruiting efforts to address staff turnover.

Revenue was higher than anticipated by \$22,514.

The total cost of policing in 2024 was 4.9% higher than budgeted. An thorough analysis of expenditures uncovered underfunded budget lines that are contractually obligated through collective agreements. This will be addressed in future budgets.



June 5th, 2025

Town of LaSalle

5950 Malden Road

Lasalle, On N9H 1S4

Re: Request for use of the LaSalle Event Centre in Support of Special Olympics Ontario.

Dear Mayor Meloche and Members of Council

On behalf of Marjorie Sakalo, we are reaching out to request the use of the LaSalle Event Centre at no cost for the upcoming pickleball tournament, with all proceeds benefiting Special Olympics Ontario. I believe they have already reached out to organize a “play for a cause” PB tournament in LaSalle on Aug 23-24 for the use of indoor and outdoor facilities or just outdoor if indoor facilities are not available at a donation.

This community event is being planned at a fundraiser and an awareness initiative to support athletes with intellectual disabilities across the province.

In lieu of a rental fee, we would kindly ask the Town to consider this as an in-kind donation. Special Olympics Ontario, a registered charity, can issue a charitable tax receipt for the value of the donated space.

We would be honored to partner with the Town of LaSalle to make this event a success and would be proud to recognize the Town as a key community supporter.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact us

Sincerely,

Marjorie Sakalo/

Lisa Homenick / Zone Coordinator for LETR



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Patti Funaro, Director of Culture and Recreation

Department: Culture and Recreation

Date of Report: June 16, 2025

Report Number: CR-2025-14

Subject: Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated June 16, 2025(CR-2025-14) regarding the Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost be received;

And that the request for a fee waiver be denied.

Report

Special Olympics Ontario has requested use of the Event Centre at no charge for a pickleball tournament in which Special Olympics Ontario will receive the proceeds.

The Policy for Fee Waiving Related to the Use of Town Facilities (M-CR-007) states that the administrative fees as outlined in the User Fee By-Law (2025-007) shall be imposed for the use of Town Facilities, and that these fees shall not be waived, either in part or in full.

While Special Olympics Ontario is a worthwhile cause, the Town typically has approximately 40 charities, non-profits, and community groups host events on Town property and in Town facilities each year. Each of these charities, non-profits and community groups are worthwhile causes. The Town regularly receives requests to support these events by way of fee waiving, donations, in-kind sponsorships, and sponsor recognition. Supporting every event would have a significant impact on the Town's budget and overall fiscal objectives. Should Council waive the fees for the Special Olympics Ontario pickleball event, there is a risk that the decision may create a demand for similar financial support from other local charitable organizations hosting events at Town facilities. Adherence to the policy will ensure that the Town is fiscally responsible and equitable to all users.

Consultations

none

Financial Implications

Financial implications consist of direct costs associated with facility use (including staff wages and cleaning) that would be absorbed by the Town without corresponding rental revenue.

Prepared By:

Director of Culture & Recreation

Patti Funaro

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

n/a

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	CR-2025-14 Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost.docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Jun 23, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Domenic Dadalt, Legal Counsel

Department: Administration

Date of Report: June 20, 2025

Report Number: AD-2025-09

Subject: Request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane

Recommendation

That the report of the Legal Counsel dated June 20, 2025, (AD-2025-09) regarding the Request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane be received;

And that Council deny the request to purchase the municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane.

Report

Administration has received numerous requests over several years from the owners of 1805 Todd Lane (the "Owners") to purchase municipally owned land abutting the rear of their property. The purchase request pertains to a portion of the land municipally known as 5700 Malden Road ("Subject Lands"). The request has been submitted for the purpose of extending the rear yard of the Owners' property from the existing lot line down to Turkey Creek. The Subject Lands are illustrated in Schedule "A", attached hereto.

It is Administration's recommendation that the request to purchase the Subject Lands be denied. It is the position of Administration that the Subject Lands should be retained as part of The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle's (the "Town") land bank as a municipal asset. The proposed sale to the Owners does not, in Administration's view, represent the optimal use of the Subject Lands, contribute to the broader public interest or maximize the benefit to the Town.

The Subject Lands are currently zoned as 'Recreation Zone (RE)' to support the use of community gardens, parks and open spaces. This zoning is implemented to encourage naturalized areas for the enjoyment of the public. This zoning designation encourages community use and enjoyment. Selling the Subject Lands would be inconsistent with the

intended purpose of the current zoning designation by eliminating the naturalized area for public enjoyment.

The implications of selling the Subject Lands to the Owner will impact the Town's strategic planning by undermining the importance of long-term planning initiatives and zoning considerations. The sale of the Subject Lands will contradict consistent land-use planning and may interfere with potential future uses that the Town could utilize.

In the event that Council desires to proceed with a sale of the Subject Lands to the Owners, there are a number of items to be worked out between the Owners and the Town. Firstly, to this date there has not been a purchase price suggested with any of the proposed acquisition requests. Administration could utilize nearby land for the purpose of establishing value, but the majority of nearby sales are within the Town Centre zone that are tied to development. Finding comparisons using properties zoned Recreational will require out-of-town lands, as the Town has consistently retained this type of land in the Town's ownership.

If the Subject Lands were to be sold to the Owners, a rezoning application would be required to ensure that the said lands are appropriately zoned for private ownership. The costs of this rezoning application should be solely borne by the Owners, and there is no guarantee that the application would be supported by Administration as the retention of these types of lands supports the Town's long-term vision for public access to green space. Additionally, the Owners would have to commission a reference plan to describe any parcels to be sold, also at their sole expense.

Finally, it should be noted that the economic impact from tax collection is anticipated to be nominal, as significant increases typically occur from increasing frontage rather than adding land to the rear of a property. While this would ultimately be determined through MPAC's assessment, the above description is in line with what Administration typically sees when distributing lands at the rear of properties, such as when we close and sell alleys.

Accordingly, Administration recommends that Council deny the request, thereby retaining the Subject Lands in municipal ownership. This will maintain the current zoning of the lands while supporting the Town's strategic vision benefiting all Town residents.

Consultations

Peter Marra, Deputy C.A.O.

Financial Implications

None if the lands remain in the Town's name. If sold, the sale price and a nominal increase in taxation revenue.

Prepared By:

Legal Counsel

Domenic Dadalt, Legal Counsel

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

Owners of 1805 Todd Lane

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane.docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Jun 24, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief

Department: Fire Service

Date of Report: June 18, 2025

Report Number: FIRE-25-04

Subject: Regulate the Setting of Fires

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief dated June 18, 2025 (FIRE-25-04) regarding Regulate the Setting of Fires be received;

And that, Council repeal the existing Setting of Fires By-law 7170 and adopt the revised Setting of Fires By-law 2025-062 at the appropriate stage of this Council meeting.

Report

The following amendments for consideration, the Air Quality Health Index, a clause defining maximum wind speed limit, and an update to the fee schedule;

1. Air Quality Health Index:

A new provision has been added to reference the Air Quality Health Index. Specifically: *“Air quality health index value forecasted by Environment Canada for the Windsor-Essex region greater than 7. The use of fireworks is subject to approval by the Fire or designate and maybe permitted at their discretion.”*

This means certain actions, restrictions, or advisories within the by-law are now automatically triggered when the Air Quality Health Index exceeds 7.

2. Wind Speed Conditions:

The by-law now includes a clause regarding high wind conditions:

When *“Wind speeds are forecasted or reported greater than 25 km/h, inclusive of wind gusts.”*

This ensures appropriate measures are taken when wind speed, including gust, reach or exceed 25 km/h.

3. Town of LaSalle Fire Service Equipment and Personnel Rates

The by-law includes an amended section regarding the Emergency and Non-Emergency Services Rendered as set forward by Ontario Ministry of Transportation rate for response.

Consultations

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Prepared By:



Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief

Ed Thiessen

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Yes
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Yes
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

Not applicable.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Regulate the Setting of Fires .docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Jun 24, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 02 Jun 2025

Item 11.(b)

Date: June 2, 2025

C-2025-155

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

WHEREAS the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (April 2025) provides detailed guidance to Ontario municipalities on the regulation of Floating Accommodations, highlighting critical legal and environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS the document identifies significant gaps in current provincial and federal frameworks that municipalities are best positioned to address through zoning and land-use bylaws; and

WHEREAS the paper recommends proactive municipal action based on successful case studies and legal precedents such as the Glaspell v. Ontario decision; and

WHEREAS Georgian Bay Township has already taken steps to address Floating Accommodations and has an interest in promoting inter-municipal collaboration on this issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (May 2025) for informational purposes; and

THAT the Clerk be further directed to forward the document and this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and member municipalities for consideration and potential provincial advocacy.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



Floating
Accommodations not
Vessels Coalition



Floating Accommodations Position Paper

EXECUTIVE Summary

This position paper provides guidance for Ontario municipalities seeking to regulate or restrict Floating Accommodations within their jurisdictions.

Floating Accommodations are a detrimental presence on Ontario's lakes and rivers. They present multiple environmental, navigational, taxation, and zoning issues. Over the past four years, they have eluded control as the issue of Floating Accommodations fell into a very large gray area when this all began.

The authors of this position paper, the **Floating Accommodations not Vessels Coalition**, strongly urge you as municipal leaders to pursue **one or a hybrid** of the following two regulatory strategies:

1. Ban floating accommodations in your jurisdiction. *They cannot exist within your*



municipality without putting your natural environment and governance regulations in turmoil. The Township of Severn has led the way with a bylaw banning Floating Accommodations [[Township of Severn Zoning By-law Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations](#)]. The Township of Georgian Bay recently adopted a similar by-law [[Township of Georgian Bay Zoning By-law](#)

[Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations](#)]. The intent is to provide clarity in their zoning bylaws in that floating accommodations are not a permitted use. Several municipalities are following their lead and investigating this strategy.



2. Restrict floating accommodations to fixed / permanent moorings. *These locations would be subject to municipal zoning by-laws stipulating appropriate sanitary, hydro, power connectivity, and placed on environmentally safe floatation systems. Floating accommodations are permanently located in a properly zoned facility similar to a trailer park but*

for floating accommodations on water. This model has several working examples such as Bluffers Park on Lake Ontario or False Creek in downtown Vancouver. For most municipalities, this would be considered a new form of development and require significant policy changes.

“Your new neighbours”

They can suddenly appear on your waterfront at any moment...

Floating Accommodations (FAs) can be a building or structure such as modified shipping containers or wood framed structures placed on floatation devices. They are not primarily intended for navigation and will moor over crown lakebeds or private property lakebeds. FAs can move frequently and are usually equipped with an anchoring system such as steel ‘spuds’ embedded into the lakebed to stabilize the unit at each mooring location. They potentially shed toxic materials and other contaminants into surrounding waters and lakebeds.



Municipalities Play a Crucial Role in Fully Regulating Floating Accommodations

Municipalities have a crucial role in addressing regulatory gaps and exceptions that fall outside the recent implementation of federal, provincial, and private property trespassing regulations to manage Floating Accommodations. Verifying and strengthening the regulatory framework was a collaboration between Parks Canada (PC - federal), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR - provincial), and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP - provincial).

The following scenarios are not hypothetical. They have all occurred and would fall outside the jurisdiction of new and existing federal, provincial and OPP controls.

- 1) *What happens to an owner of an FA who chooses to float their FA over their personally owned private lakebed property?*
- 2) *What happens to commercial marinas who wish to establish mooring for FAs on their premises in a permanent or semi-permanent manner?*
- 3) *What happens when FA owners floating within a township, move daily to relocate in that same township to avoid confrontation with governing agencies?*

Municipal Bylaws – What Issues Are You Being Asked to Tackle?

The recently launched PC, MNR, and OPP frameworks can clearly deal with trespassing for stationary (moored) FAs in federal / provincial waters and over private lakebeds.

However, there are 3 scenarios that fall outside of the newly published PC, MNR, and OPP frameworks. They are:

- 1) ***FAs floating over private lakebeds:*** *What is missing is how to deal with an FA owner who chooses to park adjacent to their shoreline where he/she has property 'ownership' rights to the lakebed. This issue is very real and exists in many of Ontario's lakes and rivers. The scenario would allow an FA owner to bypass existing building codes and local taxation to class their structure (be it a boathouse, or residence) as a vessel. This scenario is a "trojan horse" into illegal residential boathouses and homes on water with the very real possibility of being short term rentals.*
- 2) ***FAs floating in a commercial marina:*** *The scenario of a marina establishing an unauthorized temporary (or permanent) mooring location for a FA within a municipality that is not zoned for FAs causes a significant degree of difficulty. Most current municipal zoning does not acknowledge FAs and in a jurisdiction without FA definitions and approved zoning the FA owner can fall back on their vessel designation and potentially use the Transport Canada vessel designation as a shield to avoid any charges. This scenario has already occurred throughout Ontario, including in the Rideau Canal and the Kawartha Lakes region.*
- 3) ***FAs floating freely and/or mooring in a different location each night:*** *The challenge with this scenario is some FA owners have been very creative in where they moor and for how long. They have become very familiar with enforcement processes and time limitations and simply move before charges can be laid. Each situation would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and time limitations may or may not apply.*

All three of these scenarios require a municipal regulatory framework. There are emerging strategies to guide Ontario's municipalities in preventing FAs from further potential abuse and destruction of our natural resources for current and future generations.

Call to Action To All Ontario Municipalities With Waterfront Assets

Based on our collective learning, experience and history with the FA problem, we believe there are two responses municipalities can utilize to attempt to control FAs participating in one or more of the three scenarios outlined above:

- 1) **FAs cannot exist within the boundaries of a municipality:** *This scenario has recently been enacted in the Townships of Severn and Georgian Bay; although they have not yet been tested in court. These zoning by-law amendments provide clarity in that floating accommodations are not a permitted use. FAs cannot exist on waters within these Townships, under any circumstances, over public or private lakebeds or in commercial marina establishments. Their outright ban of FAs is actively being considered by several other municipalities, [\[Township of Severn Zoning By-law Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations\]](#), [\[Township of Georgian Bay Zoning By-law Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations\]](#)*
- 2) **FAs can only exist as FHs (floating homes):** *When floating accommodations are permanently fixed to an approved dock/mooring with permanent hydro, sanitary, and water connections they are classified by Transport Canada as a Floating Home (FH). Floating Homes are not vessels. This scenario of approved mooring for Floating Homes is well understood, documented and in place throughout British Columbia and Bluffers Park on Lake Ontario and would require significant municipal policy changes for most. One further twist on this scenario is that a FH owner who chooses to untether and go float “free range” for a time and then come back may be banned from the FH mooring location depending upon their Home Owners Agreement. This solution has existed for some 20+ years in both locations and is very well understood.*

It is suggested that municipalities consult with their own legal representatives to determine what regulatory approach is best suited for your jurisdiction.

Need To Find Out More?

If you need more information or further clarification on any aspect of this position paper, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Floating Accommodations not Vessels Coalition or to our email address fanv2025@gmail.com.

APPENDIX

Floating Homes versus Floating Accommodations: Definitions and Management to date

Historical context and definitions:

Historically, floating residential structures have existed in zoned-for-purpose marinas and permanent mooring locations. These types of structures look and feel like houses. They are typically wood framed units with windows, doors, roofs, and decking and floatation devices. Inside they have bathrooms, kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms... essentially a house on water. They are “permanently” moored / fixed to a docking arrangement and are also permanently connected to sanitary sewers, water supply, power supply, and gas (for heating and cooking) supply.

There are multiple instances of these floating residences, but the most popular and recognized communities are the 24 floating homes in Bluffers Park on the shores of Lake Ontario in Scarborough (Toronto), and 60+ homes in False Creek in downtown Vancouver.



Both of these examples and all other occurrences where a floating residence is fixed permanently to a mooring location are classified by Transport Canada as “Floating Homes”. It is important to understand that Floating Homes are not recognized by Transport Canada as vessels. They are distinct and separate from Floating Accommodations.



How do Floating Accommodations differ from Floating Homes?

The recently emerging challenge is Floating Accommodations, which can be ‘repurposed’ shipping containers modified by DIY individuals or purpose-built wood construction. The units have windows, doors and some form of bathroom, kitchen, sleeping, and living quarters. Floating Accommodations are not restricted to the configuration seen below, as there are numerous examples of residences fabricated with wood frame construction built on floatation devices that appear more like a traditional boathouse.



All of these floating accommodations are not permanently fixed to a mooring location. They are “free range floating residences”; moving, floating and mooring whenever and wherever they wish.

Transport Canada classifies floating residences that are not connected to a permanent mooring location as vessels.

Floating Accommodations until 2023 were largely unregulated within Ontario. The topic had not historically been an issue; therefore, government agencies needed to react to the changing issue and the “vessel” designation being utilized by Transport Canada as well as by the individuals and/or companies exploiting this loophole.

The authors can now report that Parks Canada, MNR, and OPP have separately and collectively identified enforcement avenues where appropriate to attempt to govern Floating Accommodations. To complete the governance framework, appropriate amendments to existing municipal by-laws are required.

What Are the Challenges Associated with Floating Accommodations?

This table illustrates the complexity of multiple government agencies whose mandates are individually impacted yet require collective collaboration to implement solutions. The following table lists the various issues and respective agencies likely to manage them.

Issue / Concern with Floating Accommodations	Expected Responsible Agency
Potential absence of sanitary capability and dumping of toxic and other harmful substances from FA	Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (Federal) and Ministry of Environment (Prov.)
Pollution from floatation devices and garbage	Transport Canada & ECCC (Federal); Ministry of Environment (Provincial)
Impact of endangered wildlife when moored in environmentally sensitive areas	Parks Canada or ECCC if outside of Parks Canada sites; Fisheries & Oceans if fish/mussel related; <i>Endangered Species Act</i> administered by Ministry of the Environment (Provincial)
Navigational impediment as a moving vessel	Transport Canada
Navigational impediment as a moored vessel	Transport Canada & Local Municipalities (via VORR's)
No building or construction standards specifically related to FAs exist	Transport Canada
FAs pay no taxation to support consumption of local emergency services or waste management services	Municipality
Mooring in any location	Municipal zoning (not yet tested in court)
Mooring on private lakebeds (must make contact with private property beneath the water)	OPP – Trespass to Property Act

Issue / Concern with Floating Accommodations	Expected Responsible Agency
Spawning ground / fish habitat damage caused by the steel spuds into lakebeds	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) (Federal water control); DFO supported by Parks Canada in National Parks, National Historic Sites and National Marine Conservation Areas; MNR (inland lakes); responsible for the management of fisheries
Floating Accommodations becoming vacation rentals (VRBO or Airbnb)	Municipal by-laws (e.g. Short-Term Rental by-laws and zoning by-laws)
Floating Accommodations becoming an unregulated expansion of a cottage	Federal waters – Parks Canada in National Parks, National Historic Sites and National Marine Conservation Areas Provincial waters- <i>Public Lands Act</i> administered by MNR prohibits FAs from occupying provincial public land through regulation Privately owned waters – Municipality

During our early discussions, each of the agencies that we expected to play a partial and/or full role to control Floating Accommodations felt they were not legislated to manage and regulate Floating Accommodations. Many felt that other agencies were better equipped to regulate the problem or that, given Transport Canada's designation of FAs as vessels, that Transport Canada was the ultimate controlling ministry. Agencies outside of Transport Canada were of the opinion that any attempt to act would result in legal proceedings that given the vessel designation, would likely be unsuccessful with respect to the agency responsible for legal expenses.

What Changes Have Been Made to Support a Regulatory Framework?

The shift to create enforceable solutions came via 2 separate but foundational insights:

1. ***Glaspell vs Ontario 2015*** – Clarifying lakebed ownership which has become the cornerstone strategy “anchoring” all of the in-force regulatory frameworks.
2. ***Freedom of Information request to Transport Canada*** – Clarified 3 important aspects:
 - a) *Floating Homes vs Floating Accommodations: Floating Homes are not vessels; Floating Accommodations are vessels.*

- b) Transport Canada's primary (and some would say only) objective is vessel safety. They do not believe their mandate / charter per the Canadian Transport Act (2001) mandates them or requires them to control Floating Accommodations.*
- c) Transport Canada has expressed strong public support of the newly launched MNR Floating Accommodation regulatory framework (161/17). Transport Canada's guidance to other agencies interested in governing FAs was very clear – use the MNR framework to guide your actions.*

It is critical to the municipal strategy that readers of this position paper are comfortable with the solid underpinnings of the current provincial, federal and criminal regulatory framework.

The Glaspell v Ontario ruling [[Glaspell v Ontario 2015 ONSC 3965](#)] has clarified 3 elements that have been 'baked' into case law informing FA regulations formed by Parks Canada and MNR.

- a) Glaspell ruling established that all lakebeds and riverbeds are the ownership of either federal crown, provincial crown or private ownership, and separately, municipalities have the option to issue zoning controls over those lakebeds.*
- b) The ownership of lakebed can act as a basis to authorize or not permit a floating object overhead to cast a shadow over the lakebed and by definition occupying that lakebed.*
- c) Resulting from the case law establishing enforceable lakebed ownership, the principle of authorized vs unauthorized occupation of crown land (lakebed) has been crystallized into FA regulatory frameworks.*

The importance of Glaspell was vital to the success of the regulatory frameworks that have emerged. The critical learning here is that historically all enforcement by Parks Canada, MNR, and OPP was through "land-based" policies. Had any of these agencies sought to remedy through water-based policies, they likely would have lost any court challenge due to the vessel designation that Transport Canada would likely uphold. Seeking to control Floating Accommodations through land-based laws was a masterful stroke of genius and we applaud the leadership of MNR, Parks Canada and OPP.

Municipalities would be advised to consider and build on the positive implications of the Glaspell ruling in their formation of FA zoning and governance by-laws.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR Ontario) was first out of the gate to create their regulatory framework based on the Glaspell ruling. Specifically, 161/17 which is exactly the right regulatory framework to govern Floating Accommodations.

The full definition of Ontario Regulation 161/17 is found in this link [[MNR Regulation 161/17 governing Floating Accommodations](#)] The fundamentals of 161/17 include:

- a) Defining what is and what is not a floating accommodation.*
- b) Defining occupation of provincial crown land by the shadow of a floating object overhead on crown lakebed.*
- c) Conveying that a floating accommodation is not permitted to occupy provincial lakebed and shoreline.*
- d) The ability to charge the owner of the floating accommodation in the event they are occupying provincial lakebed without permission.*

The principles underlying the MNR 161/17 framework (released in summer of 2023) has since been adopted in principle by both Parks Canada and OPP and both agencies have identified enforcement avenues where appropriate.

Parks Canada's solution was issued in 2024 and mirrors MNR's strategy. The full definition of Parks Canada's regulation can be found in the following link [[Parks Canada Mooring Regulations covering Floating Accommodations](#)]. The fundamentals of Parks Canada's framework include:

- a) Defining what is a floating accommodation in a manner similar to MNR.*
- b) Requiring all floating accommodations secure a permit to lawfully moor over federal lakebeds overnight.*
- c) Failure to obtain a permit constitutes "unauthorized occupation" of federal lands and the occupying person(s) will be charged accordingly.*

Lastly, the OPP have embraced a similar lakebed ownership strategy for privately owned lakebed. They have case law where they have successfully prosecuted a floating accommodation that was making actual contact with a private lakebed in an unauthorized manner and consequently the FA owners were charged and successfully prosecuted with trespassing.

The Townships of Severn and Georgian Bay Experience

As we described in the first few pages, the existing regulatory framework created by MNR, Parks Canada and OPP has a few gaps. Severn Township recognized that early on and amended their by-law in 2024 [[Township of Severn Zoning By-law Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations](#)]. A similar by-law amendment was enacted in the Township of Georgian Bay in 2025 [[Township of Georgian Bay Zoning By-law Amendment to regulate Floating Accommodations](#)].

The essential element of these amended by-laws, described in this position paper as Response #1 on page 5, is very simple... FAs cannot exist on waters within the boundaries of these two townships.... period. While they have not been tested in court, one by-law has already been successfully used as a deterrent to an FA presence. Several other townships are actively studying and considering implementing similar by-laws for their respective jurisdictions.

There Are Numerous Lessons Gained Along This Journey

Our grass roots organization **Floating Accommodations not Vessels Coalition** experienced many peaks and valleys in the journey to facilitate the appropriate agencies to successfully manage and control the new “issue” of Floating Accommodations.

It would be an accurate reflection to say that only if we knew then what we know now...

There are six key learnings:

- 1) It takes a team of motivated, passionate, patient people to stick with it... we discussed after year one and two – was this worth it? Yes! While it took our coalition four years to get here, we believe our efforts have been instrumental in facilitating the right framework that can be applied province-wide.*
- 2) When working with federal and provincial agencies who say no, don't take that for an answer, keep up the pressure, continue to make your issue their issue. At some point in time the right set of agencies will step forward and get to the solution. In our case that was a combination of Parks Canada, MNR, OPP and our local municipalities – the Townships of Severn and Georgian Bay.*
- 3) Broad based support by multiple grass roots organizations was key to our combined success. In our case that consisted of numerous local Cottage Associations large and small who all successfully raised their voices. We would do it again in the same way.*
- 4) While appeals by local politicians and provincial MPP's and federal MP's to both provincial and federal ministers didn't directly solve the issue, it greatly helped to communicate the seriousness of the issue.*
- 5) Sometimes, it takes a change in basic assumptions and in this case it was the insights gained from the Glaspell ruling to get to the right answer. Together with MNR, Parks Canada and OPP we were fortunate enough to understand the pathway and leverage Glaspell.*
- 6) Media! We were fortunate to tap into print, tv, radio, social media – it all helped. We brought on partners like Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) and Cottage Life to spread the message. Had we had more financial resources we would have stepped up our investment in social media... maybe next time!*

Acknowledgements and Thank You.

We would like to thank in no particular order...

- *Working group members from our partners at Parks Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Provincial Police.*
- *Working group members from our municipal partners - Mayors, Councillors and Staff from Severn Township, Township of Georgian Bay, Tay Township and Township of the Archipelago.*
- *Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association & Georgian Bay Association*
- *The Decibel Coalition*
- *Safe Quiet Lakes Coalition*
- *Cottage Life*
- *Many cottage associations, and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)*
- *And lastly, the Floating Accommodations Not Vessels Coalition members who authored this position paper*

While we did strive to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this information, the authors assume no responsibility for any omissions to or errors that may be contained within this position paper.

We the members of the Floating Accommodations not Vessels Coalition wish to express our deep gratitude and thanks to all the members mentioned above that have been instrumental in this journey.... Thank you!

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
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June 12, 2025

Dear Mayor Meloche,

Thank you for your email of March 20th. I am the Supervisor of Canton Township, the 9th largest community in Michigan, between Detroit and Ann Arbor. I want to reiterate that you have a friend in Canton Township. Personally, I have visited your country many times, many of those times accompanying my son to his hockey game throughout Canada. As an automotive engineer, much of my work was done through Canada also.

Michigan and Canada have much in common and it is imperative that we keep our bonds strong and know that many in our country feel the same way. If you need anything at any time, please let me know.

Best,

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Supervisor



March 20, 2025

To the Honorable Mayors of Michigan,

I hope this letter finds you well. As Mayor of the Town of LaSalle, Ontario, I am reaching out to reaffirm the importance of the strong and enduring relationship between our border communities. At a time when tariffs and economic uncertainties present new challenges, it is crucial that we continue to support one another and maintain the cross-border partnerships that have long contributed to the prosperity of our residents and businesses alike.

Our communities have always shared deep economic, cultural, and personal ties, and these connections are essential to our mutual success. The ability for our residents to travel freely, feel safe, and engage in trade and commerce, despite the new barriers created by tariffs is of the utmost importance. We understand that border cities and towns experience the impacts of economic policy firsthand, and it is in times like these that cooperation and collaboration become even more vital.

LaSalle, like many of your municipalities, values the cross-border friendships that have been built over decades. Whether it be through business, tourism, or shared initiatives, we recognize the significance of maintaining open dialogue and working together to ensure that our communities continue to thrive. We want to reassure our American counterparts that we stand with you in seeking solutions that protect and strengthen our local economies.

Some of you may be further away from the Windsor/Detroit border that I use frequently, but I can assure you many of our residents visit communities and even have seasonal homes across your great state. The interconnectedness of our regions extends beyond immediate border crossings, reinforcing the importance of maintaining strong relationships and cooperation throughout Michigan.

As we navigate these uncertain times, I welcome any opportunity for continued dialogue, collaboration, and advocacy to preserve the stability and well-being of our border regions. I look forward to working together to show our residents that their leaders are committed to fostering an environment of mutual respect, opportunity, and shared prosperity.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the communities you serve. I look forward to future conversations and joint efforts to uphold the valuable relationship between LaSalle and our friends across the border.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meloche".

Mayor Crystal Meloche
Town of LaSalle

Summary of Reports to Council July 8, 2025

Council Resolution or Member Question	Subject	Department	Projected Date of Report to Council	Comments
Councillor Renaud	Declaration of Municipal Significance	Administration	Q2 2025	At the August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council: Councillor Renaud requested that Administration investigate whether declaring an event as Municipally Significant can be delegated to Administration.
Deputy Mayor Akpata	Installation of a Veteran's crosswalk on Normandy	Public Works and Finance	Q2 2025	At the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council: Deputy Mayor Akpata requested an administrative report be prepared regarding Veteran's crosswalk on Normandy at the crossing located at the base of Cenotaph Park.
Mayor Meloche	Review of LaSalle Boat Ramp Passes and Parking	Public Works and Culture and Recreation	Q3 2025	At the November 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council: Mayor Meloche requested an administrative report be prepared regarding the functionality of the LaSalle Boat Ramp, how the town issues season passes, and whether there is an opportunity to reconfigure the parking lot to allow for more parking.

Council Resolution or Member Question	Subject	Department	Projected Date of Report to Council	Comments
Mayor Meloche	Review of the Clean Water Greenspaces Program	Administration	TBD	<p>At the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:</p> <p>Mayor Meloche requested that further information on the Clean Water Greenspaces Program come back to Council at a future Meeting.</p> <p>Clerk's Note: Further coordination and information is required from ERCA prior to establishing a projected report date for Council.</p>
Councillor Burns	2026 Municipal Election	Council Services	TBD	<p>At the April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:</p> <p>Councillor Burns requested Administration explore establishing Voter Help Centres for electors at other facilities with a report back to Council at a future Meeting.</p>
Councillor Burns	FOI Statistics	Council Services	TBD	<p>At the April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:</p> <p>Councillor Burns requested Administration provide a FOI statistical report to include volume of requests, record retrieval time, staff time, consultation time and processing fees with a report back to Council at a future Meeting.</p>
Councillor Burns	Municipal Accommodation Tax	Administration	TBD	<p>At the May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:</p> <p>Councillor Burns requested Administration bring forward a report regarding a municipal accommodation tax program, including details about how the program would be implemented.</p>

Council Resolution or Member Question	Subject	Department	Projected Date of Report to Council	Comments
Councillor Burns	Resurfacing of Senator Street	Public Works	TBD	<p>At the June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting of council:</p> <p>Councillor Burns requested a report regarding the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta and Manhatten Streets be prepared and brought back to Council at a future meeting.</p>

Matters Referred to Budget 2026

As per the Town's Procedural By-law, the Agenda for the 2026 Budget Deliberations must be published 10 days before the meeting. Reports will be due in the same manner as Regular Meetings and are due 14 days before the meeting.

Council Resolution or Member Question	Subject	Department	Comments

County Council Highlights for June 18, 2025

June 19, 2025



Warden encourages public feedback about transportation plans

Warden Hilda MacDonald in her opening remarks to council thanked Essex County residents for their patience during road construction season and encouraged them to help plan future improvements.

“Our 2025 construction program includes \$67 million for roadway expansion and \$20 million to rehabilitate 33 kilometres of road,” MacDonald said. “Thank you to everyone who is being patient and attentive around construction sites and maintenance crews. Thank you for slowing down and showing care and respect for the folks who do these important jobs. We appreciate it and they do, too.”

The warden also invited residents to attend public consultations being held about the future of transportation in Essex County.

On Thursday, June 19, there is a public consultation centre about the feasibility of improvements to County Road 50 between 690 Heritage Road and Lake Drive in Kingsville. The public consultation is from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kingsville Arena Complex.

The public is also invited to information centres on June 23 in Kingsville, June 24 in Lakeshore and June 25 in Essex (McGregor), where they can provide input for a new Essex County Transportation Master Plan that will be a guide for the next 30 years. Details about the evening information centres are on our [Transportation Master Plan web page](#).

If you see an issue anywhere, at any time on the County of Essex road network, you can report it using our [online portal](#) or by calling 519-326-8691.

Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan is being updated

The Windsor Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan adopted by the city and county is being updated.

Essex County Council received a [progress report](#) and [a presentation about what has been accomplished since the plan was approved in late 2021](#). It approved sending the update to the Ministry of the Attorney General and directed staff, in cooperation with the city and other partners, to update the plan and bring it back for approval.

Community consultation and engagement started in the spring and will continue over the summer. It is expected a draft revised plan will be ready for review and approval in the fall.

Education plan for councillors approved

Councillors directed administration to [schedule education sessions](#) they selected for the coming year. The training is one of the initiatives set out in the County of Essex Strategic Plan aimed at meeting the goal of growing as leaders in public service excellence.

Council members were surveyed after a training session in March and selected courses they would like to complete on two topics: communication essentials for leaders and council's responsibility to road users.

Council adopts updated Asset Management Plan

[The 2025 Asset Management Plan for the County of Essex](#) approved by council recommends a gradual increase in capital expenditures to sustain current service levels.

The plan projects capital expenditures would increase by roughly \$1 million to \$1.5 million a year for the next 10 years to accomplish this. It recommends spending \$58.6 annually to maintain the county's \$1.2-billion in assets, which include roads, libraries, Sun Parlor Home, Essex-Windsor EMS buildings and vehicles, administration facilities and the county's share of Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority assets. The county is currently investing about \$28 million annually.

The county's assets are generally in good overall condition, with 92.3 per cent of core assets and 90.4 per cent of non-core assets in fair or better condition, [says a report to council](#).

County's sound financial planning reflected in 2024 statements

[Consolidated financial statements for 2024](#) show the County of Essex continues to be in solid financial shape thanks to prudent planning and minimal debt, says a summary report.

It scored well on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Financial Indicator Threshold of Results Report, which measures the sustainability, flexibility and vulnerability of municipal finances.

The County of Essex had equity, or retained earnings, of \$571 million as of December 31, 2024. It also had more than \$316 million in reserves, which include funds being set aside for major road projects and the new regional hospital.

Official Plan amended to change designation of Leamington property

Essex County Council passed a by-law amending the Official Plan to designate 720 Mersea Road 8 and the frontage of 730 Mersea Road 8 in Leamington as agricultural. The land was previously designated as a secondary settlement area.

There were no public comments received at [a statutory public meeting held by council on June 4](#), notice of which was publicized and circulated to neighbours of the affected property.

County to promote water safety during Drowning Prevention Week

CAO Sandra Zwiers confirmed in response to a question by Councillor Sherry Bondy that the County of Essex will promote water safety and raise awareness about the risk of drowning during [National Drowning Prevention Week, which runs this year from July 20 to July 26](#).

The CAO noted the County of Essex was a member of the Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium and the lead in the [Windsor and Essex County Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Coalition, which partnered with Windsor Police to host a water safety clinic last summer](#).

She added that an Essex-Windsor EMS paramedic hosted a drowning awareness session for paramedics that also drew participants from the City of Windsor and the Towns of Essex, LaSalle and Tecumseh.

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

By-law Number 2025-058

A By-law to amend Zoning by-law No.
8600, the Town’s Comprehensive Zoning
By-Law, as amended.

Whereas authority is granted under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, and amendments thereto, to Council of the Town of LaSalle to pass this By-law;

And whereas this by-law conforms to the Official Plan in effect for the Town of LaSalle, as amended.

Now therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** Schedule “A”, Map 07, of By-law 8600, as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the zone classification on those lands depicted on Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law from:
 - a. ‘Mixed Use Two Holding Zone - MU2(h)’ and ‘Residential One Zone -R1’ to a site-specific ‘Mixed Use Two Zone-MU2-2’.
2. **That** Section 4.10, Mixed-Use Two Zone-MU2, of By-law 8600 as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new subsection 4.10 (q), to read as follows:

“Defined Area MU2-2 – Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law, for the property identified on Map 07 as ‘MU2-2’, the following site-specific provisions shall apply:

 - i) No angular plane requirements shall be applied to any rear or interior side lot line that abuts an ‘R1’, ‘R2’ Zone to a maximum height of 10.5 m;
 - ii) Minimum Rear Yard – 2.8 m to the east; and,
 - iii) Minimum Exterior Side Yard – 0.0 m (Edgemore Avenue).
3. **That** this by-law shall take effect from the date of passing by Council and shall come into force in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

1st Reading – July 8, 2025

2nd Reading – July 8, 2025

3rd Reading – July 8, 2025

Mayor

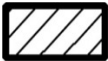
Clerk

By-law No. 2025-058

Schedule “A”

Plan 664 lots 259 to 262, 509 and 510, and part of lot 258, and part of alley.

12R-29517 parts 1 & 6



‘Mixed Use Two Holding Zone - MU2(h)’ to a site-specific ‘Mixed Use Two Zone MU2-2’



‘Residential One Zone- R1’ to a site-specific ‘Mixed Use Two Zone MU2-2’

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

By-law Number 2025-060

A by-law to authorize a by-election be
held to fill the vacancy for the Office of
Councillor

Whereas Council, at its meeting held May 13, 2025, declared a vacancy in the Office of Councillor pursuant to Section 262 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

And whereas Council, at its meeting held May 27, 2025 directed the Clerk to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor;

And whereas pursuant to Section 263 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council may pass a by-law indicating a by-election is required to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the Council of the Town of LaSalle hereby requires a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor in the Town of LaSalle in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
2. **That** pursuant to Section 42(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, By-law 2025-054, which authorizes the use of vote-counting equipment and alternative voting methods, shall apply to the 2025 by-election in the same manner that it will apply to the 2026 regular municipal election.
3. **This** By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

1st Reading – July 8, 2025.

2nd Reading – July 8, 2025.

3rd Reading – July 8, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

By-law Number 2025-062

A By-law to regulate the setting of fires
within the Town of LaSalle

Whereas Section 128(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws to prohibit and regulate public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council are, or could become public nuisances.

And whereas Section 425 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, a municipality may pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act is guilty of an offence;

And whereas Section 444 of the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25 states if a municipality is satisfied that a contravention of a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act has occurred, the municipality may make an order requiring the person who contravened the by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity;

And whereas By-law 4667 was enacted on the 8th day of January 1991 and amended by By-law 4980 on October 12, 1993, to restrict the setting of fires within the Township of Sandwich West;

And whereas Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle is desirous of repealing By-law 7170 in order to enact a new by-law to regulate the setting of fires and identify the precautions and conditions to be observed for such fires within the Town of LaSalle;

Definitions:

1. In this by-law:

(a) "Acceptable Burn Material" means commercially produced charcoal or briquettes, small amounts of white or brown paper or cardboard used to start a fire, dry seasoned wood that has been generated on the landowner's own property, dry wood by-products that have not been chemically treated, painted or stained, purchased fire logs or purchased firewood sold for the purpose of recreational campfires and not exceeding the maximum permitted Recreational Fire dimensions defined in this By-law.

(b) "Cooking Fire" means a small, confined fire supervised at all times and used to cook food on a grill, roasting stick or barbeque.

(c) "High Risk Period" means any period of time, when due to extreme dry, high wind or other conditions, there is a higher than normal risk of unwanted spread of fire, as determined by the Ontario Fire Marshall or the Town of LaSalle Fire Chief and identified as a High Risk Period.

(d) "Burning Appliance" means any device designed or engineered to have a fire set within a contained area and totally enclosed by various means of screening and/or other methods.

(e) "By-law Enforcement Officer" means the municipal person(s) appointed by the Town of LaSalle who shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provision of this by-law.

(f) "Chief Fire Official" means the Fire Chief of the LaSalle Fire Service or designate.

(g) "Competent Adult" means any person (18 years of age or older) who, in the opinion of those charged with enforcement of this by-law, is capable of

exercising the required judgment and is capable of performing the necessary actions to control and prevent its unwanted spread.

(h) "Farmer" means the owner or operator of an agricultural operation within an area zoned for agricultural pursuant to the Farming & Food Protection Act, 1998.

(i) "Farmlands" means land designated "agricultural".

(j) "Firefighter" means any person, or any rank of person employed in, or appointed to the LaSalle Fire Service.

(k) "Open Air" means any open place, yard, field, lot, part lot or construction area which is not enclosed by a building or structure.

(l) "Open Air Burning" means any fire set in the open air.

(m) "Owner" means the registered owner or any person, firm or corporation having control over, or possession, of any portion of the building or property under consideration and includes the persons in the building or on the property.

(n) "Person" means an individual, business, a partnership or corporation.

(o) "Pit" means an area dug into the ground and/or surrounded by materials designed to contain the fire and prevent its spread to areas beyond the pit.

(p) "Poor Air Quality Day" means any period of time when a Poor Air Quality Advisory has been issued by Environment Canada or other recognized government health or meteorological agency.

(q) "Prohibited Burn Materials" means any material other than as described under "Acceptable Burn Materials". Specifically prohibited under this By-law and not to be burned under any circumstances include household waste, human or animal excrement, leaves, grass, treated lumber, insulation, asphalt shingles or other construction materials, commercial by-products such as those generated from wood working, deck building or landscaping businesses, tires, rubber, plastic, styrofoam or other potentially toxic waste materials.

(r) "Recreational Fire" means a small outdoor fire such as a campfire set within a confined area or device such as an outdoor fireplace or fire pit, situated in a "Safe Location" and measuring no greater than one square metre in any dimension and supervised at all times.

(s) "Safe Location" means outdoors and not on a porch or balcony area that is roofed or otherwise covered, or near dry vegetation, or in any other place conducive to unwanted development or spread of fire or explosion or supported by combustible material. The Safe Location shall be a minimum of 5 metres from any structure and a minimum of 3 metres from adjacent property lines.

2. Enforcement of this by-law is the responsibility of the Chief Fire Official, any Firefighter, any Police Officer or any By-law Enforcement Officer.

3. An officer or officers are hereby authorized to enter at all times upon any property in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this by-law are obeyed, such officers are authorized to enforce and carry into effect the provisions of this by-law.

4. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this by-law or fails to extinguish a fire once notification to do so has been given by the Chief Fire Official, a Firefighter, a Police Officer or a By-law Enforcement Officer shall, in addition to any penalty provided herein, be liable to the municipality for all expenses incurred for the purposes of controlling and extinguishing of any fire so set or left to burn and such expenses may be recovered by court action or in a like manner as municipal taxes.

5. No person shall set a Recreational Fire or Open Fire or maintain a Recreational Fire or Open Fire when wind conditions are in such direction or intensity to cause any or all of the following:

- a) to have smoke or debris interfere with vehicular traffic or otherwise pose a safety hazard on a public roadway;
- b) threaten a rapid spread of fire through a grass or brush area;
- c) neighbours from enjoyment of the normal use of their property or causes discomfort in the immediate area.
- d) Wind speeds are forecasted or reported greater than 25km/h, inclusive of wind gusts.

6. No person shall set a Recreational or an Open Fire during a period identified as a Poor Air Quality Day (air quality health index value forecasted or reported by Environment Canada for the Windsor-Essex region greater than 7) or a High Risk Period. The use of fireworks is subject to approval by the Fire Chief or designate and may be permitted at their discretion.

7. No person shall set a Recreational Fire or Open Fire subject to the following regulations being met:

- a) the fire must be set in a safe location, on the landowner's own property and contained within an appropriate device;
- b) the fire must be fueled only with acceptable burn material;
- c) the fire must be supervised at all times by a competent adult;
- d) effective means of extinguishing must be readily available;
- e) the fire must be fully extinguished before being left unsupervised;

8. No person shall set a Recreational Fire or Open Fire greater than one (1) square metre with flames no higher than one (1) metre in height.

9. Every person who sets an open air fire in the Town of LaSalle shall be:

- a) responsible and liable for any damage to property or injury to persons occasioned by the open air fire;
- b) liable for the cost incurred by the LaSalle Fire Service, including personnel and other agencies called to control and extinguish said fire in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

10. No person shall set any fire in the open air to burn asphalt products, tires, treated wood, construction material or rubble, kitchen garbage or any garbage or trash, rubber, plastics and all like items.

11. No person shall set a fire at construction and/or demolition sites for the purpose of disposing of waste, building material or rubble.

12. No person shall set a fire to dispose of commercial, industrial or construction waste or other like materials in areas zoned for commercial or industrial occupancies and such aforementioned materials shall not be transported to residential or agricultural area for burning purposes.

13. No person shall set a fire to burn anything defined as Prohibited Burn Material.

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of this by-law, in an area where farming is conducted, a person may burn material generated on the landowner's property which are the remains of an activity inherent to farming, such as field stubble, brush from fence rows, and/or drains, etc. unless following these specific and inclusive conditions:

- a) No person shall set an open air fire referred to in Section 14 without notifying a member of the LaSalle Fire Service at 519-966-0744 immediately prior to starting an Open Fire and after;
- b) Open fires must be confined to daylight hours;
- c) Open fires must be set on the landowner's own property;
- d) Open fires must be fueled only with Acceptable Burn Materials;
- e) Open fires must be supervised at all times by a competent adult;
- f) Effective means of extinguishing must be readily available, and;
- g) Open fires must be fully extinguished before being left unsupervised.

15. Every person violating any provision of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars exclusive of costs and such fine shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. **That** By-law 7170 and any By-law or provision in any By-law inconsistent with this By-law is hereby repealed;
- 2. **That** this By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon final passing.

Read a first, second time and third time and finally passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

1st Reading – July 8, 2025

2nd Reading – July 8, 2025

3rd Reading – July 8, 2025

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule “A”

By-law Number 2025-062

A By-law to regulate the setting of fires within the Town of LaSalle.

The Corporation of The Town of LaSalle Fire Service Equipment and Personnel Rates

Emergency Services Rendered:

- a) Ontario Ministry of Transportation rate for highway response charged per apparatus attending

No Emergency Services Rendered:

- a) Ontario Ministry of Transportation for highway response charged per apparatus attending

Schedule “B”

By-law Number 2025-062

A By-law to regulate the setting of fires within the Town of LaSalle.

Set Fines under Part I – Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Form Wording	Offence Creating Provision or Defining Offence	Set Fine
1.	Burn on poor air quality day or high risk period	Sec. 6	\$250.00
2.	Smoke or debris causing hazard on roadway	Sec. 5 (a)	\$200.00
3.	Smoke causing loss of enjoyment to neighbouring uses	Sec. 5 (c)	\$100.00
4.	Fire not in safe location	Sec. 7 (a)	\$100.00
5.	Burning unacceptable materials	Sec. 7 (b)	\$200.00
6.	Leave fire unsupervised	Sec. 7 (c)(e)	\$100.00
7.	Fire with no means of extinguishing	Sec. 7 (d)/ Sec. 14 (f)	\$100.00
8.	Fire not set or supervised by a competent adult	Sec.7 (f)	\$100.00
9.	Burning in commercial and industrial areas	Sec. 12	\$200.00
10.	Burning prohibited burn materials	Sec. 13	\$300.00
11.	Burning of materials not generated on property	Sec. 14	\$300.00
12.	Fail to call LaSalle Fire Service	Sec. 14 (a)	\$100.00
13.	Burning outside daylight hours	Sec. 14 (b)	\$100.00
14.	Fail to supervise open fire	Sec. 14 (e)	\$100.00

Table 1: Set Fines under Part I – Provincial Offences Act

Note: The penalty provisions noted above is section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33.

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

By-law Number 2025-063

A By-law to re-appoint Hearing Officers pursuant to the Administrative Monetary Penalties System

Whereas the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle (“Corporation”) is authorized through the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, to establish a system of administrative monetary penalties for contraventions to the Corporation’s By-laws;

And whereas the Council of the Corporation passed an Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law 2025-055 on June 10, 2025;

And whereas the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law (By-law 2025-055) authorizes the Town to appointment hearing officers to adjudicate reviews and appeals of administrative penalties;

And whereas the Corporation deems it expedient to appoint certain persons as Hearing Officers pursuant to By-law 2025-055;

And whereas the persons listed in Schedule “A” are re-appointed as Hearing Officers with the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** William F. Wright be appointed as Hearing Officer for the Town of LaSalle pursuant to the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law 2025-055, for the term of three (3) years ending December 31, 2027;
2. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof. That written text.

Read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

1st Reading – July 8, 2025

2nd Reading – July 8, 2025

3rd Reading – July 8, 2025

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The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

By-law Number 2025-066

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

Whereas Sections 8 and 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, chapter 25, as amended (the “*Act*”) provide a municipality with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purposes of exercising its authority under this or any other act, enabling it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate;

And whereas subsection 5(3) of the *Act*, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by By-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of Council at Meetings be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle at the following meeting:
 - July 8, 2025, Closed Meeting of Council
 - July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Councilin respect of each report, motion, resolution, or other action taken or direction given by the Council at its meetings held on these days are, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if the same were expressly embodied in this By-law.
2. That the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in paragraph 1.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk, unless otherwise provided, of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to give effect to the actions taken by this Council as described in paragraph 1 of this By-law, and to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents referred to above.
4. This By-law comes into force and effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 8th day of July, 2025.

1st Reading – July 8, 2025

2nd Reading – July 8, 2025

3rd Reading – July 8, 2025

Mayor

Clerk