



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Department: Administration

Date of Report: September 22, 2022

Report Number: AD-16-2022

Subject: Essex Power – Hydro Outages in Partner Municipalities

Recommendation

That the report of the Deputy CAO dated September 22, 2022 (AD-16-2022) regarding the Essex Power hydro outages in partner municipalities be received.

Report

This report is being prepared to address a Council question relative to enquiring with other municipal partners of Essex Power on their experience with Essex Power and hydro outages.

LaSalle administration reached out to the CAO's of Leamington, Tecumseh and Amherstburg to enquire with each of them on their experiences with Essex Power. LaSalle also enquired on what, if any, are they hearing from their residents with respect to hydro outages and if they are aware of any significant or frequent outages in their respective municipalities.

The general responses from Leamington, Tecumseh and Amherstburg are summarized as follow;

- At the municipal level, they do not track hydro outages, and that Essex Power does this within their service territory;
- That Essex Power has been responsive and communicated well to hydro outages;
- That they are not aware of any excessive complaints from their residents, as of recent years, with respect to hydro interruptions from those serviced by Essex Power

It should be noted that each of these partner municipalities are serviced by Essex Power; as well, they are serviced for hydro from other electrical supply authorities. Here in LaSalle, 100% of our residents are serviced by Essex Power.

It should be further known that Essex Power, at the request of LaSalle, held a Town Hall public open house on September 20, 2022 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the LaSalle Civic Centre. This public open house had various display boards available for viewing and Essex Power had 7 employees present to address concerns. Attendance was tracked and approximately 40 people attended. Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the display boards that were available at the September 20, 2022 open house.

In closing, it is recommended that Council receives this report for informational purposes.

Consultations

Communication with Leamington, Tecumseh and Amherstburg, as well as Essex Power was completed as part of this report.

Financial Implications

None at this time.

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Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Deputy CAO

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
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

Notifications

Not Applicable

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



Chief Administrative Officer

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