



## **The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council**

September 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

#### Members of Council Present:

Mayor Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

#### Administration Present:

J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, J. Astrologo, Director of Council Services/Clerk, G. Beggs, Director of Planning and Development, D. Davies, Chief of Police, P. Funaro, Director of Culture & Recreation, D. Hadre, Director of Strategy and Engagement, R. Hyra, Director of Human Resources, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, E. Thiessen, Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief, M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, I. Middleton, IS Administrator

#### **A. Opening Business**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Meloche read the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Moment of Silent Reflection and Playing of National Anthem

#### **B. Adoption of Agenda**

185/23

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

#### **C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

#### **D. Adoption of Minutes**

186/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council and Regular Meeting of Council held August 8, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

## **E. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Meloche noted that several significant events had occurred since the last meeting in August. The commencement of the school year was acknowledged, and best wishes were extended for a successful year to all.

Mayor Meloche stated that a few weeks ago, several Members of Council had attended the AMO conference in London. This event provided valuable opportunities for networking and learning. While there were no delegations with the Conservative party this year, meetings with leaders of the opposition took place. The purpose of these meetings was to exchange thoughts and concerns and to seek guidance on funding assistance, grant programs, and advice in various areas, including health care, housing, infrastructure, and environmental matters. The AMO conference was a great learning experience for Council Members, and it led to connections that may result in ministers visiting the area in the coming year.

Mayor Meloche highlighted that a well-attended Night Market had taken place at the end of August, with another scheduled for September 24th at the Event Centre on Front Rd. She mentioned that future markets will be in conjunction with LaSalle Holiday Lights Heritage Nights with more details to follow.

Mayor Meloche reported on the successful hosting of a new event called "The Last Call Before Fall," which replaced the Craft Beer Festival. Positive feedback from the public was shared, including comments expressing enjoyment and appreciation for the event's food, wine, beer, spirits, and entertainment provided by Buck Twenty. The Mayor expressed interest for more community events like this in the future and commended those involved in organizing it. Mayor Meloche emphasized that the event was exceptionally well-planned, organized, and executed, possibly being one of the best events ever held in the Town of LaSalle. Acknowledgment was given to all departments and individuals involved in making the event a success. Furthermore, gratitude was extended to TWEPI for their support and to all vendors who participated in the brand-new event.

Lastly, Mayor Meloche expressed condolences to the Rosati family on the loss of their patriarch, Vince Rosati, who had been a prominent resident in LaSalle for many decades. Thoughts and support were extended to the family during their difficult time.

## **F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings**

None.

## **G. Presentations and Delegations**

None.

## **H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action**

1. Pre-approval for the North Entry Gardens for the Event Centre  
M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, presented the report.

187/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Manager of Engineering dated August 29, 2023 (PW-16-2023) regarding the Pre-approval for the North Entry Gardens for the Event Centre be received;

And that Council approves an expenditure of \$190,000 (excluding HST) for the construction of landscaping gardens and lighting at the north entry of the Event Centre;

And that subject to the tender being within the approved expenditure, the Chief Administrative Officer and Town Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement with the successful bidder for the North Entry gardens, satisfactory in form to the Town Solicitor, in financial content to the Director of Finance and in technical content to the Director of Public Works;

And further that the results of this tender be subsequently reported back to Council for information.

**Carried.**

## **I. Consent Agenda**

### **1. Q2 2023 LaSalle Fire Service Report**

E. Thiessen, Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief, presented the report.

188/23

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That Council receives Q2 2023 LaSalle Fire Service Report.

**Carried.**

### **2. Correspondence**

- a. Fort Erie - Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals
- b. Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls - Short Term Rental Controls
- c. City of Toronto - Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement
- d. Township of Emo - Resolution of Support to Rescind Black Ash Tree as Endangered Species Classification
- e. Municipality of St.-Charles - Resolution of Support for Federal Operating Funding for National Housing Initiatives

### **3. Summary of Reports to Council**

189/23

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That items 2 and 3 on the Consent Agenda for September 12, 2023, be received.

**Carried.**

## **J. Committee Matters**

### **1. County of Essex - County Council Highlights for Aug. 16, 2023**

190/23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the County of Essex - County Council Highlights for August 16, 2023, be received.

**Carried.**

**K. Questions and Statements by Council Members**

Deputy Mayor Akpata inquired about a broken limb on a neighbour's tree, situated on private property. P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer advised that it is the property owner's responsibility to conduct tree maintenance.

Deputy Mayor Akpata inquired about commercial vehicles parked on public roads. G. Beggs, Director of Planning & Development, advised that the recently amended Parking Bylaw listed on the current Agenda allows for one commercial vehicle in the driveway and one commercial vehicle in front of an owner's home.

Deputy Mayor Akpata inquired about a large piece of private property that needs to be taken care of. G. Beggs, Director of Planning & Development advised that the recently amended Clean Yard Bylaw listed on the current Agenda, regulates property within the urban boundaries of the Town and does not apply to properties that are zoned agriculturally.

Councillor Renaud brought a concern forward about the legality of an agreement registered on title. D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, responded that he believes that the agreement would still apply but he would need to review it. Mayor Meloche stated that this could be a private legal matter and that Administration will look into this and advise if a report can be brought back before Council.

Councillor Burns stated that he met with the Solicitor General during his attendance at the AMO Conference. The Solicitor General had recently visited LaSalle Fire Service and LaSalle Police Service. Councillor Burns praised both departments for their impressive cleanliness and professional staff during the Solicitor General's last-minute visit.

**L. Notices of Motion**

None

**M. Closed Session**

None.

**N. By-laws**

191/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

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

8797 - A By-law respecting the maintenance of property

8798 - A By-law to regulate Vehicular Parking within the Limits of the Town of LaSalle

8816 – A By-law to assume seven daylight corners as a part of either International Avenue or Dunn Avenue

8817 – A By-law to assume certain lands on Registered Plan 12R-26554 as part of Donato Drive

8818 – A By-law to assume certain lands on Registered Plan 1363 as part of Villa Maria Boulevard

8819- A By-law to stop up, close and sell an alley system running east-west lying north of lots 53 to 72 inclusive, Registered Plan 854, and an alley system running north-south lying west of lots 73 to 81, Registered Plan 854, LaSalle

8820- A By-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Access Agreement with Xplore Inc.

8821 – A By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 8600, the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law

**Carried.**

**O. Confirmatory By-law**

192/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That Confirmatory By-law 8822 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

**Carried.**

**P. Schedule of Meetings**

Police Services Board Meeting September 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Q. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:33 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk