



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

October 24, 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, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, M. Seguin, Deputy Fire Chief, J. Woods, Deputy Chief of Police

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

219/23

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the October 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

220/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held September 28, 2023, and the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Meetings of Council held October 10, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche stated that Grade 1 students from local schools recently participated in a Name the Snowplow contest. She encouraged the public to vote for their favourite snowplow name at the LaSalle Truck or Treat event held at the Vollmer Complex this upcoming Saturday and to look for the new Town of LaSalle snowplow to cast their votes.

Mayor Meloche reminded everyone that youth programs and lessons at the Vollmer Centre are not scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, in celebration of Halloween.

Mayor Meloche announced that there will be a test of the LaSalle Alerts mass notification system on Wednesday, November 1. She urged residents to register to receive notifications or update their contact information online at www.lasallealerts.ca.

Mayor Meloche noted that the Town's annual Remembrance Day Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony is organized to honour Veterans who have fallen and those who continue to serve today. She stated that the event would also be live-streamed on the Town of LaSalle YouTube channel for those unable to attend.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

Deputy Mayor Akpata assumed the Chair for the Meeting for Agenda Item G1 - 2022 LaSalle Police Services Annual Report.

1. 2022 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report

Mayor Meloche, Chair of the Police Services Board, and D. Davies, Police Chief, presented the 2022 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report.

221/23

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the 2022 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report, as presented by Mayor Crystal Meloche, Chair of the LaSalle Police Services Board, and Duncan Davies, Chief of Police, be received for information.

Carried.

Mayor Meloche reassumes the Chair.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Sprucewood and Matchett Intersection Status and Improvement Options

222/23

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the report of the Director of Public Works and Manager of Engineering dated October 5, 2023 (PW-18-2023) regarding the Sprucewood and Matchett Intersection Status and Improvement Options be received;

And that Council pre-approve \$200,000 in the 2024 budget for an engineering analysis of the Sprucewood and Matchett intersection, and the Morton and Matchett intersection.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

- 1. Procurement- 2023 Third Quarter Report
- 2. 2023 Third Quarter Property Tax Write Offs
- 3. Correspondence
 - a. Town of Midland - "Catch and Release" Justice

223/23

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the correspondence received from the Town of Midland dated September 8, 2023, requesting support for advocating meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system, be supported.

Carried.

- b. Town of Aurora - Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

224/23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the correspondence received from the Town of Aurora dated September 28, 2023, requesting support for opposing Strong Mayor Powers, be supported.

Carried.

- 4. Summary of Reports to Council
 - 225/23
 - Moved by: Councillor Burns
 - Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1, 2 and 4 on the Consent Agenda for October 24, 2023, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

- 1. Essex County Council Highlights for October 4, 2023

226/23

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the Essex County Council Highlights for October 4, 2023, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Deputy Mayor Akpata stated that a substantial cyber attack recently occurred in the County of Essex and Chatham Kent. He requested a verbal report regarding the Town of LaSalle's state of cyber security.

227/23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That administration prepares a verbal report regarding the Town of LaSalle's cyber state in terms of security and presents it to Council as per s. 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried.

Councillor Carrick stated that he received complaints about the state of Disputed Road and Broderick and requested that administration prepare a report on the matter.

228/23

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That administration prepares a report regarding the state of Disputed Road and Broderick and what the long term goals are for that area.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Akpata inquired about the cost of organics. D. Langlois, Director of Finance/Treasurer, explained that in 2021, a report was presented to Council with various organic waste management options. The selected option was anaerobic digestion with landfill gas, which includes curbside collection, capital expenses, landfill gas system expansion, and operating costs. To prepare, the Town set funds aside in the 2023 budget and will continue to do so in the 2024 and 2025 budgets. A significant amount of additional funding will be required in 2025 to fully fund this initiative.

L. Notices of Motion

None.

M. Closed Session

Mayor Meloche reported that on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Council met in closed session and received information subject to solicitor-client privilege.

N. By-laws

229/23

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

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

8832 - A By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Gulf Developments Inc. and the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle for Tender 22-116
- New Satellite Fire Station 2

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

230/23

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That Confirmatory By-law 8833 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 6:52 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk