



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

April 9, 2024

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, B. MacMillan, Drainage Superintendent

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

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Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

78/24

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the Minutes of the Special Closed Meeting of Council held March 19, 2024 and Regular Meeting of Council held March 26, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche announced that Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers® made with LEGO® bricks, officially closed its doors on April 6. She thanked everyone who visited and stated that the exhibit's next location would be announced soon. She expressed gratitude for the turnout at the event and looked forward to upcoming rentals and events at the Event Centre for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Meloche stated that the boat ramp, tennis courts, and pickleball courts are all open for the season. She reminded residents that Earth Day is on April 22, 2024, and encouraged everyone to participate in community clean-up activities. Residents interested in organizing a park or trail clean-up can complete an online form on the town's website, and the town will provide gloves, garbage bags, and dispose of collected garbage in designated areas.

Mayor Meloche noted that yard waste collection in LaSalle begins on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and that residents can refer to the 2024 LaSalle Collection Calendar for future collection days. Yard waste is collected every other week for the entire town.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

None.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Appointment of Drainage Superintendent and Drainage Inspector

M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, presented the report.

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Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the report of the Manager of Engineering dated March 22, 2024 (PW-11-2024) regarding the appointment of a Drainage Superintendent and Drainage Inspector for the Town of LaSalle, be received;

And that Brian MacMillan be appointed as the Drainage Superintendent and Drainage Inspector for the Town of LaSalle.

Carried.

2. Lafferty Drain Minor Improvement – Presentation of Final Report

B. MacMillan, Drainage Superintendent, presented the report.

80/24

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Drainage Superintendent dated March 22, 2024 (PW-2024-08) regarding the Engineer's Report for a Minor Improvement to the Lafferty Drain be received;

And that Council adopts the Engineer's Report on the Lafferty Drain minor improvement project, dated February 16th, 2024, authored by Meo & Associates Inc.;

And that, By-law 8873, being a by-law for the minor improvement of the Lafferty Drain be provisionally adopted.

Carried.

- 3. Administration's response to letter from MPP Anthony Leardi regarding Bill 175

G. Beggs, Director of Planning and Development, presented the report.

81/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That Council endorses the response prepared by the Director of Planning and Development and authorizes Administration to forward the response, dated March 25, 2024, regarding Bill 175 to MPP Leardi's office.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

- 1. Correspondence
 - a. Township of Amaranth - Operational Budget Funding
 - b. Tay Valley Township - Declaration of a Climate Change Crisis
 - c. Township of Adelaide Metcalfe - Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Amount

- 2. Summary of Reports to Council

82/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for March 26, 2024, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

- 1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting February 21, 2024

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo stated that the Town will be hosting an Accessibility Flag Raising Ceremony on May 28, 2024.

83/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Committee Matters dated February 21, 2024, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Burns noted that Council receives a lot of resolutions from other municipalities, and he indicated that he would find it helpful if Administration reviewed them and provided a recommendation about whether the resolutions should be supported or received. Mayor Meloche indicated that the current process allows members of Council to support the resolutions or refer them to Administration for input and a report.

Councillor Burns may move or cause to have moved,

That Administration reviews letters of support received from various municipalities and provides direction, by way of a report, to Council on whether the letter should be supported or received.

Deputy Mayor Akpata recently met with the Federation of Anglers and Hunters and had a discussion about boating and invasive species. Deputy Mayor Akpata reminded the boating public about the importance of preventing the spread of invasive species. He emphasized the responsibility that boaters have to clean, drain, and ensure that they do not transport water from different lakes into the ecosystem, which could transport invasive species. Specifically, he reminded boaters of the importance of checking equipment, draining bilges, and cleaning to prevent the transportation of invasive species that could harm our ecosystem.

L. Notices of Motion

Mayor Meloche ceded the Chair to present two (2) notices of motion. Deputy Mayor Akpata assumed the Chair.

84/24

Moved by: Mayor Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That In light of the recent signing of an MOU at Point Pelee between Parks Canada and Caldwell First Nation to explore shared governance of the proposed Ojibway National Urban Park, Administration prepare a report to provide an update or status of the project where it is today and where it is going in the future.

Carried.

85/24

Moved by: Mayor Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

Whereas the intersections at Martin Lane and Front Road, and Victory and Front Road are owned by the County of Essex, but located within the Town of LaSalle;

And Whereas Front Road has seen an increase in traffic volume, which volume will only further increase with the new developments on Martin Lane;

Be It Resolved that Council support Mayor Meloche and Deputy Mayor Akpata in their efforts to introduce a motion at County Council requesting a traffic control study at the intersections of Martin Lane and Front Road, as well as at Victory and Front Road, to assess the requirement for traffic signalization, to assist not only with the traffic flow but also with pedestrian safety.

Carried.

Mayor Meloche assumed the Chair.

M. Closed Session

None.

N. By-laws

86/24

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the following By-law be given a first and second reading:

8873 - A Bylaw to provide for the minor improvement of the Lafferty Drain in the Town of LaSalle, in the County of Essex

Carried.

87/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

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

8874 - A By-law to appoint a Drainage Superintendent and Drainage Inspector for the Town of LaSalle

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

88/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That Confirmatory By-law 8875 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Police Services Board Committee Public Meeting April 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment April 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation and Events Committee Meeting April 23, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting April 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Q. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk