



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

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

June 25, 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 Mark Carrick, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

#### Members of Council Absent:

Councillor Terry Burns

#### Administration Present:

J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, 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, E. Thiessen, Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief, K. Brcic, Manager of Planning & Development, A. Colucci, Manager of Building Services, CBO, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, N. DiGesù, Manager of IT, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, M. Seguin, Deputy Fire Chief, A. Bala, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, 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

The Mayor 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 June 25, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None disclosed.

**D. Adoption of Minutes**

142/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council and Regular Meeting of Council held May 28, 2024, be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**E. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Meloche noted that Councillor Burns was away on personal business.

The Vollmer Centre will be closed on Thursday, June 27, for the annual employee training to review emergency procedures, orientation for new employees, and a review of departmental procedures.

Mayor Meloche stated that the outdoor pool, located on Front Road at Laurier Drive, opens this Sunday, offering free recreational swimming daily from 2 PM to 4 PM, sponsored by Essex Powerlines. Registration is recommended and can be completed online. The LaSalle Night Market is also scheduled for this Sunday, June 30, at the Civic Centre from 4 PM to 8 PM, featuring over 80 vendors, food, and entertainment.

Mayor Meloche reminded residents that both the Municipal Office and the Vollmer Centre will be closed on Monday, July 1, for Canada Day.

Summer activities begin on Monday, July 2, including indoor drop-in pickleball at the Event Centre. She encouraged everyone to visit the Town's website and social media pages for the schedule of open sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer.

Congratulations was extended to the Florida Panthers hockey team for winning the Stanley Cup. Acknowledgment was given to the team's coach Paul Maurice, who lived in LaSalle and wife was a teacher at Villanova, as well as Aaron Ekblad from the Lakeshore area, on their big win.

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

None.

**G. Presentations and Delegations**

1. LaSalle Fire Service Long Service Award Recognition

Ed Thiessen, Fire Chief and Mark Seguin, Deputy Fire Chief, presented the Provincial Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal award to Mike Wiley, Captain/Fire Prevention Officer, and Jason Shinkar, Firefighter, for 20 years of service and dedication to the field and presented the Provincial Fire Services Long Service Bar to Randy Curtis, Firefighter, for 30 years of service and dedication to the field.

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

1. Council Compensation Policy

L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, presented the report.

143/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Deputy Clerk dated May 29, 2024 (CL-002-2024) be received;

And that the Council Compensation Policy be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

2. County Road 8 Bridge Over River Canard

P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented the report.

144/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer dated June 6, 2024 (AD-2024-11) regarding the County Road 8 Bridge over River Canard be received;

And that Council approves a contribution of \$3,000 from the Strategic Plan Budget for the historical designation of the bridge as provincially significant and installation of the bilingual recognition plaque.

**Carried.**

3. National Urban Park Progress Update – LaSalle Lands

P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented the report.

145/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer dated June 10, 2024 (AD-2024-12) regarding the National Urban Park Progress Update – LaSalle Lands be received;

And that Council directs Administration to continue to be part of the policy driven process;

And that Administration contributes and be part of developing the co-governance agreement and subsequently report back to Council when additional information is available at which time Council can then decide to continue to include lands into the National Urban Park.

**Carried.**

4. Extension of Draft Plan Approval for Creekside Condos (County File No. 37-CD-20005 Building C)

K. Brcic, Manager of Planning and Development, presented the report.

146/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the report by the Manager of Planning & Development PD-22-2024, entitled Extension of Draft Plan Approval for Creekside Condos (County File No. 37-CD-20005 Building C) dated June 5, 2024 be received;

And that Council pass a resolution in support of the County of Essex to grant a three (3) year extension of the Draft Plan Approval for Building C of Creekside Condos from the current date of expiry being July 22, 2024;

And that a copy of this report and the supporting resolution be sent to the Manager of Planning Services for the Corporation of the County of Essex.

**Carried.**

## **I. Consent Agenda**

1. Chappus Drain Minor Improvement – Termination of Project
2. 2023 Building Division Activity
3. Correspondence
  - a. Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Submissions to the Environmental Registry regarding Proposed Planning Act and Municipal Act Changes, Proposed Changes to the Development Charges Act, and Proposed Provincial Planning Statement
  - b. Municipality of Casselman - Regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act
  - c. Township of Georgian Bay - Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
  - d. Town of Essex - Organic Waste Collection on County Tax Levy
  - e. Toronto Zoo - Lack of Regulations Regarding Exotic Animals
  - f. Town of the Blue Mountains - Ridesharing Services
4. Summary of Reports to Council

147/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That items 1, 2 and 4 on the Consent Agenda for June 25, 2024, be received.

**Carried.**

148/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the correspondence received from the Toronto Zoo dated May 23, 2024, regarding lack of Provincial regulations related to exotic wild animal species, be supported;

And that a copy of Council's support be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, and MPP Anthony Leardi, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

**Carried.**

149/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the remainder of the correspondence listed under item 3 on the Consent Agenda for June 25, 2024, be received.

**Carried.**

## **J. Committee Matters**

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting March 20, 2024

150/24

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Committee Matters dated March 20, 2024, be received.

**Carried.**

2. Essex County Council Highlights for May 15, 2024 and June 5, 2024

151/24

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the Essex County Council Highlights for May 15, 2024 and June 5, 2024, be received.

**Carried.**

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

Deputy Mayor Akpata stated that there was an experimental project by the University of Toronto involving the use of a moth and larva to control Phragmites. He inquired on the feasibility of participating in the project alongside ERCA. J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, advised that Administration will contact ERCA.

Councillor Akpata advised about a \$60 million provincial grant for invasive species. J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, confirmed that the Town is aware of the grant. B. MacMillan, Drainage Superintendent, added that the Town has applied for approximately \$4,000 under this grant for contributions for summer students and that a response is pending.

Councillor Akpata also referenced correspondence received from the Federation of Anglers concerning invasive species in the lake. The Federation offered free signs to be posted at various locations. Councillor Akpata inquired if one of these signs might be placed at the boat ramp. J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, responded that this could be accommodated.

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo inquired why playground equipment renovations were scheduled during the summer when children are most active in the parks. J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, responded that the timing of these

construction projects are slated in the summer due to scheduling constraints with contractors and noted that playground renovations are not possible in the winter.

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo stated that she observed some picnic tables flipped over at the playground and inquired about the possibility of securing them to the ground. J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, responded that the ability to move tables around the parks is generally preferred for flexibility in park usage, which can result in occasional displacement by park visitors.

Councillor Renaud thanked J. Osborne, Director of Public Works and the engineering staff for their quick response to a concerned resident.

Mayor Meloche extended thoughts and prayers to the family affected by the tragedy in Harrow and the Harrow Community on behalf of the Council, Administration and residents of the Town of LaSalle.

**L. Notices of Motion**

None.

**M. Closed Session**

None.

**N. By-laws**

152/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

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

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

8889 - A Bylaw to provide for the minor improvement of the Laframbois Drain in the Town of LaSalle, in the County of Essex

8891 - A Bylaw to provide for the minor improvement of the 4th Concession Drain in the Town of LaSalle, in the County of Essex

**Carried.**

**O. Confirmatory By-law**

153/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That Confirmatory By-law 8895 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

**Carried.**

**P. Schedule of Meetings**

Parks, Recreation and Events Committee Meeting July 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting July 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**Q. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:48 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk