



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

October 8, 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 Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

Councillor Sue Desjarlais

Administration Present:

P. Marra, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, J. Astrologo, Director of Council Services/Clerk, G. Beggs, Director of Planning and Development, 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, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, I. Middleton, Supervisor of IT, L. Petros, Manager of Water/Wastewater, M. Pearce, Chief of Police

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

228/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the October 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

D. Adoption of Minutes

229/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the Minutes of the Special Closed Meeting of Council held September 17, 2024 and Regular Meeting of Council held September 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche reported that the LaSalle Police Service Board held the official Change of Command ceremony at the event Centre. She congratulated Chief Davies on his retirement and welcomed Chief Pearce in his new role. She thanked members of Administration for their efforts to make the event a success. A video of the Change of Command ceremony will be shared on the Town's YouTube channel at a later date.

Mayor Meloche reminded residents of LaSalle that they can pick up KI pills in the event of a nuclear emergency. The KI pills can be picked up at the LaSalle Civic Centre Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or at the LaSalle Fire Service Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Photo identification is required.

Mayor Meloche advised that an annual emergency training session was held last week relating to a mock cyber security threat. She noted that this training provided additional resources to staff to ensure they felt confident and comfortable in their roles. Mayor Meloche thanked LaSalle Fire Service for organizing this well-run training session.

Mayor Meloche extended thoughts and prayers and wished safety and strength to all those affected by the hurricane in Florida.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. Recognition Award to Carter Gillen

Mayor Meloche recognized Carter Gillen for the initiative he took in organizing a charity fundraising event to support the family of Stefano Chisesi, who passed away earlier this year.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Updated Expression of Care Policy (formerly titled Tribute Policy)

L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, presented the report.

230/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Deputy Clerk dated September 18, 2024 (CS-2024-004) regarding amendments to the Expression of Care Policy (formerly titled Tribute Policy) be received;

And that, the new Expression of Care Policy be adopted and the Tribute Policy be repealed.

Carried.

2. Malden Road Watermain Replacement Project

L. Petros, Manager of Water and Wastewater, presented the report.

231/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the report of the Manager of Water and Wastewater dated September 22, 2024 (PW-36-2024) regarding the Malden Road Watermain Replacement Project be received;

And that, Council approves the award of watermain contract to D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd. for the bid price of \$429,000.00, plus HST;

And that, this amount be funded from the 2024 Watermain Replacement project, which is part of the approved 2024 Capital Budget.

Carried.

3. Front Road Pedestrian Crossings

J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, presented the report.

232/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated September 23, 2024, (PW-35-2024) regarding the installation of three pedestrian crossings on Front Road be received;

And that, Field Electrical Contractors Inc. be authorized to install pedestrian crossings on Front Road at the intersections of Bouffard, Huron and Boismier at a cost of \$475,435.30, plus HST.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Correspondence

a. Town of South Bruce Peninsula- Ineligible Sources Recycling

b. Quinte West- AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

2. Summary of Reports to Council

233/24

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for October 8, 2024 be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. Essex County Council Highlights for September 18, 2024

234/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the Essex County Council Highlights for September 18, 2024, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Burns advised that the Library Board met last month and increased the budget by 5% and that \$50,000 was allotted to create a reserve fund that was depleted in the past.

L. Notices of Motion

None.

M. Closed Session

Mayor Meloche reported that Council met in Closed Session on September 17 and received information on labour relations and employee negotiations.

N. By-laws

235/24

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

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

8928- A By-law to stop up, close and sell an alley system running east-west lying north of lots 405 to 420, both inclusive, Registered Plan 1017, LaSalle

8929- A By-law to stop up, close and sell an alley system running east-west lying north of lots 979 to 988, and lots 991 to 993, Registered Plan 875, LaSalle

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

236/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That Confirmatory By-law 8930 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Police Services Board Public Meeting, October 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting October 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Public Planning Meeting (Howard/Bouffard Secondary Plan) October 29, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting, November 20, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment, November 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Q. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk