



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting

March 26, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Committee 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, J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, L. Petros, Manager of Water & Wastewater, J. Wigle, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, N. DiGesù, Manager of IT, R. Tufts, Council Coordinator

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Meloche read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None received.

C. Adoption of Minutes

WWC-01-24

Moved By: Councillor Renaud

Seconded By: Councillor Desjarlais

That the minutes of the meeting of the Water and Wastewater Committee dated May 23, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

D. Items for Consideration

1. LaSalle Distribution System Summary Report for 2023

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

WWC-02-24

Moved By: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded By: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Manager of Water and Wastewater dated March 4, 2024 (PW-WWC-01-24) regarding the LaSalle Water Distribution System Summary Report for 2023 be received.

Carried.

2. DWQMS Internal and External Audit Reports for 2023

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

WWC-03-24

Moved By: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded By: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Manager of Water and Wastewater dated March 4, 2024 (PW-WWC-03-24) regarding the DWQMS Internal and External Audit Reports for 2023 be received.

Carried.

3. DWQMS Management Review Meeting Summary for 2023

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

WWC-04-24

Moved By: Councillor Burns

Seconded By: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Manager of Water and Wastewater dated March 8, 2024 (PW-WWC-04-24) regarding the DWQMS Management Review Meeting Summary for 2023 be received.

Carried.

4. MECP Inspection Report

Jay Wigle, Superintendent of Water and Wastewater presented the report.

WWC-05-24

Moved By: Councillor Carrick

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the report of the Superintendent of Water/Wastewater dated March 7, 2024 (PW-WWC-02-24) regarding the MECP Inspection Report be received.

Carried.

E. Committee Questions/Statements

Councillor Carrick inquired whether Administration could look at the billing cycles for residential customers and consider shortening them from a three month billing cycle to a one or two month cycle. He explained that three months is a long time to go without receiving a bill and it might be financially easier on residents to receive a bill a shorter intervals. Ms. Petros advised that back in 2014/2015 when the Town considered switching from monthly to quarterly bills, the Finance Department evaluated the costs associated with sending monthly versus quarterly bills and determined it was more cost effective to send the bills out quarterly to residential customers.

WWC-06-24

Moved By: Councillor Carrick

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That Administration investigate the costs associated with a monthly water/wastewater consumption billing cycle for residential customers as compared to the costs of continuing with quarterly billing;

And that, Administration consider what other information can be included with the water/wastewater billing, similar to the information sent out with tax bills.

Carried.

F. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Water and Wastewater Committee is scheduled for October 22, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

G. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:47 p.m.

Chair

Clerk