



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

October 22, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Councillor Mark Carrick

Administration Present:

J. Milicia, 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, R. Hyra, Director of Human Resources, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, K. Brcic, Manager of Planning & Development, M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, M. Pearce, Chief of Police, M. Seguin, Deputy Fire Chief, Rosa Tufts, Council Coordinator, A. Hussain, IS Administrator

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

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Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the October 22, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

D. Adoption of Minutes

238/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 8, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche acknowledged the passing of former volunteer firefighter Bob Price and extended condolences to the Price family. Bob served with LaSalle Fire Service from 1997 to 2008. Full details of the visitation and funeral service are available on the Families First website.

Mayor Meloche advised that the annual Truck or Treat event will take place at the Vollmer Complex on Saturday, October 26th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Parking Lot 3. Everyone is welcome.

Mayor Meloche noted that the Town will host a Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday, November 11th, at 11 a.m. at the LaSalle Cenotaph Park. She stated that the event would also be live-streamed on the Town of LaSalle YouTube channel.

Mayor Meloche reminded residents that she will be available for Mondays with the Mayor on October 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the LaSalle Civic Centre. Please contact the Town if another date and time is preferred.

Mayor Meloche highlighted that the Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan Statutory Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29th at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to provide feedback. To register please visit lasalle.ca/HBSP. All written comments are due by Friday, October 25th.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. Recognition Award to Kris Cooper

Mayor Meloche presented an award to Kris Cooper recognizing him for his on-going commitment in raising money for cancer research.

2. 2023 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report

M. Pearce, Chief of Police presented the 2023 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report and noted that the Town has the best Crime Severity Index in Ontario for municipal police jurisdictions.

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Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the 2023 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report, as presented by Michael Pearce, Chief of Police, be received for information.

Carried.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Z-08-2024 Application to Remove the Holding Symbol for 1725 Sprucewood Avenue

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

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Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Manager of Planning and Development dated September 26, 2024 (PD-34-2024) regarding the request to remove the holding provision from the vacant land on Lorne Avenue be received;

And that, Council approves the Applicant's request to remove the holding zone symbol from the subject lands;

And that, Administration prepares a corresponding By-law for adoption once the required development agreement is properly executed by the Corporation.

Carried.

2. Matchett Intersections Improvement Options

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

Mike Fisher, speaking on behalf of Friends of Ojibway Prairie, requested that Administration: a) review traffic volume and speed impacts for Matchett Rd. along Ojibway corridor, b) consult with park partners and expert environmental NGOs, and c) engage in community consultation on the proposed modifications

Nancy Pancheshan, speaking on behalf of Save Ojibway, opposed to the Matchett intersection improvements and asked that the Council turn down the project.

241/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Manager of Engineering, dated September 19, 2024 (PW-33-2024) regarding Matchett Intersections Improvement Options be received;

And that, RC Spencer and Associates finalizes the detailed design of the Matchett/Sprucewood intersection to include signals and protected left turn lanes on Matchett Road;

And that, RC Spencer and Associates finalizes the detailed design of the Matchett/Morton intersection to include turning lanes on Matchett Road;

And that, Administration brings forward the temporary intersection improvements with sidewalks for Council consideration as part of the 2025 Proposed Capital Budget.

And that, Administration reevaluate the intersection at Matchett and Morton one year after it opens to provide an update to Council regarding the implemented improvements.

Carried.

3. November 11, 2025, Council Meeting

242/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

Whereas in accordance with Section 4.6 of the Procedure By-law, Regular Meetings of Council shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month;

And whereas, Section 4.8 of the Procedure By-law authorizes Council by resolution to alter the date, time and or location of the Meetings provided adequate notice of the change is communicated to the public;

And whereas, the November 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting falls on the Remembrance Day holiday;

Now therefore, The Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby resolves,

That the Regular Council Meeting be moved from Tuesday, November 11, 2025 to Monday, November 10, 2025.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Site Plan Agreements Executed (August 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024)
2. 2024 Third Quarter Property Tax Write Offs
3. Correspondence
 - a. City of Kitchener- Renovictions- Safe and Adequate Housing
 - b. City of Temiskaming Shores- Alcohol Sales and Provincial Alcohol Strategy
 - c. Western Ontario Wardens Caucus- Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector (Non-Eligible Sources)

4. Summary of Reports to Council

243/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1 through 4 on the Consent Agenda for October 22, 2024, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. Essex County Council Highlights for October 2, 2024

244/24

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the Essex County Council Highlights for October 2, 2024, be received.

Carried.

2. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting May 15, 2024

245/24

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Committee Matters dated May 15, 2024, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Renaud inquired when the holiday lights will be turned on at the Civic Centre. Ms. Furnaro advised that the holiday lights schedule will officially start Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Milicia advised that the concrete pour for the LaSalle Loop (the multi-season, multi-use trail at the LaSalle Landing site) is delayed and the noise by-law extension that was granted to the end of October will be extended to November 14, 2024.

L. Notices of Motion

None.

M. Closed Session

None.

N. By-laws

246/24

Moved by: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

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

8927- A By-law to repeal By-law 8905 and to authorize the execution of a Lease Extension Agreement between Bella Vista Holdings Inc., LaSalle Bella Vista Ltd., and The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

8931- A By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Extension Agreement between The Corporation of the County of Essex and The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle for the Emergency Medical Services Station

8932- A By-law to authorize the donation of Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 12R28633 with Christopher James Bezaire, James Allen Bezaire and the estate of Marianne DePape

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

247/24

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That Confirmatory By-law 8933 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

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

Public Planning Meeting November 12, 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.

Parks, Recreation and Events Committee Meeting November 26, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting November 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Q. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk