



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting of the Town of LaSalle

October 29, 2024

4:30 pm

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, 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, A. Burgess, Supervisor of Planning & Development, M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, A. Colucci, Manager of Building Services, CBO, N. DiGesù, Manager of IT, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, C. Bartlett, Supervisor of Engineering, R. Tufts, Council Coordinator, R. Tufts, Planning Technician

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Meloche read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

C. Purpose of the Meeting and Confirmation of Notice

Mayor Meloche explained that the purpose of this Public Planning Meeting is to provide members of the public an opportunity to make submissions in a public forum with respect to the Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan.

It is an opportunity for administration to listen and gather public feedback.

Mayor Meloche reminded attendees that no decisions will be made at tonight's meeting and Administration will not be responding to the comments received at this time.

She explained that the comments and feedback received will be considered in the context of the entire project.

A final report will be brought to Council for consideration in January or February, 2025, where at that time administration will provide an overview of tonight's comments, and where the public will have further opportunity to speak on amendments made to the Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan and/or present new information.

Mayor Meloche provided an outline of the order of speakers for the evening and reminded attendees to keep their comments respectful and appropriate for a Council Meeting.

D. Subject Application

1. Statutory Public Meeting for the Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan

Ms. Beggs, Director of Planning and Development; Mr. Palmer, RPP from the Planning Partnership; and Mr. Kauffman, Senior Planning Ecologist, LGL Limited, reviewed the presentation for the Council.

2. Public Comments

Peter Valente, Valente Development Corporation, indicated that he is not opposed to the plan. He suggested that the Town remove impediments to development, such as archaeological requirements and indicated that Council should remove obstacles to development, suggesting that the Town conduct the Environmental Impact Study for the entire secondary plan area, rather than putting that on the property owners.

Angelo Sorge, spoke about the desire to develop land owned by his family and asked that Council maintain the current R2 zoning that currently exists on this parcel of land.

John Coulthard, on behalf of ProPower Manufacturing suggested the following changes to the proposed plan: i) identify the Class II Facility on Map 62, ii) prepare new Overlays to Map 63, iii) establish new Compatibility and Mitigation Policies, iv) define "Sensitive Land Uses, and v) require Land use Compatibility Studies.

Scott Suffield registered as a delegate but did not come forward when called to address Council.

Rachel Mills requested more prioritization of natural spaces and protection of LaSalle's natural heritage and wildlife corridors.

Stacy George expressed concerns about the negative impact the proposed plan will have on her property. Mrs. George further stated that her properties are currently zoned deferred Urban and the Plan proposes to change the zoning on the properties to Recreation Zone Holding, Mixed-Use, and Natural Environment. She requested the following: i) properties on Gilroy be changed to Mixed-Use Two Zone Holding, ii) properties on Palmer be zoned Residential Two Zone Holding, and iii) properties on Millwood be zoned Residential Three Zone Holding.

John DeMarco appeared before Council and commented that wetlands should remain wetlands. Mr. DeMarco stated that the Secondary Plan is attacking Natural Heritage and breaking critical ecological links.

Amy Farkas registered as a delegate but did not come forward when called to address Council.

Patricia McGorman expressed concerns with the draft Plan as presented. Mrs. McGorman urged Council to preserve the natural environment.

3. Council Action

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Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Director of Planning and Development dated October 10, 2024 (PD-33-2024) and corresponding presentation by the Planning Partnership regarding the Draft Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan and Implementing Zoning By-law be received;

And that, Council receive the public, stakeholder, and agency feedback regarding the Official Plan Amendments, Draft Howard Bouffard Secondary Plan and Implementing Zoning By-law, and direct Administration to summarize the feedback and how it has been addressed in a report back to Council when the Official Plan Amendments, Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law are brought back for adoption.

Carried.

E. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk