



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

March 25, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present:

Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Sue Desjarlais

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, D. Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer, J. Osborne, Director of Public Works, E. Thiessen, Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief, M. Beggs, Manager of Roads & Parks, M. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, N. DiGesù, Manager of IT, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, B. MacMillan, Drainage Superintendent, M. Pearce, Chief of Police

Additional Administration:

M. Cholubko, Director of Corporate Services, LaSalle Police Service

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Akpata called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Deputy Mayor read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Moment of Silent Reflection and Playing of National Anthem

B. Adoption of Agenda

57/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the March 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting and Regular Meeting of Council held March 11, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Deputy Mayor Akpata reminded residents about the current road closures at the Matchett Rd /Sprucewood Ave intersection and Turkey Creek bridge. He advised that the closure will be in place for a month for the the installation of new traffic signals and road improvements. The Turkey Creek Bridge project will take 2 months to complete. Visit the Town's website for detour routes and full project details.

Deputy Mayor Akpata also advised that the Town has started the 2025 Hydrant Maintenance Program. This Program is conducted annually to ensure that hydrants are working. The Town will share where the work is taking place as crews move into new areas and customers may experience a temporary reduction in pressure and/or discolored water conditions. In these instances, residents should run their cold water taps until the water clears.

Finally, Deputy Mayor Akpata announced that there will be new Seniors Active Living Centre Programs beginning in April. Please look for upcoming promotions on our news and recreation social media pages and at the Vollmer Centre. Free sessions include wellness, education, social events, and drop-in programs designed for adults 55 and older. Access to these free sessions is thanks to MPP Leardi, who presented the Town with \$55,000 in annual grant funding on behalf of Minister Cho and the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility this past January.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. Essex County Library

Sherry Bondy, Mayor of the Town of Essex and Vice-Chair of the Library Board, appeared alongside Adam Craig, Chief Librarian, to share highlights of the library's successes in 2024 and plans for 2025.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. CR-2025-02 LaSalle Stomper's Agreement

Ms. Funaro presented the report to Council.

58/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated February 2, 2025 (CR-2025-02) regarding the facility use agreement with the LaSalle Stompers be received;

And that, the Town enter into a new three-year agreement with the LaSalle Stompers Soccer Club;

And that, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the Town and the LaSalle Stompers Soccer Club.

Carried.

2. CR-2025-07 Declaration of Municipally Significant Events

Ms. Funaro presented the report to Council.

59/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated February 24, 2025 (CR-2025-07) regarding the declaration of municipally significant events be received;

And that, Country at Heart Event, Strawberrylicious Food & Drink Fest, Your Local Ribfest, and Last Call Before Fall events be declared Events of Municipal Significance for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

Carried.

3. PD-07-2025 Pre-Consultation Policy

Ms. Beggs presented the report.

60/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Director of Planning & Development dated March 3, 2025 (PD-07-2025) regarding the Pre-Consultation Policy be received;

And that, Council supports the Pre-Consultation Policy to facilitate proactive communication with development proponents to identify municipal requirements prior to formal Planning Act Application submission;

And that, Council endorses the Pre-Consultation Policy and the associated amendment to the User-Fee By-law necessary for implementation.

Carried.

4. Fourth Concession Drain Major Improvement - Final Costs for Assessment

Mr. MacMillian presented the report.

61/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Drainage Superintendent dated March 6, 2025 (PW-2025-03) regarding the final costs of the Fourth Concession Drain major improvement project be received;

And that By-Law Number 2025-030 is adopted at the appropriate time in the meeting.

Carried.

5. PW-03-2025 2025 Mill and Pave Contract Award

Mr. Cappucci presented the report.

62/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the report of the Manager of Engineering dated January 16th, 2025 (PW-03-2025) regarding the 2025 Mill and Pave Contract Award be received;

And that, the 2025 Road Rehabilitation Contract be awarded to GIP Paving Inc. for a bid price of \$1,636,400.00, excluding H.S.T.;

And that, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said contract with GIP Paving Inc.

Carried.

6. PW-05-2025 Alternating Parking Policy

Mr. Beggs presented the report.

63/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Manager of Roads and Parks dated March 3, 2025 (PW-05-2025) regarding Alternating Parking Policy be received;

And that Council adopt the Alternating No Parking Policy.

Carried.

7. PW-06-2025 Cul-de-sac No Parking

Mr. Beggs presented the report.

64/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That Council waives the requirements of the Procedure By-law and allows members of the audience to speak to the Report regarding No Parking on a Cul-de-Sac.

Carried.

Pete Bufaro, 1251 Huntwick Place, opposed the implementation of no-parking signs on the Huntwick Place cul-de-sac. He indicated that Huntwick PI is large enough to accommodate the turning radius for vehicles. He also said that when he built his home 40 years ago, he should've been advised of the no-parking requirement.

Bob Hall-Brooks, 1215 Huntwick Place, opposed the implementation of no cul-de-sac parking explained that the 'no parking' has never been an issue in the cul-de-sac and feels that the residents of Huntwick Place are being treated differently from other residents in the Town. He indicated that it has not been an issue in the past and shouldn't be an issue now.

Marlene Bufaro, 1251 Huntwick Place, opposed the implementation of no parking signs on Huntwick Place. She explained that she has lived there for 40 years and there have never been any parking issues, nor issues with fire trucks accessing the cul-de-sac. She indicated that Huntwick Place is the largest cul-de-sac in the subdivision and asked that Council exempt Huntwick Place from the provisions of the by-law.

65/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Manager of Roads and Parks dated March 3, 2025, (PW-06-2025) regarding Cul-de-sac No Parking be received;

And that, the provisions in By-law 8798, being a By-law to regulate Parking in the Town of LaSalle, prohibiting parking in a cul-de-sacs remain in effect;

And that, Administration continues to install signage in cul-de-sac's as associated road projects and maintenance are completed in those respective areas.

Carried.

8. PW-07-2025 Parks Grass Cutting Contracts 2025

66/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Manager of Roads and Parks dated March 10, 2025 (PW-07-2025) regarding the 2025 Parks Grass Cutting Contracts be received;

And that, RFT-PW-2025-01, for park maintenance west of Malden Road, be awarded to A1 Properties for a total of \$267,228.22;

And that, RFT-PW-2025-02, for park maintenance east of Malden Road, be awarded to Terrascapes for a total of \$362,169.50;

And that, RFQ-PW-2025-03, for grass cutting and trimming, be awarded to Cedar Creek Landscaping for a total of \$35,197.68.

Carried.

9. Interim Appointment of Councillor Renaud to the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board

67/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That Councillor Renaud be appointed to the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors on an interim basis, until such time as Councillor Desjarlais returns from her Council authorized leave of absence.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

1. 2024 Schedule of Council and Board Member Remuneration
2. Correspondence
 - a. City of Sarnia, dated March 6, 2025, RE: Carbon Tax
 - b. City of Woodstock, dated February 25, 2025, RE: Speeding, Distracted and Impaired Driving
3. Summary of Reports

68/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That items 1 through 3 on the Consent Agenda for March 25, 2025, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. County Council Highlights

69/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the County Council Highlights for March 5, 2025, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Deputy Mayor Akpata recognized Chief Pierce to introduce Mr. Michael Chalupko, the newly hired Director of Corporate Services for the Police Service. Deputy Mayor Akpata welcomed Mr. Cholubko to the Town.

L. Notices of Motion

1. Maryvale Night Run

70/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Whereas Council recognizes that youth in the Town of LaSalle and throughout Windsor-Essex County are experiencing serious mental health difficulties;

And whereas, Council also recognizes that it is important for these youth to have access to mental health treatments and assistance;

And Whereas Maryvale provides therapy and assistance to youth who experience a range of mental health issues;

Be it resolved that, Council provide a Silver Sponsorship for the Maryvale Night Run in the amount of \$1,500.00, which funds shall be drawn from the Mayor and Council Program Services and Grant Fund.

Carried.

M. Closed Session

None.

N. By-laws

71/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

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

By-law 2025-028, A By-law to deem a portion of Registered Plan 635 not to be lands on a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act.

By-law 2025-030, A By-law to amend By-Law 8764 being a bylaw to provide for the major improvement of the 4th Concession Drain in the Town of LaSalle in the County of Essex

By-law 2025-031, A By-law to Appoint a Weed Inspector

By-law 2025-032, A By-law to amend By-law number 2025-007, being a By-law to amend By-Law 7852 being a By-Law to establish User Fees or Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property.

By-law 2025-033, A By-law to amend Zoning by-law No. 8600, the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law, as amended.

By-law 2025-034, A By-law to amend Zoning by-law No. 8600, The Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law, as amended.

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

72/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-035 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Q. Adjournment

73/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Clerk