

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

June 24, 2025 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present: Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Terry Burns, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Councillor Jeff Renaud

Administration Present:

J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, 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. Cappucci, Manager of Engineering, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, N. DiGesu, Manager of IT, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, M. Cholubko, Director of Corporate Services – LaSalle Police, C. Bartlett, Supervisor of Engineering

A. Opening Business

1. Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Mayor read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Moment of Silent Reflection and Playing of National Anthem

B. Adoption of Agenda

151/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the June 24, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

152/25 Moved by: Councillor Carrick Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the Minutes of the Closed and Regular Meetings of Council held June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche acknowledged the recent passing of Jaxon Moore, Team Leader in the Culture and Recreation Department. She expressed condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

The Mayor noted that Town of LaSalle services will be closed on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, to accommodate a full day of employee training. This initiative is part of the ongoing commitment for professional development.

She further advised that the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex will be closed for training on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Employee's will be participating in sessions focused on enhancing customer experience and safety protocols.

Mayor Meloche invited residents to the <u>Rotary Circle Grand Opening</u> on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the LaSalle Landing. The official ribbon cutting will take place at 4:30 p.m. followed by family-friendly fun, games and food trucks. The LaSalle Interact Club is hosting a Movie Night in the Park which will begin at dusk in the Event Centre, 970 Front Road. Admission is \$2 per person for anyone over 8 years old. The Mayor encouraged everyone to take part in these events and enjoy an evening of community connection and summer fun.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. King Charles III Coronation Medal - Maureen Taylor

Mayor Meloche presented the King Charles III Coronation medal to Maureen Taylor.

2. Petition - Resurfacing of Senator Street

Mr. Quick, petitioner, presented the petition and outlined several reasons in support of repaying the roads including safety concerns.

Councillor Burns inquired about the condition of the road. Mr. Osborne advised that Senator and Whaneta Streets are in line to be resurfaced within the next few years.

Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo asked about the estimated cost and priority of the resurfacing. Mr. Osborne advised the cost would be in the six-figure range and confirmed the roads are on the rehabilitation list but not scheduled for immediate work

Councillor Carrick encouraged Mr. Quick to participate in upcoming budget deliberations to further advocate for the request.

Mayor Meloche asked whether Mill and Pave work on Senator and Whaneta would be affected by the DMAF project. Mr. Osborne confirmed that paving work could potentially be affected by the DMAF project, and that the DMAF project is still underway and we do not know at this time if those roads will see drainage improvements. He added that Council has committed the 2025 and 2026 Mill and Pave budget to resurfacing Broderick and Disputed.

153/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That a report regarding the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta and Manhatten Streets be prepared and presented during the 2026 Budget Deliberations.

Carried.

Amendment:

154/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That Council reconsider the motion previously adopted on the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta, and Manhattan Streets.

Carried.

155/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That a report regarding the resurfacing of Senator, Whaneta and Manhatten Streets be prepared and brought back to Council at a future meeting.

Carried.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. G. Craig Park Land Transfer

Mr. Osborne presented the report.

156/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated June 24, 2025 (PW-10-2025) regarding G. Craig Park Land Transfer be received;

And that, Council directs Administration to complete a land donation from the Essex Region Conservation Authority to the Town of LaSalle upon approval from the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board.

Carried.

2. Front Road storm sewer rehabilitation tender award

Mr. Cappucci presented the report.

157/25 Moved by: Councillor Burns Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the report of the Manager of Engineering dated June 4, 2025 (PW-08-2025) regarding Front Road storm sewer rehabilitation tender award be received;

And that, the sewer rehabilitation tender be awarded to J&J Lepera Infrastructures, for a bid price of 7,924,626.00, excluding H.S.T.;

And that, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said contract with J&J Lepera Infrastructures.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

- 1. Correspondence
 - a. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, dated May 30, 2025 RE: Municipal Ethics through Access and Education

2. Summary of Reports

158/25 Moved by: Councillor Carrick Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for June 24, 2025, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. County Council Highlights - June 4, 2025

159/25 Moved by: Councillor Carrick Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the County Council Highlights for June 4, 2025, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Carrick advised that he attended a County Council meeting on June 18, 2025 and expressed appreciation to Mayor Meloche for her continued advocacy for the Town of LaSalle.

L. Notices of Motion

Mayor Meloche gave Notice of Motion and noted that at the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council she may move or cause to have moved the following:

Whereas the Town of LaSalle is committed to fair, transparent, and efficient enforcement of municipal by-laws;

And whereas repeated, unfounded, or frivolous complaints made to By-Law Enforcement, Fire Services, or other departments can place an undue burden on municipal resources;

And whereas such complaints can negatively impact residents who are in full compliance with Town by-laws, contributing to a sense of harassment or unfair treatment;

And whereas other municipalities across Ontario have adopted formal vexatious or frivolous complaints policies to manage and respond to patterns of unreasonable behaviour in a consistent and equitable manner;

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct Administration to develop a draft policy for Council's consideration that outlines how the Town will address and manage frivolous, vexatious, or repeated unfounded complaints;

And further that the policy include, but not be limited to, provisions on: complaint intake and review procedures, criteria for identifying and responding to frivolous or vexatious complaints, the balance between proactive and reactive enforcement, confidentiality and protection of complainant and respondent information and procedural fairness for all parties involved;

And further that By-Law Enforcement staff collaborate with other relevant departments to ensure the policy includes appropriate language to address related areas, and that residents are provided with clear and understandable information regarding the Town of LaSalle's By-Laws;

And further that a draft policy be brought forward to Council for review at a future meeting.

M. Closed Session

None.

N. By-laws

160/25 Moved by: Councillor Carrick Seconded by: Councillor Burns

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

2025-059, A By-law to authorize the purchase of lands municipally known as 120 Elsworth Avenue, LaSalle

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

161/25 Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-061 be given a first, second, and third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

P. Schedule of Meetings

Q. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk