



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council

July 8, 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 Jeff Renaud, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Members of Council Absent:

Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata

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, 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, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, I. Middleton, Supervisor of IT, D. Strajnic, Manager of Human Resources, J. Woods, Deputy Chief of Police, M. Pearce, Chief of Police

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

163/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Carrick

That the July 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

D. Adoption of Minutes

164/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held June 24, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

E. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Meloche shared highlights from the past weekend, which included a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Rotary Circle, the LaSalle Night Market at the Civic Centre, and the Canada Day 2025 celebration held at LaSalle Landing. An estimated 5,000 people attended the Canada Day event, which was a great success. The Mayor thanked Administration for their efforts in organizing and delivering a memorable community celebration.

Mayor Meloche reminded residents that the Front Road storm sewer reconstruction project will begin in the coming weeks on Front Road from Boismier to Reaume. Drivers should expect traffic delays and consider using alternate routes.

Free recreational swims are available at the LaSalle Outdoor Pool from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Registration is recommended to ensure a spot.

Cooling centres during heat advisories are available at the following locations:

- Splash Pad at the Vollmer Complex
- Vollmer Centre
- Town Hall Atrium & the Essex County Library
- LaSalle Outdoor Pool
- Rotary Circle water feature at LaSalle Landing

LaSalle Senior Active Living has weekly learning and activity sessions. For more information and to register for sessions, please call 519-969-7771 or visit [LaSalle Active Registration](#). There is an upcoming Stratford Festival Day Trip on Tuesday, September 16. Contact [Shoreline Charter & Tours](#) for more details by phone at 519-322-2855 or 1-800-265-0818.

F. Public Meetings and/or Hearings

None.

G. Presentations and Delegations

1. 2024 Annual Report - LaSalle Police Services

Mayor Meloche, Chair of the LaSalle Police Service Board, introduced the 2024 LaSalle Police Service Year in Review. She noted the arrival of Chief Pearce in July 2024 and acknowledged the positive impact both he and Deputy Chief Woods have made. The Mayor also thanked retired Chief Davies for his leadership and years of service. Mayor Meloche also thanked the Police Board for their important work behind the scenes in supporting the Service's success.

Chief Pearce and Deputy Chief Woods presented the 2024 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report and highlighted the following:

In 2024, LaSalle Police refreshed their vision, mission, and values to better reflect their purpose in serving the Town of LaSalle. A reorganization was also carried out to improve efficiency and ensure a more balanced distribution of supervision and responsibilities across the three branches.

Chief Pearce provided a brief overview of statistics:

- Reactive call volume increased by 12%
- There has been a 20% reduction in vehicle collisions and noted that most collisions are not caused by bad weather but by driver error.
- There are 13 registered sex offenders living in LaSalle. Offenders are required to report to the LaSalle Police Service on an annual basis.
- Traffic enforcement: laid 1098 traffic charges and issued 1900 traffic cautions
- Recruitment - hired 7 police officers in 2024 (90 applications received)
- Training - 657 members participated in training opportunities in 2024
- Public Order Unit created in 2024
- Strategic Planning results
- Total cost of policing was 4.9% higher than budgeted due personnel costs, technology upgrades, and programs and services

165/25

Moved by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the 2024 LaSalle Police Service Annual Report, as presented by Michael Pearce, Chief of Police, and Jason Woods, Deputy Police Chief, be received for information.

Carried.

H. Staff Reports and Correspondence for Council's Action

1. Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost

Ms. Funaro presented the report.

Ms. Marjorie Sakalo, appearing on behalf of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, requested that the Town waive the fees for the use of the LaSalle Event Centre for the "Pickleball For A Cause" fundraising event in support of the Ontario Special Olympics. She explained that the Law Enforcement Torch Run needs a donation of a facility to host this fundraising event.

166/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated June 16, 2025(CR-2025-14) regarding the Request from Special Olympics Ontario for facility use at no cost be received;

And that the request for a fee waiver be denied.

Carried.

167/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That, should the August 2025 'Pickleball for a Cause' fundraising event at the LaSalle Event Centre in support of Special Olympics Ontario proceed, a one-time donation of \$1,000 funded from the 'Grants - Mayor & Council budget' be allocated to help offset event related costs.

Carried.

2. Request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane

Mr. Dadalt presented the report.

Mr. Hodgson, 1805 Todd Lane, requested to purchase Town owned lands located behind his house. He explained that all the properties to the east have their rear yards extend to the creek and he would like that same benefit.

168/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the report of the Legal Counsel dated June 20, 2025, (AD-2025-09) regarding the request to purchase municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane be received;

And that Council deny the request to purchase the municipally owned property at the rear of 1805 Todd Lane.

Carried.

3. Regulate the Setting of Fires

Chief Thiessen presented the report.

169/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That the report of the Director of Fire Service/Fire Chief dated June 18, 2025 (FIRE-25-04) regarding Regulate the Setting of Fires be received;

And that, Council repeal the existing Setting of Fires By-law 7170 and adopt the revised Setting of Fires By-law 2025-062 at the appropriate stage of this Council meeting.

Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Correspondence
 - a. Township of Georgian Bay, dated June 2, 2025 RE: Floating Accommodations
 - b. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, dated June 17, 2025 RE: Increased Income Support for Veterans
 - c. Canton Township, MI, dated June 18, 2025 RE: Border Relationship

2. Summary of Reports

170/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That items 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda for July 8, 2025, be received.

Carried.

J. Committee Matters

1. County Council Highlights - June 18, 2025

171/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That the County Council Highlights for June 18, 2025, be received.

Carried.

K. Questions and Statements by Council Members

Councillor Burns shared a resident's concern about the tall weeds in the ditch behind their home on Malden Road that backs onto the swale. He will provide the contact information to Administration for follow-up.

He further mentioned that some of the parking lots and roads near the baseball diamonds at the Vollmer Centre are unpaved, causing dust.

Councillor Renaud asked about the By-Election and next steps. Ms. Astrologo explained that nominations will open on July 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and close on September 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

172/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns

Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

That Administration provide a report for the cost of paving the parking lot and road at the Vollmer Centre be brought back to Council at the 2026 Budget Meeting.

Carried.

L. Notices of Motion

1. Mayor Meloche - Frivolous, Vexatious or Unreasonable Requests or Complaints Policy

Mayor Meloche ceded the chair to Councillor Carrick.

173/25

Moved by: Mayor Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

Mayor Meloche 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.

Carried.

Mayor Meloche reassumed the Chair.

M. Closed Session

1. Report Out from July 8, 2025, Closed Meeting of Council

Council moved into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and received information related to land located at Malden Road and Todd Lane heard under Section 239(2)(c), being proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and Section 239(2)(f), being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

N. By-laws

174/25

Moved by: Councillor Carrick

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

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

2025-058, A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 8600, the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law, as amended

2025-060, A By-law to authorize a by-election be held to fill the vacancy for the Office of Councillor

2025-062, A By-law to regulate the setting of fires within the Town of LaSalle

2025-063, A By-law to re-appoint Hearing Officers pursuant to the Administrative Monetary Penalties System

Carried.

O. Confirmatory By-law

175/25

Moved by: Councillor Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Burns

That Confirmatory By-law 2025-066 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 7:04 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk