

The Corporation of the Town of Essex
Special Council Meeting

January 15, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Essex was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the County of Essex Chambers, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, Ontario.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ron McDermott
Deputy Mayor Richard Meloche
Ward 1 Councillor Randy Voakes
Ward 1 Councillor Steve Bjorkman
Ward 3 Councillor Larry Snively
Ward 3 Councillor Ron Rogers (5:15 arrival)
Ward 4 Councillor Sherry Bondy

Also Present: Donna Hunter, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Nepszy, Director, Infrastructure and Development
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services
Jeffrey Morrison, Director, Finance and Business Services
Jeff Watson, Policy Planner, Infrastructure and Development
Rita Jabbour, Assistant Planner, Infrastructure and Development
Nelson Silveira, Economic Development Officer
Kevin Carter, Building Official and By-law Enforcement Officer
Laurie Brett, Deputy Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

a) Special Council Meeting Agenda

Moved by Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded by Councillor Bondy

(SP18-01-001) That the published agenda for the January 15, 2018 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

“Carried”

4. Reports from Administration

a) Jeff Watson, Policy Planner, provided a verbal report and Power Point presentation on climate change and its impact. Following the presentation, Council discussed environmental initiatives that could be pursued by the Town. Asked by Councillor Voakes for his top three recommendations for Council to consider, Mr. Watson provided the following:

1) Look for ways to create better energy efficiency. E.g. installing LED lights.

- 2) Engage in regional / county-wide talks related to resiliency, especially in the face of increased flooding and stormwater management issues.
- 3) Public education.

Mr. Watson noted that he would be returning to Council in the near future with a presentation on provincial measures to address climate change and funding opportunities that may be available to the Town of Essex.

Moved by Councillor Bondy

Seconded by Councillor Snively

(SP18-01-002) That the verbal report by Jeff Watson, Policy Planner, providing information on climate change and its impact, together with the Power Point presentation, be received.

“Carried”

5. Public Presentations

6. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded by Councillor Bondy

(SP18-01-003) That the meeting be adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor

Deputy Clerk