



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 24, 2022
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo
Deputy Mayor Leo Meloche
Councillor Peter Courtney
Councillor Donald McArthur
Councillor Michael Prue
Councillor Marc Renaud
Councillor Patricia Simone

Tony Haddad, Interim CAO
Valerie Critchley, Interim Director, Legislative Services/Clerk
Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk

Electronic Meeting with Public Participation via livestream.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

(Public Council Meeting Agenda Items)

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

Deputy Mayor Meloche advised, that while he has no disclosures of pecuniary interest, he does own property across from 72 Murray Street.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We will begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprising the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Peoples. We recognize the land as an expression of gratitude to those whose traditional territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and thriving on the land since time immemorial. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution # 20220124-01

Moved By Councillor Simone

Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That the minutes BE ADOPTED and that those confidential minutes of the closed sessions of Council remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

5.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - November 22, 2021

5.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2021

5.3 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2022

5.4 Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

6.1 247 Brock Street, St. Anthony School - Vince Rosati, Tony Rosati and Jackie Lasalline

Agenda item # 10.5 was brought forward.

Resolution # 20220124-02

Moved By Councillor Simone

Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That:

1. That the delegation **BE RECEIVED**;
2. *(Item #10.5)* - Option 1 of the proposed interventions **BE APPROVED**;
and,
3. *(Item # 10.5)* - Administration **BE DIRECTED** to issue the Notices required to repeal By-law 2021-079, which designates St. Anthony School, and to issue the Notices to concurrently re-designate the property to include a new legal description, making the designation registered upon only the portion of the property containing the heritage building, and to update which attributes of the building are regulated.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES

There were no reports.

REPORTS - COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

There were no reports.

REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 Decision of the Drainage Tribunal – Charles Shepley Drain

Resolution # 20220124-03

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That:

1. By-law 2021-016 being a by-law to adopt the revised engineer's report for the improvements to the Charles Shepley Drain be given a **THIRD AND FINAL** reading and the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign same; and,
2. Administration **BE DIRECTED** to prepare tenders for the improvements to the Charles Shepley Drain and Branch Drain.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

10.1 Heritage Designation of 65-67 Richmond Street

Resolution # 20220124-04

Moved By Councillor Renaud
Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That Council **DESIGNATE** the "Thomas Drug Store" at 65-67 Richmond Street by municipal by-law under Part IV the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

10.2 Municipal Street Name Inventory Update

Mayor DiCarlo advised that Ironside Avenue is already in use and has been removed from the list.

Resolution # 20220124-05

Moved By Councillor Prue
Seconded By Councillor Simone

That the additions to the Street Name Inventory BE APPROVED as noted in the report of the Heritage Planner dated January 24, 2022.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

10.3 2022 Special Events Approval - Part I

Resolution # 20220124-06

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Courtney

The Mayor advised that the House Youth Centre requested that the \$250 event fee be waived.

That:

1. The following events BE APPROVED:

- **The House Youth Centre-Coldest Night of the Year Walk-February 26, 2022**
- **The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's-May 29, 2022**
- **The General Amherst High School 100 year Anniversary Celebration - May 14, 2022**

2. An exemption from table number 3-1(2) of Noise By-law #2001-43 with respect to the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers to allow for music BE GRANTED for the following events:

- **The House Youth Centre-Coldest Night of the Year Walk-February 26, 2022**
- **The General Amherst High School 100 year Anniversary Celebration - May 14, 2022**

3. The following events BE EXEMPT and PERMITTED for road closures to begin prior to 5pm:

- **The General Amherst High School 100 year Anniversary Celebration - May 14, 2022**

4. The fee waiver requests BE APPROVED as follows:

- **The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's: \$419.64**
- **The General Amherst High School 100 year Anniversary Celebration: \$1,871.00**

5. The Public Events Committee BE DIRECTED to confirm that the requirements identified by the Committee are met prior to the event; and,

6. The \$250 event fee BE WAIVED for the House Youth Centre - Coldest Night of the Year Walk.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

10.4 Site Plan and Development Agreement - 72 Murray Street

Settimo Vilardi, Archon Architects Inc., was present for discussion.

Resolution # 20220124-07

Moved By Councillor Renaud
Seconded By Councillor Simone

That:

- 1. The Site Plan and Development Agreement with 2787763 Ontario Limited for 72 Murray Street BE APPROVED subject to being satisfactory in technical content to the Director of Engineering and Public Works, financial content to the Director of Corporate Services and in form and legal content to the Town's legal counsel; and,**
- 2. By-law 2022-004 being a by-law to authorize the signing of the Development Agreement be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign the same.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

10.5 St. Anthony School – Alterations; and Repeal and Replace Bylaw 2021-079

As dealt with above in Agenda items # 6.1

REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE

11.1 Adoption of the Public Petition Policy

Mayor DiCarlo noted that # 6.1.2 and # 6.1.5 are redundant and offered an amendment to strike one.

Resolution # 20220124-08

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That the Public Petition Policy BE ADOPTED in accordance with the Administrative report of January 13, 2022, as amended.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

11.2 Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Municipal Representation

Tim Bryne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, ERCA, was present for discussion.

Resolution # 20220124-09

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded By Councillor Simone

That:

- 1. The resignation of the ERCA Board lay member appointee BE ACCEPTED; and,**
- 2. Councillor Michael Prue BE APPOINTED to the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

Resolution # 20220124-10

Moved By Councillor Simone
Seconded By Councillor Renaud

12.1 4th Quarter Fire Department Activity Report - October, November and December 2021

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution # 20220124-11

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Courtney

That the following consent correspondence BE RECEIVED:

- 13.1 Municipal Energy Symposium - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
- 13.2 Letter of Support for Kitchener Resolution re. Fire Safety Measures - Town of Plympton-Wyoming**
- 13.3 Letter re. Motion Against Quebec's Bill 21 - Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Resolution # 20220124-12

Moved By Councillor Prue
Seconded By Councillor Courtney

(Item # 13.2) – That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Kitchener’s resolution regarding Fire Safety Measures.

The Mayor put the Motion.

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Resolution # 20210124-13

Moved By Councillor Simone

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That the following minutes BE RECEIVED:

- 14.1 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2021**
- 14.2 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2021**
- 14.3 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021**
- 14.4 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021**
- 14.5 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021**
- 14.6 **Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2021**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

OTHER MINUTES

There are no other minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Councillor Prue advised that Council Question 21-018 (General Amherst High School, 100 Year Celebration fee waiver) has been dealt with.

The Mayor advised that the above item will be removed from the Unfinished Business List.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor McArthur asked for an update with respect to grant funding for electric vehicle charging stations.

The CAO advised that Administration is looking at the current funding opportunity for electric vehicle charging stations.

The Director of Infrastructure Services advised that the Town was successful in receiving prior grants; however, with the change in the provincial governments those grants were pulled. The Director further advised that a report will be coming forward to Council with respect to electric vehicle charging stations including recommendations for Council to consider.

2. Councillor Simone advised that she has received calls regarding the lights being off at the hill at Centennial Park.

The Director of Community and Protection Services advised that a pole had been removed this past summer by Essex Power and when it was replaced, the light hadn't been replaced with it. The Director advised that she will follow up and work on getting the light reinstalled.

3. Councillor Prue advised of a resident concern with respect to excessive speed and density of traffic on Front Road South. He further advised that resident is asking for a reduced speed limit in the area.

The Mayor advised that Essex County Council has addressed issues such as these, both formally and informally. Further, the Director of Infrastructure Services has already contacted the County of Essex to advise of this specific area and the issues that have been raised and Council will be updated once a response has been received.

4. Councillor Courtney asked when Council will be receiving the budget survey results.

The CAO advised that the document had been finalized today and will be with Council tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

BY-LAWS

19.1 By-law 2022-009 - Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 20220124-14

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That By-law 2022-009 being a by-law to Confirm all Resolutions of the Municipal Council Meeting held on January 24, 2022, be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Courtney
Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That Council rise and adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



CLERK – VALERIE CRITCHLEY

