



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, December 14, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, 271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2A5

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

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

Giovanni (John) Miceli, CAO  
Paula Parker, Clerk  
Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk

Mayor DiCarlo was in attendance in Council Chambers. All other members of Council participated in the meeting through video conferencing technology from remote locations. Public participation was conducted via livestream.

This meeting was recessed on December 14, 2020 and resumed on December 18, 2020.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. on December 14, 2020.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councillor Courtney was absent with notice at roll call, all others were present.

Councillor Courtney joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** *(Public Council Meeting Agenda Items)*

Councillor Renaud declared a conflict of pecuniary interest with respect to Item # 6.3 (Delegation - Ice Removal), Item # 8.5 (2021 User Fee By-law), and Item # 7.1 (COVID-19 Response Presentation). Councillor Renaud advised that he is the President of the Amherstburg Minor Hockey Association (AMHA).

Councillor McArthur advised that he consulted with the Integrity Commissioner with respect to ice removal at the Libro Centre. He advised that his daughter is enrolled in Skate Amherstburg and while he does not have a pecuniary interest at this time, he may have to declare one in the event he is eligible for a refund should Council opt to remove the ice. He further noted that he does not have a conflict of interest with respect to Item # 8.5 (2021 User Fees) as he has not enrolled his daughter into the Skate Amherstburg program for the 2021 season as of yet.

December 18, 2020 *(resumption of December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting)* - Councillor Courtney declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item # 8.5 (2021 User Fees). Councillor Courtney advised that he plays in the Men's hockey league at the Libro Centre.

## **REPORT OUT FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION - December 11, 2020**

Council met on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for a Special In-Camera Meeting at 9:02 a.m. and discussed the following item as provided for under Section 239 of the Municipal Act:

**Item A** was heard under Section 239(2)(b)&(d) of the Act. As a result of that discussion, Item # 7.1 (COVID-19 Response Presentation) is on the agenda this evening.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolution # 20201214-447

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud

**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 Special Council Meeting Minutes - 2021 Budget - November 17, 2020**

**5.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes - Planning - November 23, 2020**

**5.3 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2020**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 2021 Budget By-law - Rodger Hudson**

Resolution # 20201214-448

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the delegation BE RECEIVED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**6.2 Ontario Waste Management Association (OWMA) - Robert Cook, Robert Cook Consulting**

Resolution # 20201214-449

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That:**

1. The delegation **BE RECEIVED**; and,
2. The request to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction **BE SUPPORTED** pending concurrence by County Council.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**6.3 Ice Removal - Wes Ewer and Adam Armaly, AMHA, and Lynn Fox, Skate Amherstburg**

Resolution # 20201214-450

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the delegations BE RECEIVED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

*Item # 13.2 was moved forward*

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**13.2 Amherstburg Integrity Report - July 2017 to Dec 2019**

Bruce Elman, Integrity Commissioner, presented his report.

Resolution # 20201214-451

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the information report BE RECEIVED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## PRESENTATIONS

### 7.1 COVID-19 Response - Municipal Impacts of the Recent Changes in Colour - John Miceli, CAO

Councillor Renaud removed himself from discussion and voting after the presentation due to his declared conflict of pecuniary interest.

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That Option 3, to remove ice and reinstall ice at the end of August BE SUPPORTED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Lost**

Resolution # 20201214-452

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That Option 2, to remove ice and reinstall ice when pandemic status changes back to Orange to allow user groups to book ice at first available opportunity BE SUPPORTED with a report back to Council at the February 22, 2021 before installing ice for March.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES

### 8.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

Resolution # 20201214-453

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That:**

1. Administration BE DIRECTED to apply for grant funding from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Investing in Canada Infrastructure program (ICIP) COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream; and,
2. The intent to proceed with the project(s) outlined in the application(s) for ICIP funding BE AFFIRMED subject to approval of that funding.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That Council recess for a break at 8:36 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That Council resume at 8:48 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

## 8.2 2021 Capital Demands

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That:**

1. The 2021 Mill and Pave Road Works in the recommended 2021 Budget be approved contingent on OCIF grant funding at a total estimated cost of \$400,000 funded from OCIF, \$345,420 and from Reserve Fund General (current taxation) \$55,420;
2. The 2021 Budget BE ADOPTED, amended and the 2021 total own purposes tax levy of \$25,727,156 including \$24,424,492 general levy and \$1,302,664 special capital levy, BE APPROVED; and,

3. **Administration REPORT BACK with a Final Levy By-law for adoption of the 2021 tax rates, based on the approved 2021 own purposes tax levy, following receipt of the returned assessment roll for 2021.**

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That Item # 8.2 and # 8.3 BE DEFERRED until confirmation of OCIF funding.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

	<b>Yes/Concur</b>	<b>No/Not Concur</b>
Councillor Courtney	X	
Councillor McArthur		X
Deputy Mayor Meloche		X
Councillor Prue	X	
Councillor Renaud		X
Councillor Simone	X	
Mayor DiCarlo		X

**Motion Failed**

**Moved By** Councillor Simone  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That Item # 8.2 and # 8.3 BE DEFERRED to a Special Meeting next week to discuss what to do with the OCIF funding if received.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Failed**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the meeting BE EXTENDED to 11:00 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Failed**

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the meeting BE RECESSED at 10:03 p.m.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

*December 18, 2020 – Resumption of December 14, 2020, Regular Council Meeting.*

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 9:14 a.m. on December 18, 2020.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo  
Deputy Mayor Leo Meloche  
Councillor Peter Courtney  
Councillor Donald McArthur  
Councillor Michael Prue  
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The Mayor reminded Council members of their obligation to declare a pecuniary interest if one arises.



**Moved By** Councillor Simone  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That Council lay the motion for Items # 8.2 and # 8.3 on the table and begin with Item # 8.5 as Wes Ewer is in attendance for this item.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## REPORTS - CORPORATE SERVICES

### 8.2 2021 Capital Demands

*Tabled*

### 8.3 2021 Final Approved Budget

*Tabled*

### 8.5 2021 User Fees By-law

Councillor Renaud removed himself from discussion and voting on the matter due to his declared pecuniary interest.

Councillor Courtney removed himself from discussion and voting on the matter due to his declared pecuniary interest.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the Rules of Order BE WAIVED to allow Wes Ewer, AMHA, to speak.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-454

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That:**

1. **By-law 2020-073 being a by-law to Amend By-law 2019-082 being a by-law to Establish User Fees and Charges for Services or the Use of Property be taken as having been read 3 times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same;**
2. **By-law 2012-104 being a by-law to provide for the regulation and keeping of dogs in the Town of Amherstburg be brought back as a housekeeping amendment for the purpose of removing Fees and Penalties, Schedule "A"; and,**
3. **By-law 2020-068 being a by-law to Establish User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property be taken as having been read 3 times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

*Council moved on to Agenda Item # 8.4*

**8.4 2021 Interim Tax Levy By-law 2020-070**

Resolution # 20201214-455

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That By-law 2020-070 being a By-law to provide for an interim tax levy in default 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**

**8.6 By-law 2020-067 Temporary Borrowing**

Resolution # 20201214-456

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That By-law 2020-067 being a by-law to provide for the temporary borrowing of an upset limit of five million dollars for the Town of Amherstburg 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**

**8.7 2020 Tax Write Offs and Rebates**

Resolution # 20201214-457

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That the property tax adjustments outlined in the report from the Supervisor of Revenue dated November 23, 2020 regarding 2020 Write-offs and Rebates BE AFFIRMED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**REPORTS – PARKS, FACILITIES, RECREATION AND CULTURE**

There were no reports.

**REPORTS – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**10.1 Kingsbridge Subdivision - Knobb Hill Drive Phase 2 (Whelan Avenue to Welsh Avenue) - Acceptance and Assumption of Infrastructure – Placement of Infrastructure on Maintenance**

Resolution # 20201214-458

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That:**

- 1. The recommendations in the letters regarding Kingsbridge Development Knobb Hill Drive Phase 2 dated August 6, 2020 and**

November 26, 2020 from the consulting engineer, BairdAE BE  
ACCEPTED;

2. The underground infrastructure, pathway, road base with base asphalt and curbs for Kingsbridge Subdivision - Knobb Hill Drive Phase 2 (Whelan Avenue to Welsh Avenue) ACCEPTED and ASSUMED; and,
3. The surface asphalt for Kingsbridge Subdivision - Knobb Hill Drive Phase 2 (Whelan Avenue to Welsh Avenue) BE PLACED on a 1-year maintenance period, commencing August 6, 2020.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

## 10.2 Kingsbridge Subdivision Phase 8B-1 - Acceptance of Infrastructure

Resolution # 20201214-459

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That:**

1. The recommendations in the letter regarding Kingsbridge Development Phase 8B-1 (Welsh Avenue from Lavers Crescent to Knobb Hill Drive) dated November 26, 2020 from the consulting engineer, Baird AE BE ACCEPTED; and,
2. The sidewalk and surface asphalt along Welsh Avenue from Lavers Crescent to Knobb Hill Drive for Kingsbridge Subdivision Phase 8B-1 BE ACCEPTED and ASSUMED as outlined in the report.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

## REPORTS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

### 11.1 Zoning By-law Amendment for W/S Victoria Street S

Resolution #20201214-460

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

That By-law 2020-064 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 1999-52, to amend the zoning for the subject lands known as W/S Victoria Street S., 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**

## **REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE**

### **12.1 Review and Status of Council Adopted Policies and Amendments to the Policy Framework**

Resolution # 20201214-461

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That:**

- 1. The Policy Framework BE AMENDED in accordance with the November 25, 2020 report; and,**
- 2. The following policies BE RESCINDED in accordance with the November 25, 2020 report, Review and Status of Council Adopted Policies and Amendments to the Policy Framework:**
  - a. Buy Canadian**
  - b. Kiosk Safety**
  - c. Christmas Decorations**
  - d. Dressing Room Key Exchange**
  - e. Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**12.2 Adoption of Flag Protocol for the Town of Amherstburg**

Resolution # 20201214-462

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That the Flag Protocol Policy BE REFERRED back to Administration for further review.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**12.3 Adoption of the Driveway Alteration or Installation Policy**

Resolution # 20201214-463

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That the Driveway Alteration or Installation Policy BE ADOPTED in accordance with the report dated November 13, 2020.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**12.4 Amendments to the Accessible Customer Service Standards Policy**

Council requested amendments to the proposed policy. The Clerk advised that all verbiage used in the policy reflects Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) but Council can opt to change the wording of its policies.

Resolution # 20201214-464

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**The Accessible Customer Service Standards Policy BE ADOPTED in accordance with the report dated November 13, 2020, as amended.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**12.5 Amendments to the Use of Town Vehicle Policy**

Councillor Prue offered a friendly amendment in section # 6.4.2.1 to state that the GPS be started in the parking lot and be updated as needed providing the vehicle is stationary.

Resolution # 20201214-465

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

**That:**

- 1. The Use of Town Vehicle policy BE AMENDED in accordance with the November 30, 2020 report; and,**
- 2. The Countering Distracted Driving policy BE RESCINDED in accordance with the November 30, 2020 report Amendments to the Use of Town Vehicle policy, as amended.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**12.6 Municipal Lay Member Appointment – Essex Power Corporation, Board of Directors**

Resolution # 20201214-466

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That William Wark BE APPOINTED as the Town's Municipal Lay Member on the Essex Power Corporation, Board of Directors, as required in the Shareholder Agreement between the Town of Amherstburg and the Essex Power Corporation.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Resolution # 20201214-467

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That the following information reports BE RECEIVED:**

- 13.1 Facility Accessibility Design Standards**
- 13.2 Amherstburg Integrity Report - July 2017 to Dec 2019**

*As dealt with above*

- 13.3 Cheque Listing for the Month of November 2020**

- 13.4 Council Resolution 20200824-252 Update**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-468

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**Item # 13.4 - That Administration BE DIRECTED to pursue opportunities to build a track on the school board's land including, but not limited to, securing corporate sponsorship and community fundraising.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution # 20201214-469

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That the following consent correspondence BE RECEIVED:**



- 14.1 Windsor Police Service, Amherstburg Detachment - 4th Quarter Stats, 2020
- 14.2 Removal of Windsor International Airport from NAV Canada Closure List - County of Essex Resolution
- 14.3 NAV Canada Study, Inclusion of Windsor International Airport - Chris Lewis, MP, Essex
- 14.4 Opposition to Further Amalgamation - Town of Essex Resolution
- 14.5 Cannabis Production Facilities - Municipality of Leamington Resolution
- 14.6 Military Service Recognition Book - The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command
- 14.7 Illicit Cannabis Operations - Municipality of Norfolk Resolution
- 14.8 Temporary Cap of Food Delivery Services Charges - City of Hamilton Resolution
- 14.9 Drainage Matters, CN Rail - Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution
- 14.10 Request for Amendment to Bill 124, Municipal Insurance Policy - Township of Huron-Kinloss Resolution
- 14.11 Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs - Region of Peel Resolution
- 14.12 Request for an Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution - City of Hamilton Resolution
- 14.13 Conservation Authorities Act, Schedule 6 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act - Township of Essa Resolution

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-470

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

*Item # 14.2 and # 14.3 -That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the County of Essex requesting that*

**Navigation Canada (NAV Canada) remove Windsor International Airport from their list of airports currently being studied for possible removal of air traffic controllers, and noting the economic impact that loss of air traffic would have on the region.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-471

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

***Item # 14.4 - That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the Town of Essex's opposition to any further amalgamation and to further restructuring at this time.***

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-472

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Simone

***Item # 14.6 - That a 1/4 page, black and white advertisement BE PLACED in the Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$470.00.***

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

Resolution # 20201214-473

**Moved By** Councillor Prue  
**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**Item # 14.13 - That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the Township of ESSA requesting that the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229).**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **15.1 Request for Formal Endorsement of Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act - Peter Julian, MP, New Westminster-Burnaby**

Resolution # 20201214-474

**Moved By** Councillor Prue

**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That:**

- 1. The correspondence dated November 26, 2020 regarding Request for Formal Endorsement of Bill C-213, the Canada Pharmacare Act, BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. The Town of Amherstburg SUPPORT the request.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **CONSENT OTHER MINUTES**

Resolution # 20201214-475

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud

**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That the following minutes BE RECEIVED:**

- 16.1 Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - September 24, 2020**
- 16.2 Heritage Committee Minutes - October 15, 2020**

**16.3 Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes - October 27, 2020**

**16.4 Audit and Finance Advisory Committee Minutes - November 5, 2020**

**16.5 Audit and Finance Advisory Committee Minutes - November 10, 2020**

**16.6 Committee of Adjustment Minutes - November 24, 2020**

**16.7 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2020**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

### **OTHER MINUTES**

**17.1 Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - October 22, 2020**

Resolution # 20201214-476

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud

**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That:**

- 1. Administration EXPLORE opportunities for a cost-sharing agreement to provide an accessible route into the Gibson Gallery using funds transferred from the AODA Compliance Reserve Fund not exceeding \$20,000, with the Fort Malden Guild of Arts and Crafts;**
- 2. \$20,000 BE TRANSFERRED from the AODA Compliance Reserve Fund to replace existing inaccessible play surfaces with more accessible materials at a Town Park; and,**
- 3. The Facility Accessibility Design Standards BE ADAPTED for use by the Town of Amherstburg from the City of Windsor.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Council recess for a break at 11:14 am.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Council resume Regular session at 11:27 am.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Simone  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Item # 8.2 and # 8.3 BE TAKEN from the table.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES**

Deputy Mayor Meloche amended his previous motion from December 14, 2020.

### **8.2 2021 Capital Demands**

Councillor Prue offered a friendly amendment to Item # 8.2 that the additional \$125,000 from the OCIF funding be used to lower that tax rate rather than be placed in reserves.

Items # 8.2 and # 8.3 were moved together.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Meloche  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

Resolution # 20201214-477

That:

1. **The 2021 Mill and Pave Road Works in the recommended 2021 Budget be approved contingent on OCIF grant funding at a total estimated cost of \$400,000 funded from OCIF, \$345,420 and from Reserve Fund General (current taxation) \$55,420;**
2. **The Bridge 3008 capital project in the recommended 2021 Budget be increased to \$297,000 to be funded from OCIF, contingent on approval of OCIF grant funding;**
3. **The \$125,000 from OCIF funding, contingent on approval of OCIF grant funding, BE USED toward an eligible capital project identified as Fryer Street reconstruction to lower the tax levy;**
4. **The estimated provincial grant funding in the general government budget centre be increased by \$240,000 from safe restart grant funding in the 2021 budget to be applied to COVID-19 operating costs in 2021;**
5. **The 2021 Budget BE ADOPTED, amended and the 2021 total own purposes tax levy of \$25,362,156 including \$24,059,492 general levy and \$1,302,664 special capital levy, BE APPROVED; and,**
6. **Administration REPORT BACK with a Final Levy By-law for adoption of the 2021 tax rates, based on the approved 2021 own purposes tax levy, following receipt of the returned assessment roll for 2021.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

### 8.3 2021 Final Approved Budget

Resolution # 20201214-478

That:

1. **The 2021 Budget BE ADOPTED and the 2021 total own purposes tax levy of \$26,072,576 including \$24,769,912 general levy and \$1,302,664 special capital levy, BE APPROVED; and,**
2. **Administration REPORT BACK with a Final Levy By-law for adoption of the 2021 tax rates, based on the approved 2021 own purposes tax levy, following receipt of the returned assessment roll for 2021.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That Council recess for a lunch at 12:27 pm.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Renaud

**That Council resume Regular session at 1:09 pm.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Resolution # 20201214-479

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney  
**Seconded By** Councillor Prue

**That the following motion BE RECONSIDERED to add another location for public consultation for the location of the skate park (Resolution # 20190928-308):**

**That:**

- 1. Administration BE DIRECTED to come back to the 2021 Budget with all costs associated with a new skate park;**
- 2. The Libro Centre, 320 Richmond (former St. Bernard's School), and Jack Purdie Park BE CONSIDERED as the locations for the new skate park; and,**

**3. The public BE CONSULTED on the 3 locations being considered.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Resolution # 20201214-480**

Councillor Courtney included the north end of Centennial Park to be included for public consultation for the location of the skate park.

**Moved By** Councillor Courtney

**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That:**

- 1. Administration BE DIRECTED to come back to the 2021 Budget with all costs associated with a new skate park;**
- 2. The Libro Centre, 320 Richmond (former St. Bernard's School), Jack Purdie Park, and the north end of Centennial Park BE CONSIDERED as the locations for the new skate park; and,**
- 3. The public BE CONSULTED on the 4 locations being considered.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Courtney asked if the River Lights and Town Hall lights could be turned off at midnight.

The Director of Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Culture advised that staff would have to be deployed to turn the lights on & off and that actually running the lights is a very low cost (\$0.57/hr) as the lights are LED.

**2. Resolution # 20221214-481**

**Moved By** Councillor Prue

**Seconded By** Councillor Simone



**That an over-expenditure of \$7000 for the fence replacement at Town Hall capital project to be funded from current taxation, for a total cost not to exceed \$12,000 BR APPROVED in 2020.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

3. Councillor Prue advised that recycling pick up has been switched to Windsor Recycling and he asked for an explanation regarding the change.

The Mayor advised that it was advertised extensively that recycling services were changing to Windsor Recycling for the County of Essex, and further, that there were cost savings associated with the switch as the current provider rates were increasing in 2021.

4. Councillor Prue advised of a resident who received a \$300 fine for not properly displaying her accessible parking permit while parked in the designated space. Councillor Prue thanked the Chief Administrative Officer and the Manager of Licencing and Enforcement for using their discretion and authority to quash the fine.
5. Councillor Simone asked what the next steps were with respect to the discovery of the WWI field gun that was found during construction of the new high school.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the intention is to restore and display the field gun and that a report will be brought to Council with respect to next steps in the near future.

6. Resolution # 2021214-482

**Moved By** Councillor Simone  
**Seconded By** Councillor McArthur

**That correspondence BE SENT to the Premier of Ontario requesting that small businesses be allowed to remain open for in-store customers during these unprecedented times; and further, to give small businesses the same rules as the big box stores.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

7. Resolution # 2021214-483

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Administration BE DIRECTED to look into ways to designate some downtown parking spaces as high turn over or 15 minute spaces for those who are picking up take out food in support of the downtown Amherstburg restaurants.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

8. Resolution # 2021214-484

**Moved By** Councillor McArthur

**Seconded By** Councillor Courtney

**That Administration BE DIRECTED to amend the Traffic By-law to include Pacific Avenue to Fryer Street in the Community Safety Zone.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Simone introduced the following Notice of Motion for discussion and voting at the January 11, 2021, Regular Council Meeting.

**Whereas** it is estimated that at least 40 million men, women and children around the world are victims of modern slavery, a term that is not explicitly defined by international law but encompasses a whole series of practices, including sex and other trafficking and forced marriage, in which a person is exploited or forced to work through violence, threats, coercion, abuse of power or fraud;

**And Whereas**, of these, 16 million human beings, both adults and children, are trafficked for forced labour in the private sector, according to International Labour Organization estimates;

**And Whereas** Bill S-216, an Act to enact the Modern Slavery Act and to amend the Customs Tariff, is a tool for transparency to fight against modern slavery and will help Canada to more strictly adhere to the letter of its international commitments;

**And Whereas** Town of Amherstburg Council understands the severity of modern slavery and wishes to assist in motivating businesses to eliminate the use of any form of child labour in their global supply chains, and empower consumers and investors to engage meaningfully on this important issue;

**Now therefore let it be resolved** that Town of Amherstburg Council supports Bill S-216, an Act to enact the Modern Slavery Act and a letter indicating Council's support be sent to the Honourable Julie Miville-Dechene, local MP's and MPP's and all regional Town Councils.

## **BY-LAWS**

Councillor Prue moved Item # 21.1, # 21.2, and # 21.3 together.

**Moved By** Councillor Prue

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**21.1 By-law 2020-043 - Repair and Improvement of the Lemay-Cookson Pumpworks & Lemay-Cookson Branch Drain - 3rd & Final Reading**

Resolution # 20201214-485

**That By-law 2020-043 being a by-law to Provide for the Repair and Improvement of the Lemay-Cookson Pumpworks & Lemay-Cookson Branch Drain be taken as having been read a 3rd & Final time and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

**21.2 By-law 2019-094 - Repair and Improvement of Part of the Ouellette Drain West - 3rd & Final Reading**

Resolution # 20201214-486

**That By-law 2019-094 being a by-law to provide for the Repair and Improvement of Part of the Ouellette Drain West be taken as having been read a 3rd & Final time, *as amended*, and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

**21.3 By-law 2020-072 - Confirmatory By-law**

Resolution # 20201214-487

**That By-law 2020-072 being a by-law to Confirm all Resolutions of the Municipal Council Meetings held on November 17th, December 11th and 14th, 2020, 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**

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING**

Resolution # 20201214-488

**Moved By** Councillor Renaud

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Meloche

**That Council move into an In-Camera Meeting of Council at 2:13 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason:**

**Item A - Section 239(2)(b) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

*(In-Camera Council Meeting Agenda Items)*

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

ADJOURNMENT @ 2:26 P.M.

  
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MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO  
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CLERK – PAULA PARKER