



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 04/01/2020

Special Meeting of Council

Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2020

Time: 11:30 o'clock a.m.

Members Present:

Mayor

Mayor Dilkens

Councillors

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Ward 2 - Councillor Costante

Ward 3 - Councillor Bortolin

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt

Ward 5 - Councillor Sleiman

Ward 6 - Councillor Gignac

Ward 7 - Vacant

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Ward 10 - Councillor Morrison

Clerk's Note: The Mayor and all members of Council participated via teleconference call, in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation during a declared emergency.

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1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.1. In the event of the absence of Mayor Dilkens, Councillor Gignac has been appointed Acting Mayor for the month of April, 2020 in accordance with By-Law 176-2018 as amended.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 12:27 o'clock p.m.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

That Council do now rise and move into Committee of the Whole with the Mayor presiding for the purpose of dealing with:

- (a) hearing requests for deferrals, referrals and/or withdrawals of any items of business;
 - (b) hearing presentations and delegations;
 - (c) consideration of business items;
 - (d) consideration of Committee reports:
 - (i) **Report of Special In-Camera Meeting or other Committee as may be held prior to Council** (if scheduled); and
 - (e) consideration of by-law 42-2020.
- Carried.

9. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

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10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Stephen Laforet, Fire Chief, Community Emergency Management Coordinator - Windsor/Essex County and Mark Winterton, City Engineer

Stephen Laforet, Fire Chief, Community Emergency Management Coordinator-Windsor/Essex County and Mark Winterton, City Engineer appear before Council to provide an update related to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

- An update related to statistics for our community is provided.
- Local emergency was declared on Friday March 20, 2020 and the Community Control Group (CCG) escalated the City's response to Level 3; Full Activation of CCG/EOC pursuant to the City of Windsor Emergency Response Plan (ERP).
- The CCG meets daily at 0930hrs. Each meeting begins with a daily situation report followed by reports from each IMS section.
- The City continues to provide essential services through a variety of altered delivery models. Electronic services are available in some cases and the public is urged to take advantage of those where possible.
- Corporate Communications has been actively publishing media releases on a daily basis in an effort to inform the public. These communications detail service level alterations, closures of city facilities and promote key safety messages related to the pandemic.
- Emergency response services in the City remain highly operational. Windsor Fire & Rescue Services, Windsor Police Services and Essex Windsor EMS have made adjustments due to COVID-19 but continue to provide the same levels of service.
- The City is currently working with representatives from the local health sector to assist in collecting personal protective equipment donations from local businesses as well as discussing what further assistance the City can provide.
- The City has assisted in identifying possible overrun facilities for the health care sector and are ready to provide additional supports and assistance to other community partners if needed and within our abilities.

Furthermore, an update related to High Water Levels is provided by Chief Laforet as follows:

- As of March 27, Lake St Clair is 37' higher than the historic March average and 2' higher than the record monthly average for March.

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- Since Feb 27, water levels rose 3 inches. Predictions indicate we should expect to see the level rise another 5 inches between now and the end of April. The current water level is similar to the water levels observed last May and June.
- It is reasonable to expect Windsor will experience shoreline flooding this year either due to on-going rising water levels or because of wind driven wave action. The City has been preparing and working hard to limit the effects of flooding.
- A separate IMS structure has been established for flooding and is being led by the City Engineer.
- In addition to the City's internal response, meetings with personnel from both Tecumseh and LaSalle to discuss preparedness and plans that each municipality has in place have been undertaken.
- Discussions included the need for Social Services support, particular vulnerabilities each municipality has identified and the intended evacuation routes being proposed.
- The greatest overland flooding threat in Windsor is the shoreline from George Avenue eastward to the Town of Tecumseh.
- This week and early next, residents in the affected areas will receive communication from the City reminding them overland flooding is a significant threat and should be taken seriously. The messaging clearly identifies the need for residents to ensure they have a plan that includes where they will go and stay in the event of an evacuation.
- Opening a shelter or reception center for evacuees during the pandemic is a last resort option and should be avoided if at all possible.
- In order to minimize the effects of overland flooding, City staff from Geomatics and the Office of the City Engineer have identified and prioritized the areas which are likely to be affected by flooding. Lidar technology and traditional surveying methods have been employed to develop detailed elevation maps of the affected shoreline and area.
- Windsor Police identified evacuation routes and provided detailed maps of the routes and barricade requirements to City staff.
- Effective April 1, 2020 the Harbormaster is imposing the 30m shoreline ban for vessels once again. The purpose of this is to eliminate or reduce shoreline erosion caused by the wakes of watercraft.
- The City is moving very quickly on implementing the mass notification system and expect to begin public sign up very shortly. This will allow us to communicate directly to subscribers and provide them with real time information and direction.

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- The City Engineer has taken a number of measures to mitigate the effects of flooding and prepare for the response, should flooding occur.

Mark Winterton, City Engineer adds the following update related to high water levels:

- As a result of historical flooding in the 1970's and 1980's berming was constructed along the south side of Riverside Dr from City limits to approximately Lauzon Rd.
- Little River Channel was improved in the 1980's with a substantial dyke construction.
- With the development of East Riverside in the 1990's, a Barrier Landform was constructed to an ERCA regulated Flood elevation.
- With high water levels in 2019, the City used it's Lidar technology to map and identify and low spots vulnerable to flooding between City Limits and George Ave.
- All catch basins were mapped and staked.
- The City purchased approx. 100,000 sandbags.
- Vulnerable areas under City control such as Sandpoint Beach were sandbagged.
- The City purchased a sandbag machine capable of filling thousands of sandbags per hour.
- Gaps in the Little River Dykes were identified and filled.
- A Public sandbag depot was opened for residents on the north side of Riverside Dr.
- Contingency plans were developed for quick mobilization to identified low areas.
- The Riverside Vista Ph 1B was completed raising 1970's berm to proper ERCA level between Riverdale and Watson.
- The Sewer Master Plan scope of work was modified to consider the impact of high water levels.
- East Riverside Flood Protection Risk Assessment was completed and integrated into the Sewer Master Plan and numerous public meetings have been held.
- Surveyed the shoreline/breakwall from City limits to George to confirm Lidar information.
- Confirmed that Contractor workforce is available to assist with flooding when required.
- Additional Local 82 staff are available from the current staffing left.

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- The City is ordering an additional 30,000 small sand bags (for sandbagging machine).
- Analysis of how many initial bags along with location will be completed this week.
- The City is monitoring water levels and recording everyday.
- The City is having a level monitor installed at Lakeview Marina that will be able to be monitored remotely, should be operational in 3 weeks.
- The City has reviewed and reinforced all sandbag walls built last year.

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: CR129/2020

That the presentation by Stephen Laforet, Fire Chief, Community Emergency Management Coordinator-Windsor/Essex County and Mark Winterton, City Engineer regarding the COVID-19 update and high water levels **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

11. REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS

11.1. Application for a Cannabis Retail Store Authorization at 74 Chatham Street West - Ward 3

Moved by: Councillor Bortolin
Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

Decision Number: CR130/2020

That City Council **RECEIVE** the collected comments as requested through CR534/2019 for information; and,

That City Council **SUPPORT** the Retail Cannabis Application requested by Greentown Ontario regarding the site located at 74 Chatham Street W; and,

That City Council **DIRECT** the Chief Administrative Officer to **RETURN** their decision along with this report and Appendices A and B to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for consideration regarding the Retail Cannabis Application and for delivery to the Applicant, Greentown Ontario, no later than April 2, 2020.

Carried.

Report Number: C 60/2020
Clerk's File: GP/13049

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11.2. Targeted Support Program- City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Sleiman

Decision Number: CR131/2020

That, as a good will gesture, City Council **APPROVE** a one-time payment to Transit Windsor riders who purchased (subject to verification) a pass between February 19th, 2020 and March 19th, 2020 or held a monthly pass valid (subject to verification) for the period between February 19th, 2020 and March 19th, 2020 as follows:

- 1) For students able to demonstrate that they held a valid U-Pass (Universal Student Bus Pass) for the period February 19th, 2020 to March 19th, 2020 – a one-time payment in the amount of **\$25**;
- 2) For individuals able to demonstrate proof of purchase of a 15-day Adult, Senior, Student or Tunnel Bus Pass valid at some time during the period February 19th, 2020 to March 19th, 2020 – a one-time payment of **\$25**;
- 3) For individuals able to demonstrate proof of purchase of a 30-day Adult, Senior, Student, Tunnel Bus or Corporate ValuPass valid during the period February 19th, 2020 to March 19th, 2020 – a one-time payment of **\$50**;
- 4) For individuals holding an Affordable Pass Program (APP), Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) valid during the period February 19th, 2020 to March 19th, 2020 – a one-time payment of **\$75**;

and,

That administration **UNDERTAKE** a robust review of the Upass data in which the payment is based on and, if not satisfied, that verification of cardholder information with Student Unions of educational facilities to determine which cardholders are entitled to a rebate prior to issuing payments **BE CONDUCTED**.

Carried.

At the request of Mayor Dilkens, a recorded vote is taken by the City Clerk.

Aye votes: Councillors Francis, Costante, Sleiman, Gignac, Kaschak, Morrison and Mayor Dilkens.

Nay votes: Councillors Bortolin, Holt, and McKenzie

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Report Number: S 61/2020

Clerk's File: MT2020

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11.3. Waiver of Interest for the Wastewater Charge on Enwin Bills - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: CR132/2020

That the City Council **APPROVE** the waiver of interest for wastewater charges on the Enwin Utilities bills starting as early as April 1, 2020 and lasting 90 days.

Carried.

Report Number: C 64/2020
Clerk's File: SW2020

12. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1. (i) Report of the Special In-Camera meeting or other Committee as may be held prior to Council

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: CR133/2020

That the report of the Special In-Camera Joint Council/Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor meeting held April 1, 2020 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Clerk's File: ACO2020

13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Readings)

13.1. Confirmatory By-Law 42-2020 for the April 1, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

That the following By-law No. 42-2020 be introduced and read a first and second time:

42-2020 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Carried.

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14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

That the Committee of the Whole does now rise and report to Council respecting the business items considered by the Committee:

- 1) Items Deferred
Items Referred
- 2) Presentations
- 3) Consideration of the Balance of Business Items (as amended)
- 4) Committee Reports (as presented)
- 5) By-laws given first and second readings

Carried.

15. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Morrison
Seconded by: Councillor Sleiman

That By-law No. 43-2020 having been read a first and second time be now read a third time and finally passed and that the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign and seal the same notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Council.

Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Bortolin
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

That this Council meeting stand adjourned until the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried.

Accordingly, the meeting is adjourned at 1:47 o'clock p.m.

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Adopted by Council at its meeting held April 1, 2020 (CR133/2020)
VC/bm

SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF Council/Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee (Transit Windsor Board of Directors) April 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 11:30 a.m.

Members participating via electronic participation in accordance with Procedure By-law #98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation during a declared emergency.

Mayor D. Dilkens
Councillor F. Francis
Councillor F. Costante
Councillor C. Holt
Councillor R. Bortolin
Councillor G. Kaschak
Councillor J. Gignac
Councillor K. McKenzie
Councillor J. Morrison
Councillor E. Sleiman

Also in attendance:

O. Colucci, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Payne, Community Development and Health Commissioner and
Corporate Leader Social Development, Health, Recreation and Culture
M. Winterton, City Engineer and Corporate Leader Environmental Protection and
Transportation
V. Critchley, City Clerk/Licence Commissioner and Corporate Leader Public Engagement
and Human Resources
J. Mancina, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer and Corporate Leader Finance and
Technology
S. Askin-Hager, City Solicitor and Corporate Leader Economic Development and Public
Safety
J. Wilson, Corporate Leader, Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Culture
A. Teliszewsky, Mayor's Chief of Staff

Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Costante,

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to move in Camera for discussion of the following item(s):

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	Section – Pursuant to Municipal Act, 2001, as amended
1.	Personal matter – labour relations/employee negotiations	239(2)(d)

Motion Carried.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

None declared.

Discussion on the items of business. (Item 1)

Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Francis, seconded by Councillor Bortolin, to move back into public session.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Holt, seconded by Councillor Gignac, THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to transmit the recommendation(s) contained in the report(s) discussed at the Special In-Camera Council/Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee (Transit Windsor Board of Directors) Meeting held April 1, 2020 directly to Council for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

1. That the recommendation contained in the in-camera report from the City Clerk/Licence Commissioner and Corporate Leader Public Engagement and Human Resources, City Solicitor and Corporate Leader Economic Development and Public Safety and Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer and Corporate Leader Finance and Technology respecting a personal matter – labour relations/labour negotiations **BE APPROVED** and the additional directions of Council all with respect to City of Windsor employees.

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2. That the recommendation contained in the in-camera report from the City Clerk/Licence Commissioner and Corporate Leader Public Engagement and Human Resources, City Solicitor and Corporate Leader Economic Development and Public Safety and Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer and Corporate Leader Finance and Technology respecting a personal matter – labour relations/labour negotiations **BE APPROVED** and the additional directions of Council all with respect to Transit Windsor employees.

Motion Carried.

**Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Councillor Costante,
vote of the Transit Windsor Board of Directors**

Carried.

Councillor McKenzie voting nay.

**Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
motion of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee.
That the recommendation of the Transit Windsor Board of Directors BE APPROVED.**

Carried.

Councillors Bortolin and McKenzie voting nay.

**Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Sleiman
That the recommendation of the Standing Committee BE APPROVED by Council.**

Carried.

Councillors McKenzie and Bortolin voting nay.

**Moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor McKenzie,
That the special meeting of Council/Environment, Transportation and Public Safety
Standing Committee (Transit Windsor Board of Directors) held April 1, 2020 BE
ADJOURNED.**

(Time: 12:15 p.m.)

Motion Carried.