



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 02/08/2021

Special Meeting of Council

Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

Time: 11:00 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 - Councillor Gill

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Ward 10 - Councillor Morrison

Clerk's Note: The Mayor and all members of Council participated via video conference (Zoom), 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

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 11:01 o'clock a.m.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Gignac

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 by-law 26-2021.

Carried.

Councillor Costante was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

9. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

10.1. Windsor Works - An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth

Rachel Wolf, Founding Partner, PublicFirst; and Blair Gibbs, Director, PublicFirst

Rachel Wolf, Founding Partner, PublicFirst; and Blair Gibbs, Director, PublicFirst, appear before Council to present "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", including: Who PublicFirst is and where they started; the approach undertaken; data; in depth overview of other cities and academic evidence; 4 key factors for growth and prosperity of

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cities (scale; people and culture; competitiveness; and sectors/clusters); the interviews conducted; manufacturing and technology; the LIFT strategy (location, infrastructure, future economy and talent); and recommendations for Council's consideration.

The Special Meeting of Council recesses at 12:57 o'clock p.m.

The Special Meeting of Council reconvenes at 1:03 o'clock p.m.

Patti France, President, St. Clair College

Patti France, President, St. Clair College, appears before Council to speak in support of "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", stating that it is an insightful report and pledges the support of the College to help implement the recommendations, and to be available for consultation and public action.

Caroline Hughes, VP Government Relations, Ford of Canada

Caroline Hughes, VP Government Relations, Ford of Canada, appears before Council to speak in support of "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", stating that this is an important undertaking and that Windsor is well-positioned for the future.

Brian Kingston, President of Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers Association

Brian Kingston, President of Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers Association, appears before Council to speak in support of "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", suggesting it is important to diagnose our strengths and weaknesses and stresses that the border is critical for the future.

Mike Pilato, President, Jamieson Canada on behalf of Jamieson Wellness

Mike Pilato, President, Jamieson Canada on behalf of Jamieson Wellness, appears before Council to speak in support of "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", pledging their commitment as a valuable stakeholder and willing to participate where possible during the implementation phase, as there are great ideas outlined in the proposed plan.

Dr. Robert Gordon, President & Vice Chancellor, University of Windsor

Dr. Robert Gordon, President & Vice Chancellor, University of Windsor, appears before Council to speak in support of "Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth", stating that the University welcomes the opportunity to assist, as there is a need for a more integrated approach going forward with regards to talent, opportunities and innovations.

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Brent Allen, Executive Vice President – Group, Green Shield Canada

Brent Allen, Executive Vice President – Group, Green Shield Canada, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, highlighting the importance of constantly evolving along with the need to ensure alignment with all stakeholders and pledges support to work with the City of Windsor on the proposed plan.

Mike Bilton, Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association

Mike Bilton, Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, stating that this is timely given that there’s been an automotive shift underway, and that there are a lot of synergies that can occur as Windsor pivots moving forward.

Randy Ruttenberg, Fairmount Properties

Randy Ruttenberg, Fairmount Properties, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, pledging support as a stakeholder to provide whatever assistance is required, and highlights the importance of collaboration.

Yvonne Pilon, President & CEO, WEtech Alliance

Yvonne Pilon, President & CEO, WEtech Alliance, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, providing an overview of WEtech and pledges their support going forward with regards to the proposed plan.

Justin Falconer, CEO, Workforce WindsorEssex

Justin Falconer, CEO, Workforce WindsorEssex, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, and looks forward to working along with other organizations on supporting the implementation of the proposed plan, and concludes by expressing appreciation for the flexibility built into the implementation plan and stresses the importance of collaboration and talent attraction into the area.

Rakesh Naidu, President & CEO, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce

Rakesh Naidu, President & CEO, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, suggesting that all actionable recommendations are doable and stresses the importance of leveraging our existing strengths.

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Arthur Barbut, CEO, Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator

Arthur Barbut, CEO, Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, providing an overview of the Accelerator and suggests that the City of Windsor needs to work with the Accelerator to develop an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Michael Hoppe, former resident of Windsor on behalf of the Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator

Michael Hoppe, former resident of Windsor on behalf of the Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, stating Windsor has talent to implement the proposed plan and that all stakeholders need to work together as opposed to operating in silos.

Bill Balazs, Citizen

Bill Balazs, citizen, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, suggesting that it is imperative to work together in order to build on the talent in place, but asks that a more robust public consultation take place.

Vincent Georgie, PhD, Chair, Downtown Windsor Districting Committee

Vincent Georgie, PhD, Chair, Downtown Windsor Districting Committee, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, suggesting that this validates what is already in place as Windsor moves forward and pledges their commitment to assist in the implementation, and concludes by suggesting that a continued investment in infrastructure in Downtown Windsor would be most welcome.

Virginia Wilkinson, Strategy, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Virginia Wilkinson, Strategy, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, suggesting that this is a future thinking initiative that should be applauded and embraced and looks forward to collaborating, as there is strength in working together.

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, stressing an urgent need for infrastructure improvements which in turn could attract young professionals to the region.

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Stephen MacKenzie, President & CEO, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)

Stephen MacKenzie, President & CEO, WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, stressing that talent is the fuel for the economic engine, and suggests the proposed plan is both complimentary and forward-leaning, and pledges support from WEDC to assist in any way possible to implement the plan.

Gordon Orr, CEO, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island

Gordon Orr, CEO, Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island, appears before Council to speak in support of “Windsor Works – An Economic Development Strategy for the City’s Future Growth”, stressing the importance of working together and outlines strengths already in existence to build upon as the proposed plan is implemented.

CR69/2021 AMENDED BY CR473/2021 ADOPTED OCTOBER 25, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: CR69/2021

That Council **RECEIVE** the external advisory report and **ENDORSE IN PRINCIPLE** the recommendations enclosed in Windsor Works: An Economic Development Strategy for the City's Future Growth; and further,

That Council **DIRECT** Administration to undertake the work required in order to prepare a detailed implementation plan as soon as practical and provide quarterly updates to Council on progress.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 44/2021
Clerk’s File: MD/14028

13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Readings)

Moved by: Councillor Holt
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

That the following By-law No. 26-2021 be introduced and read a first and second time:

26-2021 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

Carried.

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14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

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) By-law given first and second readings

Carried.

16. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman
Seconded by: Councillor Bortolin

That By-law No. 26-2021 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.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

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 7:21 o'clock p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk