



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the September 23rd, 2024 meeting of Council:

Presentations and Reports

2023 Year End (Q4) Budget to Actual Summaries and Transfers

Council approved Administration's recommendation to transfer the taxation-funded surplus for the 2023 fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, to reserves to align with the Town's strategic goal of financial stability.

Space Needs Study 2024

JLL Workplace Consulting presented the findings of the Spatial Needs Analysis Project (SNAP), which provided a comprehensive master plan reflecting the feedback and data gathered throughout the study. The report outlined recommendations for managing the Town's staffing and operational space requirements using a three-campus approach. Council approved the study in principle and requested additional reports outlining implementation and funding strategies for each component of the plan.

Gordon House Information Report

Administration presented Council with a detailed report on the estimated costs from the Gordon House Condition Assessment ahead of the 2025 capital budget. Council received the report for information.

320 Richmond Street Partial Demolition and New Parking Lot RFP #2024-026 Results

Council approved Administration's recommendation to award the project to Bear Construction and Engineering Inc. and authorized the execution of the project agreement. The budget amount and funding sources were also approved.

Report Back on the Evaluation of the Belle Vue Expression of Interest Proposal

Council approved Administration's recommendation to prepare a by-law deeming the entire Belle Vue property as surplus and authorized to proceed with negotiations based on the expression of interest, with a report to be brought back to Council by March 31, 2025.

Council directed Administration to be prepared to present options for the property's disposition if negotiations fail.

Opportunity for Heritage Town Hall Development

Valente Development Corporation presented their proposal to the Council to include a new Town Hall as part of the redevelopment of the former General Amherst High School site. The plan also envisions transforming Bill Wigle Park into a vibrant civic esplanade, creating

a dynamic public space for the community and incorporating a civic theatre for various events. Council approved the proposal in principle and has instructed Administration to gather public feedback on the potential integration of the new Town Hall before deciding on whether to proceed with negotiations.

Summary of Site Plan Applications Since June 09, 2024

A report was provided to Council summarizing all SPC activity which can be made public for the period of June 9, 2024 to September 10, 2024. Council received the report for information.

Correspondence

Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command – 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book - Request

Council approved advertising costs and funding sources for the 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book.

New Business

Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club Letter of Support

Council requested that a letter of support be drafted on behalf of Council to assist Bryerswood with their grant application for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program.

Schedule Inclusions for 2024 Budget Document

Councillor Pouget made a motion requesting specific documents be provided to the AFAC to support budget deliberations.

Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion of September 9 – Reconsideration of Council Resolution 20240625-019 – Deputy Mayor Gibb (deliberated September 23, 2024)

Council voted to reconsider its previous direction regarding consultation with Committees on new fees before presenting them to Council. Going forward consultation with the Committees will occur only for new fees affecting commercial and industrial businesses related to business licensing enhancements during the current term of Council.

Notice of Motion of September 23, 2024 – Reconsideration of Council Resolution 20240527-008 – Councillor Allaire (to be deliberated October 15, 2024)

Councillor Allaire submitted a notice of motion concerning Council Resolution 20240527-008 on Temporary Patio Extensions, seeking to have the motion reconsidered to eliminate the authority to enter into temporary agreements.

By-Laws

By-law 2024-020 – Replacement of Access Culverts over the Deslippe Drain – Third and Final Reading

Council passed By-law 2024-020 to provide replacement of access culverts over the Deslippe Drain.

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