CITY OF WINDSOR AGENDA 01/13/2025

Final Consolidated City Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025
Time: 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

All members will have the option of participating in person in Council Chambers or electronically and will be counted towards quorum in accordance with Procedure Bylaw 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic meetings. The minutes will reflect this accordingly. Any delegations have the option to participate in person or electronically.

MEMBERS:

Mayor Drew Dilkens

Ward 1 – Councillor Fred Francis

Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 5 - Councillor Ed Sleiman

Ward 6 - Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Ward 7 - Councillor Angelo Marignani

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Ward 10 - Councillor Jim Morrison

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item #	Item Description
1.	**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

2. CALL TO ORDER - Playing of the National Anthem

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES *(previously distributed)*

4.1. Adoption of the Windsor City Council minutes of its meeting held December 9, 2024 **(SCM 394/2024)**

4.2. Adoption of the Windsor City Council minutes of its Special Meeting held December 17, 2024 **(SCM 395/2024)**

5. NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7. COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION PACKAGE (This includes both Correspondence and Communication Reports)

7.1. Correspondence 7.1.1 through 7.1.2 **(CMC 1/2025) (*previously distributed*)**
Clerk's Note: Item 7.1.3 – Correspondence Item ***(previously distributed)***

No.	Sender	Subject
7.1.3	Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)	Fee Schedule 2025 (Minister's Directive) FINAL Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer Commissioner, Economic Development Commissioner, Finance & City Treasurer GCE2024 Note & File

7.2. 2024 Audit Planning Report **(C 165/2024) (*previously distributed)***

8. CONSENT AGENDA *(previously distributed)*

8.1. Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for Windsor Business Improvement Areas for 2022 and 2023 - Wards 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 **(C 157/2024)**

8.2. A By-law to authorize special charges being imposed on lots abutting the local improvement work completed under By-law 89-2019 on Matthew Brady Boulevard from Tranby Avenue to Cul-de-Sac - Ward 6 **(C 164/2024)**

8.3. Response to CQ 10-2024 - Property Owner sign-off on Permit Applications - City Wide **(SCM 240/2024) (S 93/2024)**
Clerk's Note: Administration is providing the ***previously distributed*** additional information **(AI 22/2024)**

CONSENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.4. Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4 **(SCM 361/2024) (S 149/2024)**

8.5. Response to CQ 7-2024 - Converting Downtown One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Ward 3 **(SCM 362/2024) (S 116/2024)**
Clerk's Note: Administration is providing the ***previously distributed*** additional information
(AI 1/2025)

8.6. Update on Effectiveness of Wintertime Signage for Pedestrian Walkways **(SCM 363/2024) (S 150/2024)**

8.7. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held July 10, 2024 **(SCM 364/2024) (SCM 330/2024)**

8.8. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held September 11, 2024 **(SCM 365/2024) (SCM 331/2024)**

8.9. Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z 020-24 [ZNG-7216] Farhi Holdings Corporation 8565 McHugh Street – Combined Use Building Development – Ward 6 **(SCM 367/2024) (S 152/2024)**

8.10. Zoning Bylaw Amendments - Z 033-24 [ZNG-7238] 1495754 Ontario Inc. 0 Esplanade Dr – Multiple Dwelling Building Development – Ward 7 **(SCM 368/2024) (S 153/2024)**

8.11. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Z034/24 (ZNG/7241) - Anthony Palermo – 5172 Joy Rd, Ward 9 **(SCM 369/2024) (S 157/2024)**

8.14. Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z 031-24 [ZNG-7236] 1066 California Ave Ward 2 **(SCM 372/2024) (S 147/2024)**

8.15. OPA 190 Source water policies **(SCM 373/2024) (S 159/2024)**

8.16. Community Heritage Fund Request – 794 Devonshire Road, Porter Coate House (Ward 4) **(SCM 374/2024) (S 160/2024)**

8.17. Minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge of its meeting held September 12, 2024 **(SCM 377/2024) (SCM 288/2024)**

8.18. Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc., Held September 12, 2024 **(SCM 378/2024) (SCM 324/2024)**

8.19. Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc., held October 16, 2024 **(SCM 379/2024) (SCM 325/2024)**

8.20. Report No. 120 of the Board of Directors Willistead Manor Inc. **(SCM 380/2024) (SCM 326/2024)**

8.21. Facility Accessibility Design Standard Adoption - City Wide **(SCM 381/2024) (S 130/2024)**

8.22. Response to CQ 39-2024 – Funds Available for Waterfront Parkland Property – Riverside Sites (Shores Park & Former Abars Site) – Ward 6 **(SCM 382/2024) (C 137/2024)**
Clerk's Note: P&C memo provided to Mayor and members of Council only.

8.23. Response to CQ12-2024 –Community Recognition Awards – City Wide **(SCM 383/2024) (S 169/2024)**

8.24. Response to Council Directive CR31/2024; Report regarding 2023 and 2024 attendance numbers and staffing possibilities at the Duff-Baby Mansion at 221 Mill Street - Ward 2 **(SCM 384/2024) (S 162/2024)**

8.25. Strategy to Promote Alternatives to Payday Loans - City Wide **(SCM 385/2024) (C 143/2024)**
Clerk's Note: Karlene Nielsen, Manager, Strategic Community Engagement, United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex Chatham-Kent is providing the ***previously distributed*** email dated January 9, 2025, and letter dated January 6, 2025, as a written submission.

8.26. Status on IPV Funding Availability - City Wide **(SCM 386/2024) (C 144/2024)**

8.27. Training at Local Emergency Shelters – City Wide **(SCM 387/2024) (S 164/2024)**

9. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS AND/OR WITHDRAWALS

10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

DELEGATIONS: (5 Minutes)

8.13. Rezoning – Baker Investments Ltd.- 0 Wyandotte Street East - Z-035/24 ZNG/7243 - Ward 6 **(SCM 371/2024) (S 154/2024)**
a) Tracey Pillon-Abbs RPP Principal Planner, Pillon Abbs Inc. (via Zoom)
b) Sarah Jarvis, Area resident (via Zoom)

8.28. Social Housing – End of Mortgage (EOM) and Negotiation of Service Agreements with Housing Providers – City Wide **(SCM 388/2024) (S 166/2024)**
a) Bob Davidovich, Operations Manager, Homeland Non-Profit Complex Inc. & Pillette Green Community Housing Corporation (in person)

11.1. Festival Plaza Redevelopment – Ward 3 **(C 147/2024)**
Clerk's Note: Neil Mens, area resident is providing the ***previously distributed*** email dated December 30, 2024, as a written submission; Chris MacLeod, DWBIA Chair is submitting the ***attached*** letter dated January 6, 2025, as a written submission; David Hanna, area resident is submitting the ***attached*** email dated January 10, 2025, as a written submission..
a) Neil Mens, Area resident (in person)
b) Austin Spademan, B I R D, City Partnerships (via Zoom)

LATE:
c) Seth Perera, Area Resident (via Zoom)
d) Mike Taylor, Area Resident (in person)

11.2. Sandpoint Beach – Approval of the Masterplan – Ward 7 **(C 166/2024)**
Clerk's Note: List of written submissions ***previously distributed*****:**
a) Emmi Sud, Area Resident
b) Neil Mens, Area Resident
c) Terry & Darcie Patrick, Area Residents

DELEGATIONS:
a) Neil Mens, Area resident (in person)
b) Terence Kipping, Area Resident (in person)
c) Emmi Sud, Area Resident (in person)

LATE DELEGATIONS:
d) Al DeRose, Area Resident (via Zoom)
e) Rosanna DeMarco, Area Resident (in person)

8.12. OPA & Rezoning – 1722912 Ontario – 4088-4096 6th Concession Rd – OPA 188 OPA/7218 Z-021/24 ZNG/7217 - Ward 9 **(SCM 370/2024) (S 141/2024)**
Clerk's Note: List of written submissions ***previously distributed*****:**
a) Aarti Pandya, Area Resident
b) Afifa Rahman, Area resident
c) Marilyn Villalta, Area Resident
d) Mark Poisson, Area Resident
e) Marla Sponarski, Area Resident
f) Suzanne De Froy, Area resident

DELEGATIONS:
a) Jackie Lassaline, Lassaline Planning Consultants (in person)
b) Muhammad Siddiqui, Area Resident (in person)
c) Touseef Rehman, Area Resident (via Zoom)
d) Brian Kukhta, Area Resident (in person)
e) Satvir Sandhu, Area Resident (in person)
f) Suzanne De Froy, Area Resident (in person)
g) Abdul Naboulsi , Area Resident (in person)
h) Rafat Jafri, Area Resident (in person)
i) Malay Dixit, Area Resident (via Zoom)

BUDGET DELEGATIONS: (5 Minutes)

a) Stephanie Thompson, area resident (in person)
b) Alim Nathoo, Former Resident (via Zoom)
c) Caroline Taylor, area resident (in person)
d) Nate Hope, Member and Joshua Sankarlal, Member, Activate Transit Windsor Essex (in person) (PowerPoint)
e) Zachary Balogh, Member, Activate Transit Windsor Essex (in person) (PowerPoint)
f) Murad Erzinclioglu, Area Resident (in person)
g) Michelle Smith, Area Resident (in person)
h) Stephanie Barnhard, Board President, Arts Council Windsor and Region (in person) (PowerPoint)

i) Anne Ryan, Executive Director, & Karen Soulliere, Chair of the Board, IRIS Residential Inns and Services (in person)
j) Vino Patel, Owner, Bruce Villa Manor (in person)
k) John Di Nino, President, Amalgamated Transit Union Canada (via Zoom)
l) MD Humayun Kabir, Area Resident (via Zoom)
m) Matthew Charbonneau, Area Resident (in person)
n) Ken Lewenza, Unifor Local 444 (in person)
o) Helena MacKenzie, Area Resident (in person)
p) Raymond Hoang, Area Resident (via Zoom) (PowerPoint)
q) Sara Whittle, Area Resident (in person)

LATE DELEGATIONS:
a) Doris Benko, Area Resident (in person)
b) Hua Zhang, Business Director, Salvation Army (in person)
c) Meg Gregoire, JD Candidate 2025, University of Windsor Law (in person)
d) Debbie Sweet, Area Resident (in person)

BUDGET WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

Clerk's Note: List of written submissions ***previously distributed*****:**
a) Adryan Hermiz, Area Resident
b) Anne Ryan, Executive Director, IRIS Residential Inns And Services
c) Ashley Meyers, Area Resident
d) Bill Williams, Area Resident
e) Chloe Skaine, Area Resident
f) Emmi Sud, Area Resident
g) Fiona DeBono, Area Resident
h) Gabriel Ciavaglia, Area Resident
i) Gentrit Sejdiu, Area Resident
j) Greg Presland, Area Resident
k) John Di Nino, President, Amalgamated Transit Union Canada
l) Joshua Sankarlal & Nate Hope, Members, Activate Transit Windsor Essex
m) Joshua Sankarlal, Member, Activate Transit Windsor Essex,
n) Joshua Roussel, Area Resident
o) Kate Jefford, Area Resident
p) Manpreet Sidhu, Area Resident
q) Mayssa Saidoun, Area Resident
r) Nirmala Amaratunge, Area Resident
s) Patrick Atukorala, Area Resident
t) Raghu Osti, Area Resident
u) Sabina Mukit, Area Resident
v) Sandy Berglund, Area Resident
w) Stephanie Barnhard, Board President, Arts Council Windsor And Region
x) Usman Shamiu, Area Resident
y) Vino Patel, Owner, Bruce Villa Manor
z) Zdravka Ostojic, Area Resident

Clerk's Note: List of written submissions ***attached:***
aa) Emelda Byrne, Greater Essex County District School Board
bb) Sandi Lusk, Area Resident
cc) Rabi Dhungana, Area Resident
dd) Debi Croucher, DWBIA

11. REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS (Non-Consent Items) *(previously distributed)*

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS TO BE TABLED FOR DELIBERATION AT THE JANUARY 27, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING *(previously distributed):*

10.1. 2025 Operating Budget Report - City Wide **(C 4/2025)**

10.2. 2025 10-Year Recommended Capital Budget - City Wide**(C 163/2024)**

10.3. Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) 2025 Budget **(C 1/2025)**

10.4. 2025 Stormwater & Wastewater Budget Report - City Wide **(C 2/2025)**

10.5. WPL 2025 Annual Reserve Fund Expenditure Plan & List of Donations and Bequests received in 2024 - WPL Board **(CM 14/2024)**

10.6. Municipal Accommodation Tax Program Update (City Wide) **(C 138/2024)**

10.7. Options for Dog Licencing and Registration – City Wide **(C 3/2025)**

10.8 Results of the Minutes of Settlement for the Centralize Appeals for Banner Stores in Windsor – City Wide **(C 152/2024)**

10.9 Mayoral Direction MD 43-2024 – Hybrid Work Program & Procedure Research & Report **(C 8/2025)**

10.10. Response to CQ 24-2023 Regarding Minimum Standards, Vendor Warranties, and Construction Policies for Road Repair, Sewer Infrastructure, and Road Rehab Projects - City Wide **(SCM 111/2024)** & **(S 44/2024)**

10.11. Response to CQ 12-2023: Public conduct policy and security screening options for City Hall and other municipal facilities - City-wide **(S 86/2024)**

10.12. Response to CQ 13-2024, CQ 16-2024 and CQ 30-2024 - Pickleball & Squash Courts within the City - City Wide **(SCM 267/2024)** & **(S 108/2024)**

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 (if scheduled)

12.2. Report of the Special Meeting of Council – In-Camera of its meeting held December 9, 2024 ***(attached)***

13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Reading)

13.1. **By-law 1-2025** – A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED ON LOTS ABUTTING ON THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT WORK COMPLETED UNDER BY-LAW 89-2019 ON MATTHEW BRADY BOULEVARD FROM TRANBY AVENUE TO CUL-DE-SAC, IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, See Item 8.2.
Clerk's Note: Administration has provided an updated version of the by-law with minor corrections. ***(previously distributed)***

13.2. **By-law 2-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", See Item 8.9. ***(previously distributed)***

13.3. **By-law 3-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 250-2004 BEING A BY-LAW RESPECTING SIGNS AND OTHER ADVERTISING DEVICES IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, Authorized by CR460/2024, dated October 28, 2024 & CR370/2024, dated September 9, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.4. **By-law 4-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by CR494/2024, dated November 25, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.5. **By-law 5-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", See Item 8.10. ***(previously distributed)***

13.6. **By-law 6-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by CR493/2024, dated November 25, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.7. **By-law 7-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by CR123/2024, dated March 18, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.8. **By-law 8-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by CR492/2024, dated November 25, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.9. **By-law 9-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by CR229/2024, dated May 27, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.10. **By-law 10-2025** - A BY-LAW TO ASSUME BARKLEY AVENUE AND CLEARWATER AVENUE FROM FIRGROVE DRIVE TO PEPPERVINE STREET, BEING STREETS SHOWN ON PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 12M-643 KNOWN AS BARKLEY AVENUE AND CLEARWATER AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, authorized by M98-2012, dated February 21, 2012. ***(previously distributed)***

13.11. **By-law 11-2025** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW", authorized by M98-2012, dated February 21, 2012. ***(previously distributed)***

13.12 **By-law 12-2025** - A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY BORROWING OF MONEY FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR 2025, authorized by CR525/2024, dated December 9, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.13 **By-law 13-2025** - A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR INTERIM TAX LEVIES FOR 2025, authorized by CR524/2024, dated December 9, 2024. ***(previously distributed)***

13.14 **By-law 14-2025** - A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025. ***(previously distributed)***

14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor _____

That given the need for the City of Windsor to have autonomy to create a transportation network that meets the needs of our community; and,

Since unwarranted meddling and unnecessary oversight from Bureaucrats and Politicians at Queen's Park in developing and implementing transportation infrastructure at the municipal level, during a period of unprecedented local growth increases red tape causing administrative delays and adds financial burden reducing municipal capacity to address other pressing issues in our community; and,

Recognizing that the City, its residents, administrators and locally elected officials understand our community, its needs, its culture and strategic direction far better than people working in Queen's Park and must therefore must continue to be empowered to make decisions that respond to local needs and priorities; and,

Understanding that Active Transportation infrastructure has the dual benefit of reducing traffic congestion and improving road safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike;

That Council DIRECT Administration, for the reasons cited above, to express to the Government of Ontario, on its behalf, its opposition to the measures outlined in Bill 212, the so-called Reducing Gridlock and Saving You Time Act with a specific emphasis on any measure that would curtail Municipal Authority to design and implement transportation infrastructure within the City of Windsor.

Clerk's File: ST2024

Clerk's Note: At the November 25, 2024 City Council Meeting, Council adopted the following:

> Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
> Seconded by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
>
> That consideration of the following Notice of Motion introduced by Councillor Kieran McKenzie at the November 25, 2024, Council meeting **BE DEFERRED** to the January 13, 2025, meeting of Council to allow for all members of Council to **BE PROVIDED** with a copy of Bill 212 for their review prior to consideration:
> Carried.
> Councillors Kieran McKenzie, Fabio Costante and Fred Francis voting nay.

Clerk's Note: Administration is providing the ***previously distributed*** copy of Bill 212.

16. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS

By-law 1-2025 through 14-2025 inclusive

17. PETITIONS

18. QUESTION PERIOD

19. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

20. UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025
10:00 a.m., Council Chambers

21. ADJOURNMENT

Item No. 12.2

Committee Matters: SCM 9/2025

Subject: Report of the Special Meeting of Council - In-Camera of its meeting held December 9, 2024

SV/bm

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – IN CAMERA
December 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 1:23 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Mayor Drew Dilkens
Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Fred Francis
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Councillor Angelo Marignani
Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Councillor Mark McKenzie
Councillor Jim Morrison
Councillor Ed Sleiman

Also in attendance:

Joe Mancina, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human and Health Services
David Simpson, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer
Janice Guthrie, Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer
Ray Mensour, Commissioner Community and Corporate Services
Jelena Payne, Commissioner Economic Development
Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy Clerk
Wira Vendrasco, City Solicitor (Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
Dana Paladino, Acting Senior Executive Director Corporate Services
Michael Chantler, Senior Executive Director Community Services
Christopher Menard, Acting Mayor's Chief of Staff
James Chacko, Executive Director Parks, Recreation & Facilities (Items 5 and 10)
Lorie Gregg, Deputy Treasurer (Item 6)
Joe Baker, Acting Manager Corporate Projects – Economic Development (Items 7, 8 and 12)
Matt Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development (Items 7, 8, 11 and 12)

Neil Robertson, City Planner (Items 7, 8 and 12)
Aaron Farough, Senior Legal Counsel (Items 2 and 9)
Diane Wilson, Manager Social and Affordable Housing (Item 8)
Kelly Goz, Manager Homelessness and Housing Support (Item 9)
Tracy Beadow, Project Administrator (Item 9)

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Fabio Costante,
That Council NOT move in-camera for discussion of the following item and that it be moved to a public meeting of Council, and in the form of a public report:

7	**Property/legal matter – disposition of land/advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, Section 239(2)(c)(f)(k)**

The motion is put and is lost.
Not carried.
Aye votes: Councillors Fred Francis, Fabio Costante, Kieran McKenzie and Gary Kaschak
Nay votes: Councillors Jo-Anne Gignac, Renaldo Agostino, Mark McKenzie, Angelo Marignani, Jim Morrison and Ed Sleiman.

Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Mark McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac,
to move in Camera for discussion of the following item(s):

Item No.	Subject & Section - Pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended
1	**Personal matter – labour negotiations, Section 239(2)(d) – Recommendation from Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee, meeting as Transit Windsor Board of Directors of meeting held November 27, 2024**
2	**Legal/property matter – expropriation settlement, Section 239(2)(c)(e)**
3	**Legal/property matter – expropriation settlement, Section 239(2)(c)(e)**

4	**Legal/property matter – expropriation settlement, Section 239(2)(c)(e)**
5	**Property matter – disposition of land, Section 239(2)(c)**
6	**Legal matter – advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, Section 239(2)(f)**
7	**Property/legal matter – disposition of land/advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, Section 239(2)(c)(f)(k)**
8	**Property/plan – disposition of land, Section 239(2)(c)(k)**
9	**Property/plan matter – disposition of land, Section 239(2)(c)(k)**
10	**Personal matter – about an identifiable individual – donation, Section 239(2)(b) – verbal report**
11	**Personal matter – about an identifiable individual – staffing update, Section 239(2)(b) – verbal report**
12	**Property matter – disposition of land update, Section 239(2)(c) – verbal report**
13	**Position/plan – agreement/contract, Section 239(2)(g)(i)(k) and *Community Safety and Policing Act*, Section 44(2)(d)(h)(k)(j) – verbal report**

Motion Carried.
Councillor Francis voting nay on including Item 7 on the in-camera agenda.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Ed Sleiman discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 10 as he is involved in the subject matter.

Councillor Fred Francis discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 10 as the employer of a family member is connected to the subject matter.

Discussion on the items of business.

Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Gary Kaschak,
to move back into public session.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac,
THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to transmit the recommendation(s) contained in the report(s) discussed at the In-Camera Council Meeting held December 9, 2024 directly to Council for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

1. That the confidential report from the Acting Total Compensation Specialist, Manager ESC and Total Rewards, Executive Director Human Resources, Acting Senior Executive Director Corporate Services, Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services, Executive Director of Transit Windsor, Commissioner of Economic Development, Manager of Performance Measurement and Business Case Development and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a personal matter – labour negotiations **BE RECEIVED** and that the in-camera recommendation of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, of its meeting held November 27, 2024 **BE APPROVED**.

2. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from Senior Legal Counsel, Acting Senior Executive Director of Corporate Services, Deputy City Solicitor, Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services, Manager Performance Measurement and Business Case Development and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal/property matter – expropriation settlement **BE APPROVED**.

3. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from Senior Legal Counsel, City Solicitor, Acting Senior Executive Director of Corporate Services, Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services, Manager Performance Measurement and Business Case Development and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal/property matter – expropriation settlement **BE APPROVED**.

4. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from Senior Legal Counsel, Acting Senior Executive Director of Corporate Services, City Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal/property matter – expropriation settlement **BE APPROVED**.

5. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from the City Solicitor, Executive Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, Acting Senior Executive Director of Corporate Services, Acting Senior Executive Director of Community Services, Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services and Commissioner of Finance/Deputy Treasurer respecting a property matter – disposition of land **BE APPROVED**.

6. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from the Deputy Treasurer Taxation Treasury and Financial Projects, City Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal matter – advice subject to solicitor-client privilege **BE APPROVED**.

7. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from Acting Manager of Corporate Projects – Economic Development, Executive Director of Economic Development and Climate Change, Manager of Development Revenue and Financial Administration, City Planner, City Solicitor, Commissioner of Community Services, Commissioner of Economic Development and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a property/legal matter – disposition of land/advice subject to solicitor-client privilege **BE APPROVED**.

Councillor Fred Francis voting nay.

8. That the confidential report from the Acting Manager of Corporate Projects – Economic Development, Executive Director of Economic Development and Climate Change, City Solicitor, Commissioner of Economic Development and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a property/plan – disposition of land **BE RECEIVED** and further that Administration **PROCEED** on the verbal direction of Council.

9. That the recommendation contained in the confidential report from the Acting Manager of Homelessness and Housing Support, Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services, City Solicitor, Acting Senior Executive Director of Community Services, Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services, Commissioner of Human and Health Services and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a property/plan matter **BE APPROVED**.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino voting nay.

10. That the confidential verbal report from the Executive Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities and the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer **BE RECEIVED** and further Administration **PROCEED** on the verbal direction of Council.

Councillors Ed Sleiman and Fred Francis both disclose an interest and abstain from discussion and voting on this matter.

11. That the confidential verbal report from the Commissioner of Economic Development respecting a personal matter about an identifiable individual – staffing update **BE RECEIVED**.

12. That the confidential verbal report from the Commissioner of Economic Development respecting a property matter – disposition of land update **BE RECEIVED**, and further Administration **PROCEED** on the verbal direction of Council.

Aye votes: Councillors Angelo Margani, Jo-Anne Gignac, Jim Morrison, Fabio Costante, Gary Kaschak, Ed Sleiman and Mayor Drew Dilkens
Nay votes: Councillors Renaldo Agostino, Kieran McKenzie, Fred Francis and Mark McKenzie

13. That the confidential verbal report from Mayor Drew Dilkens respecting a position/plan – agreement/contract **BE RECEIVED,** and that Administration **BE DIRECTED TO PROCEED** in accordance with the verbal instruction of Council.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Kieran McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Jim Morrison,
That the special meeting of council held December 9, 2024 BE ADJOURNED. (Time: 4:35 p.m.)

Motion Carried.

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January 6, 2025

Mayor Drew Dilkens and Members of City Council
City of Windsor
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Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of City Council:

Re: Item 11.1 - Festival Plaza Redevelopment - Ward 3

On behalf of the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association (DWBIA), I am writing to express our strong support for Option 1 (Dynamic Destination Design) in the proposed Festival Plaza redevelopment. We believe this top-tier, transformative approach will establish Festival Plaza as a cornerstone of economic, cultural, and community vitality in downtown Windsor.

Option 1 is a visionary proposal that connects with our shared goals of creating a dynamic, inclusive, and engaging urban core. Its comprehensive features, including tiered grass seating, shade structures, interactive water installations, and expanded green spaces, will enhance the plaza's usability year-round. These investments are both aesthetic and practical, and promote an environment that invites residents and visitors to engage with our downtown, attend events, and support local businesses.

This redevelopment will undoubtedly bolster downtown Windsor as a hub of tourism and economic activity. By integrating cutting-edge infrastructure and thoughtful design, Festival Plaza will attract diverse events, stimulate foot traffic, and create ripple effects that benefit restaurants, retail shops, and cultural venues throughout the core. Its emphasis on green infrastructure and accessibility is proof that our city is forward-thinking, and that we are committed to sustainability and inclusivity.

However, the DWBIA emphasizes that our highest priority is to continue funding the "Strengthen the Core" program, which has delivered impactful and measurable results in revitalizing downtown Windsor during its first six months. While we are enthusiastic about the potential of Option 1 for Festival Plaza, it is critical not to overlook the importance of Strengthen the Core, a

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program that directly addresses immediate needs and drives tangible improvements for our downtown.

This program aligns seamlessly with the vision for Festival Plaza, creating a synergy that amplifies the transformative potential of both initiatives. Together, they provide an unparalleled opportunity to redefine downtown Windsor as a vibrant destination for residents, visitors, and entrepreneurs. They demonstrate how investment in public spaces can stimulate economic growth, celebrate our community's rich culture, and foster pride and belonging among Windsorites.

We respectfully urge Council to prioritize the continued success of Strengthen the Core while approving Option 1 for Festival Plaza redevelopment. Maintaining momentum in Strengthen the Core will ensure that its progress is sustained and integrated with the long-term enhancements envisioned for Festival Plaza.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this essential investment in our city's future. The DWBIA remains committed to collaborating with the City of Windsor to fully realize the potential of downtown Windsor as a thriving and dynamic hub.

Sincerely,

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Chris Macleod
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Chris MacLeod
Chair

From: david hanna < >
Sent: January 10, 2025 12:07 PM
To: clerks <clerks@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Request to be Written Delegation: January 13, 2025 Windsor City Council - Item No. 11.1 Festival Plaza

Hello,

RE: Request to be written Delegation to January 13, 2025 Windsor City Council Item No. 11.1 "Festival Plaza".

I would like to state that I support the Option #1 of Item 11.1 Festival Plaza. Although Option 2 could be considered a Phase in, I would agree that it would end up costing more in both terms of money and disruption. Better to go up front with the recommended Option # 1.

I would add that consideration be given to the following items:

1. Raking the main seating area sufficiently for good sight lines.
2. Considering additional sponsors such as Caesar's Windsor (at least dedicating the annual OLG income the City receives from Ceasars).
3. Ensure as much permeable paving as possible. If the City can do it Tranby Park Parking Lot, then they can certainly consider it on our prime riverfront location.
4. Consider additional other stormwater mitigation features. Swales, Rain Gardens etc.
5. Consider Naturalized landscape features and plantings.
6. Ensure any ne lighting is minimal and all artificial lighting to be downcast.
7. Consider patterns and subtle coloring in the permeable paving design.
8. Consider better quality 'Sea Container' design and placement. Hold a public design competition.
9. Ensure opportunities for open call Public Art.
10. Ensure Seasonal variance in shade tree plantings.
11. Consider celebrating Canadian geography in choice of materials and design.
12. Consider sound buffering aspects of materials and landscaping.
13. Allow no overhead utility lines.
14. Consider Green Grants from other upper levels of Government or Corporate sponsors.

Regards,

David Hanna
Ward 3 Resident

WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY District School Board

January 10, 2025

Dear Members of Windsor City Council,

It has come to our attention that as part of ongoing budget deliberations, Windsor's City Council will consider a recommendation for a new Transit Windsor Service Plan, which among other things, calls for the elimination of School Extra buses.

As the administrative leaders of the two largest school boards in Windsor-Essex, we are writing to express our unreserved opposition to this recommendation.

In the budget detail document (#2025-0121), these school extras are referred to as a "concierge level of service for a small number of secondary students." We can assure you that this statement could be nothing further from the truth. The document fails to mention any actual figures regarding student ridership on these extra buses, but we can assure you that they are extremely well utilized by our students.

At Holy Names Catholic High School for instance, six extra buses transport students to and from school every day, and they are always full. At Vincent Massey Secondary School, there are also six very well utilized extra buses. At Riverside Secondary School and at St. Joseph's Catholic High School, students from each school rely on two extra buses that are full every day. Based on a 40-seat capacity for the average Transit Windsor bus, that's approximately 640 students who rely on this service every school day.

In speaking with Principals at all of these schools, a number of serious concerns were raised:

- Eliminating this service would only create additional vehicular traffic in areas already severely congested - particularly at such schools as Holy Names and Massey - as more parents would undoubtedly be driving their children to and from school. Besides increased congestion, this creates a safety issue for the many pedestrians in those areas, not to mention the environmental impact.

- The current extra high school routes provide an expedited transit ride without connections, so many students would be facing increased ride time, the possibility of missed connections, and subsequently missed classroom instructional time. Long commute times negatively affect students' sleep, physical activity, and overall health, creating a ripple effect on academic success and mental well-being.

- For many students, especially those from lower socio-economic households, these extra buses are their only source of transportation. Eliminating them could have a negative outcome on student attendance and subsequently, student achievement.

- Many of the existing routes don't travel to the areas that the extra buses currently do, and would never accommodate the number of students who would rely on them. We understand the recommendation calls for the enhancement of existing routes, however, will the frequency of these enhanced routes be sufficiently increased to handle the number of students that currently ride the high school extras, especially during peak times? If these new regular buses are staggered, we envision hundreds of students waiting at stops on busy streets like Dominion for their bus to arrive.

It's important to note that at no point were our school boards contacted regarding these service changes for feedback or collaboration, and only learned about them through the local media. We would have been happy to work with the City and Transit Windsor officials on addressing issues they are currently facing.

In closing, transportation is a critical yet often overlooked factor in ensuring equitable access to education. Without reliable transit, many students face barriers that impact their attendance, performance, and overall opportunities. Transportation is an important part of bridging the gap toward achieving educational inclusion — a gap that requires closing early on. Having a trustworthy, dependable way to get to and from school is key to promoting equitable education for students from all backgrounds.

On behalf of our students and their families we would urge you to seriously reconsider the impact of eliminating these extra bus routes and commit to maintaining them as an essential service for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely

Emelda Byrne
Director of Education
Windsor-Essex Catholic
District School Board

Vicki Houston
Director of Education
Greater Essex County
District School Board

From: Rabi Dhungana < >
Sent: January 10, 2025 12:16 PM
To: clerks <clerks@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Bus service for high schools students.

This cut is unacceptable for the working parents and taxpayers.Due to this some parents have to quit their job , stop paying taxes and also possible strike could happen.Thanks

From: Sandra Lusk < >
Sent: January 10, 2025 11:04 AM
To: clerks <clerks@citywindsor.ca>
Subject: Cost of Tunnel Bus

Dear City of Windsor Clerk,

First, I want to apologize for interrupting your day with this email but yours is the only email address I could find besides the 311 address. I have had dealings with 311 in the past with poor results. Second, I want to say that the city has really made it difficult for the public to contact a City of Windsor Department without going through 311. I couldn't even find a list of Department Heads on your website. Much different than it was when I was in the clerical pool for 15 years.

My question is, why does it cost so much more to operate the Tunnel Bus than it does the bus between Windsor and Amherstburg? The travel distance for the tunnel bus must be 25 percent or less than that of the trip to Amherstburg. Perhaps if the City explained it's need for a rate increase to the public and its ridership, it would be easier to accept a rate increase for a trip to Detroit.

Sincerely,
Sandi Lusk

January 12, 2024

Mayor Drew Dilkens and Members of City Council
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Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of City Council:

Re: Budget Item: Adjustment to enforcement time for parking meters

On behalf of the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association (DWBIA) and our more than 680 members, I am writing to express our serious concerns regarding the proposed extension of paid parking hours in the downtown core from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

As representatives of downtown businesses, property owners, and stakeholders, we have engaged extensively with our members. The feedback has been overwhelmingly negative, reflecting legitimate concerns about how this proposal could jeopardize downtown Windsor's economic vitality and revitalization efforts.

We strongly urge City Council to reconsider this proposal for the following reasons:

1. Economic Impact on Businesses
   For many restaurants and entertainment venues, the hours between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM are critical for business. Imposing parking fees during these peak hours puts downtown establishments at a competitive disadvantage compared to other areas with free parking. This will likely drive customers elsewhere, reducing revenue and threatening the success of these businesses.

2. Challenges to Business Competitiveness
   Downtown businesses already face significant competition from suburban areas and other districts with free or lower-cost parking. Adding parking fees during key evening hours would exacerbate these challenges, reducing foot traffic and discouraging both customers and new businesses from choosing the downtown core.

3. Impact on Community Engagement and Arts and Culture
   Downtown Windsor has made commendable progress in becoming a vibrant destination for community gatherings, cultural events, and evening activities. Extending paid parking hours creates unnecessary barriers for residents and visitors attending these events, diminishing participation and community engagement.

Arts and culture venues, already vulnerable to declining attendance, would face even more significant challenges. Higher parking fees risk deterring audiences, redirecting them to entertainment options in other areas with free parking. This decline in attendance would jeopardize the revenue and sustainability of vital arts and culture programs that contribute to the vibrancy of our downtown.

4. Increased Costs for Deliveries and Consumer Goods
   Businesses that rely on deliveries and shipments will face higher transportation and logistics costs due to increased parking rates. These costs often cascade down to consumers, resulting in higher prices for goods and services.

5. Financial and Time Strain on Students
   Students, many of whom already face financial constraints, would bear the burden of increased parking fees. Even modest increases can make parking unaffordable, forcing students to find more distant or free parking options. This added inconvenience could reduce valuable time spent attending classes or studying.

6. Hindrance to Economic Recovery
   As downtown Windsor continues its recovery from recent economic challenges, creating barriers to visitation and growth is counterproductive. Extended parking fees could deter customers and investors, undermining efforts to foster economic development and sustain momentum in the core.

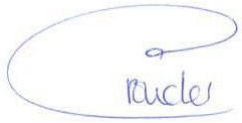
7. Increased Financial Burden on Workers
   Many downtown employees, especially those in the service industry, rely on affordable parking to maintain their livelihoods. Extended paid parking hours would effectively act as a pay cut for evening workers, increasing financial stress and exacerbating employee retention challenges, particularly in a post-pandemic recovery climate.

While we understand the City's need to manage parking resources and generate revenue, this proposal risks undermining the very foundation of downtown Windsor's economic health. Reduced foot traffic, lower business revenue, and increased vacant storefronts are likely outcomes that would negate any financial gains from extended enforcement hours.

We respectfully urge the City to maintain the current 6:00 PM end time for paid parking. The DWBIA remains committed to collaborating with the City to identify solutions that support downtown Windsor's growth while balancing fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns and look forward to working together to ensure a thriving, accessible, and vibrant downtown Windsor.

Sincerely,



Debi Croucher
Executive Director