Special Meeting of Council Agenda

Date: Friday, February 21, 2025
Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Clerk's Note: All members will be participating electronically and will be counted towards quorum. The minutes will reflect this accordingly.

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

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

11. REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS

11.1. Request for an override vote pertaining to the veto issued via Mayoral Decision MD 06-2025 ***(attached)***

BACKGROUND:

a) Windsor City Council, at its meeting held January 27, 2025 adopted the following:

Moved by: Councillor Renald Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: B21/2025
That with regard to the proposed "Elimination of Tunnel Bus/Special Events Service", that the one-way fare for special events and regular tunnel bus service ***BE INCREASED TO*** *$20.00 per person each way; and,*

That funding in the amount of $791,300 ***BE APPROVED*** *and* ***BE FUNDED*** *through the 2025 tax levy.*
Carried.

At the request of Councillor Gignac, a recorded vote is taken.

Aye votes: Councillors Angelo Marignani, Renaldo Agostino, Jim Morrison, Fabio Costante, Kieran McKenzie, Gary Kaschak and Fred Francis.

Nay votes: Councillors Jo-Anne Gignac, Mark McKenzie, Ed Sleiman and Mayor Drew Dilkens.

Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

b) Mayor Dilkens issued the ***attached*** Mayoral Decision MD06-2025 in which he has exercised his authority to veto an amendment made by City Council at its meeting held January 27, 2025.

c) Within 15 days of the Mayor's veto date (being February 6, 2025), Council may meet to override the mayoral veto, through a 2/3 vote of Council. The legislation provides the Mayor with the option to vote on this matter. If the Mayor chooses to vote, then 8/11 votes are required for the override. If the Mayor chooses not to vote, then 7/10 votes are required for the override.

NEXT STEPS:

a) Council for decision
b) Recorded vote

CLERK'S NOTE:

With regards to the 2025 Recommended Budget (inclusive of both the Operating and 10-Year Capital Budget documents), it shall be noted that the legislative process and timelines of amendments, vetoes and overrides has finished as of February 21, 2025 and the budget is deemed to be adopted accordingly.

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)

13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Readings)

13.1. **BY-LAW 29-2025** A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION

16. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS

By-law 29-2025

21. ADJOURNMENT

The Corporation of the City of Windsor

Mayoral Decision MD 06-2025

I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, by virtue of S. 284.16(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001,* and *O.Reg. 530/22* thereunder, hereby exercise my authority to veto the amendment made by City Council at its meeting held January 27, 2025 with respect to the addition of the tunnel bus service to the 2025 City of Windsor budget.

This veto is being issued for the following reasons:

1) This service acts as an economic development engine for the City of Detroit. The City of Windsor sees almost no economic activity originating from Detroit through this service. At this time, our City and our Country are under economic attack by the President of The United States who is threatening 25% tariffs on Canadian made goods. While our cross-border bond with the City of Detroit remains strong and is important to us, as Mayor, I cannot in good conscience have Windsor taxpayers subsidize transit service to a country that is threating our livelihood.

2) City Council's decision to increase fares to $20 per person each way, will significantly undermine tunnel bus usage and lower total revenue. This fare increase makes the tunnel bus service more expensive than driving a car to Detroit (including the cost of tolls and parking fees). The expected revenue decrease will lead to a greater overall loss in the tunnel bus operation. I acknowledge and appreciate City Council's attempt to increase revenue by raising the fare, however I sincerely believe this will further undermine the 2025 budget.

This Mayoral Decision comes into effect on February 6, 2025.

Drew Dilkens,
Mayor, City of Windsor
Dated: February 6, 2025

BY-LAW NUMBER 29-2025

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

Passed the 21st day of February, 2025.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. The action of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor in respect to each recommendation contained in the Report/Reports of the Committees and the local Boards and Commissions and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of The Corporation of The City of Windsor at this special meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly in this by-law.

2. The Mayor and the proper officials of The Corporation of the City of Windsor are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor referred to in the preceding section hereof.

3. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of The Corporation of the City of Windsor.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

DREW DILKENS, MAYOR

CITY CLERK

First Reading - February 21, 2025
Second Reading - February 21, 2025
Third Reading - February 21, 2025