

**Final Consolidated City Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 o'clock a.m.

**Location:** Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Frazier Fathers

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 May 25, 2026  
(SCM 167/2026)**

**5.            NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation**

Recreation & Parks Month – June, 2026

**Flag Raising Ceremony**

Senior's Month – June 15, 2026

**6.            COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

**7.1          Correspondence 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 (CMC 10/2026)**

**Clerk's Note:** Items 7.1.3 and 7.1.4 – Correspondence Items

No.	Sender	Subject
7.1.3	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)	2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Elections - Call for Nominations.  Administrative Lead: City Clerk MMA2026 COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED otherwise Note & File
7.1.4	Town of Tecumseh	Notice of Public Meeting for Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment for a parcel of land situated on the south side of St. Jacques Street, approximately 100 metres west of its intersection with Lesperance Road.  Administrative Lead: City Planner Z2026 Note & File

**8. CONSENT AGENDA (previously distributed)**

- 8.1. Administrative Report Respecting the Realignment of Nine City of Windsor By-laws from the Building Department to the Council Services Department – City Wide **(C 64/2026)**  
*Author: John Revell, Chief Building Official*
- 8.2. Green Municipal Fund - Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant Application **(C 65/2026)** *Author: Simranpreet Singh, Asset Coordinator (Acting)*
- 8.3. Travel and Business Expense Policy Update - City Wide **(C 67/2026)** *Author: Faye Dunn, Finance Policy Coordinator*
- 8.4. CAO By-law Update - City Wide **(C 70/2026)** *Author: Wira Vendrasco, City Solicitor*

**9. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS AND/OR WITHDRAWALS**

**10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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

11.1. Surplus Declaration and Sale Authorization – 673 Caron Avenue– Ward 3 **(C 69/2026)**  
*Author: Natalie D'Ambrosio, Coordinator Real Estate Services*

11.2 825 Riverside Drive West, CBC/CKLW Building – Heritage Designation Report (Ward 4)  
**(SCM 166/2026) (S 50/2026)** *Author: Kristina Tang, Planner III – Heritage*

**Clerk's Note:** Appendices B & C available at [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca) due to size

**Clerk's Note:** The following written submission was **previously distributed**:

a) Rachel Bossie, GSP Group

11.3 Interim By-law Update – Micromobility – City Wide **(C 72/2026)** *Author: Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation Heritage*

**AND**

11.3.1 Response to CQ 18-2025 Micromobility in Windsor – City Wide **(SCM 135/2026)**  
**(S 5/2026)** *Author: Kathy Quenneville, Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator*

**Clerk's Note:** Administration is providing the **previously distributed** additional information memo **(AI 3/2026)** *Author: Clare Amicarelli, Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator (Acting)*

11.4 Confirm And Ratify Report – Experience Windsor - Additional Details as requested by Council—City Wide **(C 77/2026)** *Author: Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk*

**12. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS (previously distributed)**

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 May 25, 2026  
**(SCM 195/2026)**

**13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Reading) (previously distributed)**

13.1. **By-law 93-2026** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 8600 CITED AS THE "CITY OF WINDSOR ZONING BY-LAW, authorized by CR228/2026, dated May 25, 2026,

13.2. **By-law 94-2026** - A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 149-2024, BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR, see Item 8.4.

- 13.3. **By-law 95-2026** - A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 9148 BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE TRAFFIC WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR, authorized by CAO 88/2026, dated April 30, 2026.
- 13.4. **By-law 96-2026** - A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

**14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION**

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION (*previously distributed*)**

- 15.1 Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** the City of Windsor is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and stable housing of all its residents, particularly vulnerable women, youth, seniors, and families facing immediate housing and shelter crises; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Windsor has a history of partnering with the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women & Families, explicitly recognizing that the specialized services they provide are critical to the municipality's overall emergency social services framework; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Windsor originally reinforced this critical partnership through a significant capital investment to purchase and renovate a former hotel property on Tuscarora Street, a strategic joint initiative that successfully allowed the Welcome Centre to expand its baseline capacity to 32 gender-specific beds and 21 family rooms; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Windsor originally requested that the Welcome Centre expand its capacities and absorb additional emergency spaces to support municipal winter and overflow planning, which successfully reduced the number of unaccommodated women in our community; and,

**WHEREAS** the Welcome Centre's correspondence dated May 8th outlines that maintaining these expanded capacities has created an unsustainable systemic deficit due to senior-government funding freezes, requiring immediate, broader operational resources to safely maintain the necessary staffing, programming, and facility infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS** Windsor City Council voted unanimously on July 10, 2023, to officially declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an epidemic in our community, establishing a clear municipal imperative to prioritize, support, and resource safety nets for women and families in crisis; and,

**WHEREAS** emergency shelter capacity cannot be measured solely by the total number of physical beds in the broader municipal system, as women seeking shelter present distinct service needs rooted in complex trauma and deep vulnerability, requiring specialized, gender-specific spaces that prioritize unique psychological safety and frequently accommodate accompanying minor children—factors that can lead highly vulnerable women to avoid general mixed-gender or co-ed spaces entirely, choosing instead to survive in vehicles or on the street; and,

**WHEREAS** the immense community demand for these specialized environments is starkly illustrated by data from the Welcome Centre, noting that the shelter was forced to turn away 328 women in the final four months of 2025 alone due to a critical lack of adequate, safe spaces—a crisis that was temporarily mitigated by a 57% drop in turnaways when the 8 emergency beds were put into use; and,

**WHEREAS** in addition to generalized data showing available shelter capacity in our community, the number of women experiencing homelessness and seeking shelter is growing, while gender-specific spaces remain underfunded relative to need and face a critical lack of capacity in our community and across Canada; and,

**WHEREAS** the permanent expansion of women-specific, trauma-informed housing supports directly aligns with national rights-based shelter standards, the recommendations of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the City of Windsor's own housing strategies and master plans; and,

**WHEREAS** the Welcome Centre requires an urgent municipal funding bridge of **\$192,523** to permanently stabilize these requested spaces, safely expanding total gendered emergency capacity from 32 to 44 flexible beds; and,

**WHEREAS** City Administration has formally confirmed that the municipal **Budget Stabilization Reserve (BSR)** is sufficiently capitalized, with **in excess of \$6,000,000 in uncommitted funds available** for immediate allocation; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. City Council approve a one-time emergency funding allocation of UP TO \$192,523** to the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women & Families to expand and safely staff its gendered emergency shelter capacity from 32 beds to 44 beds, effective immediately. The exact total will be adjusted proportionally based on the timing of the award and the official end date of March 31, 2027, to align with the organization's ongoing funding agreements.
- 2. The source of funding for this emergency expansion be drawn entirely from the uncommitted balance of the Budget Stabilization Reserve (BSR)**, utilizing available municipal reserves to bridge senior-government funding shortfalls and help fulfill Council's explicit commitment to better address the IPV epidemic as well as gender-based emergency shelter need in our community.

3. **The Commissioner of Human and Health Services be directed** to execute the necessary localized service contract amendments with the Welcome Centre to immediately flow these funds and preserve these vital community safety assets.
4. **City Administration be Directed to develop and bring forward a formal proposal for Council's consideration during the 2027 Operating Budget process** or prior if appropriate, to transition this emergency funding into a permanent, annualized funding stream, ensuring the long-term operational sustainability of these critical gender-specific shelter capacities.

**Clerk's Note:** Administration is providing the ***previously distributed*** additional information memo **(AI 7/2026)** *Author: Jennifer Tanner, Manager, Homelessness & Housing Support*

**CONDITIONAL DELEGATIONS: (5 minutes)**

- a) Pat Taman, Co-founder, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Children (in person)
- b) Lady Laforet, Executive Director, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families (in person)
- c) Anastasia Adams, Harm Reduction Programs Coordinator, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- d) Tammy Barnden Senior Shelter Support Staff, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- e) Ashley Dawson, Social Work Programs Coordinator, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- f) Emily Mckenna, Peer Support Worker, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- g) Carole Dray, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- h) Dawn Toth, Shelter Manager, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- i) Therese Lapain, Child and Family Case Manager, Welcome Centre Shelter (in person)
- j) Anne-Rachelle Boulanger, Policy Analyst, HIV Legal Network (via Zoom)
- k) Meaghan Crampsie, Area Resident (in person)
- l) Marion Overholt, Area Resident (in person)
- m) Joyce Picco, Area Resident (in person)
- n) Charlotte LeFrank, Consultant, Trainer, Facilitator (in person)
- o) Niki Carlan, Legislative Chair, Canadian Federation of University Women (Ontario Council) (in person)
- p) Adrian Guta, University of Windsor (via Zoom)
- q) Talal Breesam, Welcome Centre Shelter Client (in person)

**Late:**

- r) Caroline Taylor, Area Resident

**Clerk's Note:** The following written submissions were ***previously distributed:***

- a) Diane Beck, Area Resident
- b) Melinda Munro & Gerald Cradock, Area Residents
- c) Lynne Bradac, Area Resident
- d) Darlene Poirier, Area Resident
- e) Crissi Cochrane, Artist, musician, poet, and co-founder of Soul City Music Co-op
- f) Elana Freeman, President, Canadian Federation of University Women – Windsor (CFUW Windsor)
- g) Caroline Ridgley, Area Resident
- h) Evelina Baczewska, Area Resident
- i) Shannon Dumont, Area Resident
- j) Amy Armstrong, Legal Assistant, Miller Canfield
- k) Zoë Rivera Gutierrez, Area Resident
- l) Dayna Cornwall, Area Resident
- m) Joseph Acott, Area Resident
- n) Angela Yakonich, Area Resident
- o) Bronwen Wood, Area Resident
- p) Katherine Rudzinski, University of Windsor
- q) Zohra Elbenna, Volunteer, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families
- r) Susan Markham, Area Resident
- s) Amalia Maurizio, Area Resident
- t) Deborah Wilson-Safa, Community Meal & Outreach Coordinator, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
- u) Helena MacKenzie, Area Resident
- v) Julie M. Fraser, Chair, Board of Directors, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families
- w) Moya McAlister, Area Resident
- x) Bridget Fauteux, Area Resident

**Late:**

- y) Anne Marie Nantais, ADHD and Beyond
- z) Julia Burgess, Area Resident
- aa) Rosalyn Agapito, Area Resident
- bb) Nicolas Lamoureux, Board Member, Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families

**16. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS**

By-laws 93-2026 through 96-2026 inclusive

**17. PETITIONS**

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

**19. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

**20. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Thursday, June 18, 2026  
10:00 a.m., via Zoom video conference

Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
4:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee  
Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
Immediately following the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing  
Committee meeting, Room 140, 350 City Hall Square West

Committee of Management for Huron Lodge  
Thursday, June 25, 2026  
9:30 a.m., Huron Lodge, 1881 Cabana Road West

City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 29, 2026  
10:00 a.m., Council Chambers

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**From:** Anne Marie Nantais < >  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2026 12:08 PM  
**To:** Clerks [clerks@citywindsor.ca](mailto:clerks@citywindsor.ca)  
**Subject:** June 8 council meeting - Welcome Centre Shelter

Dear Windsor City Council,

Thank you for your continued support of the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families and other organizations which support community members who are facing poverty and homelessness and safety issues.

To me, a characteristic of a strong and vibrant community includes providing safety, stability, and basic human needs, such as shelter, food, and appropriate health care for those most vulnerable. There are unique needs and safety concerns for women and families, including immediate availability for shelter.

I appreciate that there is an effort to consider the scope of services available in the city so that there isn't a gross overlap and overspending on such services. It's my understanding from various Windsor Star articles in 2026 that there are still community needs that exceed the current supports, and additional funding to stabilize temporary solutions at the Welcome Centre Shelter will be very helpful to closing current gaps.

As a proud resident of the Windsor-Essex region, it's important to me that we continue to work together toward solutions that provide consistent and reliable support for the most vulnerable in our community. I am a donor of the Welcome Centre Shelter, and you have my support to grant their additional funding request.

Thank you,  
Anne Marie Nantais



*Anne Marie*



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# Julia Burgess

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oxford Avenue East, Kingsville, ON [REDACTED]

Ph: [REDACTED]

June 5, 2026

Re: Notice of Motion of Councillor Kieran McKenzie regarding funding for Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families

City of Windsor Councillors:

It's my understanding that provincial and 'senior level ' funding for supporting those who experience homelessness flows through the City of Windsor for residents of Windsor-Essex. Thank you for governing that brief – it 's one that needs constant monitoring and is complex as it touches so many basic and urgent societal needs, and in the case of The Welcome Centre, one that serves women+ particularly.

Thank you, Councillor McKenzie, for putting forward your resolution to encourage your colleagues on Council to recognize the need for increased immediate support for vulnerable women who find themselves without shelter. The data has shown that while there 'always' will be an unmet need for beds for vulnerable women who are on the street, or finding friends or family who can take them in on a very temporary or rotating basis – or finding themselves living in their vehicle. These women have specific gender-based vulnerabilities and the Welcome Centre Shelter is best positioned with trained expertise to support these women to give them respite and help them find a place to live with dignity. The services that are provided at the Welcome Centre are delivered specifically with a woman forward approach.

Thank you, Councillor McKenzie for putting forward a clear plan for the immediate need, but also to see that the funding should be reviewed to make it operationally sustainable – it needs to have stability, as the needs with the current situation is unlikely to change. The need is great.

Thank you also for understanding the urgency of this in such a thorough way.

Sincerely,

Julia Burgess

Dear Mayor Dilkens and Members of Windsor City Council,

I am writing to urge you to support Councillor Kieran McKenzie's motion to provide bridge funding for the made-in-Windsor and nationally recognized Welcome Centre Shelter for Women & Families, and to implore you to advocate for a sustainable, long-term funding solution for this essential community resource. This motion addresses a critical issue: the urgent need to support safe, adequately funded shelters for women and families.

The Welcome Centre provides safety, stability, and support to women and families experiencing homelessness and crisis, as well as assistance in accessing meals, counselling, housing supports, employment assistance, and other essential resources that help individuals regain stability and move toward permanent housing. Women+ experiencing homelessness face unique vulnerabilities like gender-based violence. Safe, evidence-based, gender-responsive shelter spaces are a vital component of a comprehensive homelessness response system.

The Welcome Centre has reported that, in the last quarter of 2025 alone, it was forced to turn away 328 women due to a lack of available beds. That number represents hundreds of people who sought safety and support but were unable to access it. The cost of failing to act is not borne exclusively by the hundreds who are turned away, but by the entire city, as increased pressure is placed on health, social, emergency-response services, and other local resources.

Evidently, maintaining the status quo is not viable. As such, the Welcome Centre is requesting the resources necessary to address a demonstrated need in our community. The requested funding would allow the shelter to add 12 permanent beds and address a systemic funding gap that has persisted despite increasing demand for services.

Concerningly, the discussion of this issue has focused on how the funding request was communicated rather than on the pressing need it represents. Community organizations like the Welcome Centre play a vital role in advocating for those they serve; thus, when such organizations highlight that their resources are insufficient to meet demand for their services, local leadership should understand this as a call to action.

Investing in the Welcome Centre not only demonstrates compassion for those you were elected to serve but also has measurable benefits for our community. Every person deserves safety and dignity, and by supporting this motion, we can ensure that vulnerable women and families have access to essential shelter and services. So, I will leave you with one question: *how many women will be turned away until it is "enough" women to warrant City interventions?*

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Agapito

Fairview Blvd, Windsor, ON, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Letter of Support**

**Nicolas Lamoureux**

**Board Member of the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women+ & Families (WCS)**

**Ward 3 Resident**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**June 8 City Council Meeting – Notice of Motion: Councillor Kieran McKenzie**

I am writing in support of the motion put forth by Councillor Kieran McKenzie. Regardless of what has been given in the past, what has been previously supported, what shiny new ideas are being proposed, and who has been responsible for this support, there is a continual and increasing amount of direct and indirect costs associated with running a women and families focused shelter. Women's spaces are a necessity, not a luxury. Women and families deserve segregated shelter spaces, to protect women and girls and acknowledge their unique service needs. Discussions around longer-term projects for affordable and transitional housing are years away. The WCS is showing success at exiting women from the shelter system now and can continue to do so if well-resourced. We need to be supporting and increasing the funding to the organizations that are already doing the critical work that helps poverty reduction through a data driven and trauma-informed lens.

Thank you to Councillor Kieran McKenzie, to the Executive Director of WCS Lady Laforet, all of the incredibly hard-working staff at the WCS, all the other delegates and Board members supporting this motion, and to the Councillors who choose to do so. Supporting this motion sends a signal to Windsorites that this council is listening and remains committed to the struggles that women and families face in this city.