



CITY OF WINDSOR AGENDA 06/08/2026

City Council Meeting

Date: Monday, June 8, 2026

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

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

Members Present:

Mayor

Mayor Drew Dilkens

Councillors

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

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1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. CALL TO ORDER

Following the playing of the Canadian National Anthem and reading of the Land Acknowledgement, the Mayor calls the meeting to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1. Adoption of the Windsor City Council minutes of its meeting held May 25, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

That the Windsor City Council minutes of its meeting held May 25, 2026 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: 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

Moved by: Councillor Fred Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

That Council do now rise and move into Committee of the Whole with the Mayor presiding for the purpose of dealing with:

- (a) communication items;
- (b) consent agenda;
- (c) hearing requests for deferrals, referrals and/or withdrawals of any items of business;
- (d) hearing presentations and delegations;
- (e) consideration of business items;

- (f) consideration of Committee reports:
Report of Special In-Camera Meeting or other Committee as may be held prior to Council (if scheduled); and
- (g) consideration of by-laws 93-2026 through 96-2026 (inclusive)
Carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION PACKAGE

7.1. Correspondence Report for Monday, June 8, 2026 City Council Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Angelo Marignani

Decision Number: CR234/2026

That the following Communication Items 7.1.2, and 7.1.4 as set forth in the Council Agenda **BE REFERRED** as noted; and that Item 7.1.1, and 7.1.3 be dealt with as follows:

7.1.1 Overview of Transitional Housing Project and Request – Hiatus House

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: CR235/2026

That the Correspondence and Request from the Hiatus House dated May 2026 entitled “Overview of Transitional Housing Project and Request” **BE RECEIVED**; and further,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor has recognized intimate partner violence as an epidemic, reflecting the urgent need for coordinated community responses to gender-based violence; and,

WHEREAS women and children fleeing violence face significant barriers to securing safe and stable housing, with many at risk of homelessness following emergency shelter stays; and,

WHEREAS there is a well-documented gap between short-term emergency shelter and permanent housing, particularly for women requiring longer-term, trauma-informed, and secure accommodation; and,

WHEREAS Hiatus House, a longstanding, trusted provider of services to women and children experiencing violence in Windsor-Essex, has developed a proposal for a 40-unit, women-only transitional housing project designed to address this gap; and,

WHEREAS the proposed project would provide self-contained, deeply affordable units with wraparound supports for stays of up to two years, supporting long-term stability and improved outcomes for women and children; and,

WHEREAS the project is fully planned and shovel-ready, with land ownership secured, zoning, and design approvals in place, and is capable of proceeding to construction within a short timeframe upon securing required capital support; and,

WHEREAS transitional housing models have been shown to reduce returns to emergency shelters, decrease pressure on local systems including policing and healthcare, and support successful transitions to permanent housing; and,

WHEREAS the proposed development represents a specialized, women- and children-focused response that addresses, and does not duplicate, broader municipal homelessness and housing initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Windsor City Council expresses its strong support for the Hiatus House 40-unit transitional housing project as an important, shovel-ready initiative that can deliver needed housing quickly as part of the local housing continuum and response to gender-based violence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Brownfield Environmental Site Assessment Grant (\$22,210) and the amount of the Development Charge exemptions (+/- \$834,120) **BE CONSIDERED** as part of the City of Windsor's support for the Hiatus House's Transitional Housing Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Windsor recognizes Hiatus House's 40-unit transitional housing project's alignment with broader efforts to improve community safety, reduce homelessness, and support vulnerable residents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with relevant provincial and federal bodies to demonstrate the City of Windsor's support for the advancement of this project.
Carried.

Clerk's File: SS2026

7.1.3 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Elections - Call for Nominations.

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR236/2026

That the Council of the City of Windsor **NOMINATES** Councillor Kieran McKenzie for the position of Director, Large Urban Caucus of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors for the 2026–2028 term.

Carried.

Clerk's File: MMA2026

| No. | Sender | Subject |
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| 7.1.1 | Hiatus House | Overview of Transitional Housing Project and Request Administrative Lead: Commissioner, Human & Health Services SS2026 Note & File |

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| 7.1.2 | Committee of Adjustment | Committee of Adjustment / Consent Authority Agenda for Thursday, June 11, 2026. Administrative Lead: City Planner Z2026 Note & File |
| 7.1.3 | Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) | 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Elections - Call for Nominations. Administrative Lead: City Clerk MMA2026 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 |

Carried.

Report Number: CMC 10/2026

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
 Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR237/2026

That Council **APPROVE** the realignment of nine (9) existing City of Windsor By-laws from their current administrative area in the Building Department to the appropriate regulatory area within the Council Services Department, as outlined in this report; and,

That Council **AUTHORIZE** the City Solicitor to amend the applicable by-laws to implement this realignment.

Carried.

Report Number: C 64/2026
 Clerk's File: AB2026

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8.2. Green Municipal Fund - Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant Application

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR238/2026

- I. That City Council **SUPPORT** the submission of a pre-application and, if invited, a full application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant; and further,
- II. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign any documents required to submit the pre-application and, if invited, the full application to the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant, subject to all documents being satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the City Engineer, or designates; and further,
- III. Whereas on January 27, 2026 the 2026 Capital Budget was deemed approved via Mayoral Decision MD03-2026 and subsequently City Council **SUPPORT** an expenditure of \$200,000, that the City Treasurer **BE DIRECTED** to allocate placeholder funding of \$100,000 in existing funding from the 2026 Road Rehabilitation Program project, 7269002, as the municipal contribution toward the required matching funds and any ineligible costs, for the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant; and further,
- IV. That the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to take any such action and to sign any agreements, declarations, approvals and any other such documents resulting from receiving funding from FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials, subject to all documents being satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,
- V. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to delegate signing of all claims, progress reports and applicable schedules and other such documents as may be required as part of receiving funding from the grant provider to the Executive Director, Operations or designate, subject to financial content approval from the area's Financial Planning Manager, or designate; and further,
- VI. That Council **PRE-APPROVE** and **AWARD** any procurement(s) necessary that are related to the project(s) awarded funding through the grant, provided that the procurement(s) are within approved budget amounts, pursuant to the Purchasing By-Law 60-2026 and amendments thereto; satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer; and in technical content to the City Engineer, or designates; and further,
- VII. That the Purchasing Manager **BE AUTHORIZED** to issue and amend purchase orders as may be required to effect the recommendations related to the project(s) awarded funding through the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant, subject to

the purchase orders and amendments thereto being within approved budget and funding amounts and all specifications being satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,

- VIII. That the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign any agreements along with any amendment(s) as may be required for the project(s) awarded funding through the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant, provided all are within approved budget and funding amounts, satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, in form to the City Solicitor, and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,
- IX. That Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to issue any change order(s) as may be required for the project(s) awarded funding through the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant, provided all are within approved budget and funding amounts, satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,
- X. That in the event that the City is not successful in its application to the FCM GMF Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials Grant, that the identified placeholder funding **BE RETURNED** to its original funding sources, 2026 Road Rehabilitation Program, Project 7269002.

Carried.

Report Number: C 65/2026
Clerk's File: SW/15170

8.3. Travel and Business Expense Policy Update - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR239/2026

That City Council **APPROVE** the updated Travel and Business Expense Policy, attached as Appendix A to this report.

Carried.

Report Number: C 67/2026
Clerk's File: AF2026

8.4. CAO By-law Update - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR240/2026

That City Council **PASS** By-Law 94-2026 to amend Chief Administrative Officer By-law 149-2024.

Carried.

11.1. Surplus Declaration and Sale Authorization – 673 Caron Avenue– Ward 3

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR241/2026

- I. That the following City of Windsor (the “City”) vacant parcel of land **BE DECLARED** surplus:
 - Municipal address: 673 Caron Avenue – vacant land situated on the west side of Caron Avenue, south of 605 Caron Avenue, north of 729 Caron Avenue;
 - Legal Description: Part Lot 40, Lots 41 to 44, inclusive, Registered Plan 282 w/s Caron Avenue, being Part 2 on Plan 12R-13526; Windsor
 - Approximate Lot size: 276.62 feet (84.31 m) x 140.54 feet (42.84 m)
 - Approximate Lot area: 38,868.44 sq ft (3,611 m²) (hereinafter the “Subject Parcel”); and
- II. That the Manager of Real Estate Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to offer the Subject Parcel for sale at a price to be determined by the Manager of Real Estate Services commensurate with an independent appraisal.

Carried.

11.3. Interim By-Law Update - Micromobility - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR243/2026 CR214/2026 ETPS 1115

- I. That City Council **ENDORSE** the operation of Class I and Class II Power-Assisted Bicycles (E-bikes), as defined under the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) proposal for Modernizing Ontario’s Framework for Power-Assisted Bicycles (E-bikes) as posted April 22, 2026 (Appendix A) as follows:
 - a. on multi-use trails within the right-of-way at a speed limit of 20 km/hr; and,
 - b. on Parks Roadways and Multi-Use Trails at a speed limit of 20 km/hr, except as prohibited under Parks By-law 131-2019 as may be amended from time to time; and,
 - c. on roads and on street bike lanes at a speed limit of 32 km/hr; and further,
- II. That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to respond to MTO’s proposal for Modernizing Ontario’s Framework for Power-Assisted Bicycles (E-bikes) – ERO 026-0422 with the submission included as Appendix B to this report; and further,

- III. That City Council **DIRECT** Administration to prepare the necessary changes to bring effect to Recommendation I above, to Traffic By-law 9148 for approval through Delegation of Authority By-law 208-2008 S. 1.11; and further,
- IV. That City Council **DELEGATE** to the Chief Administrative Officer, in accordance with S.23.2(4) of the *Municipal Act*, the authority to approve changes to the Parks By-law 131-2019, subject to the changes being satisfactory in technical content to the Commissioner of Community Services and the City Solicitor, and that the Delegation of Authority By-law 208-2008 **BE AMENDED** accordingly; and further,
- V. That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to pursue any further amendments to Traffic By-law 9148 and/or Parks By-law 131-2019 as may be required pending the receipt of an updated regulatory framework from the MTO related to Power-Assisted Bicycle; and further,
- VI. That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to undertake an outreach and communications campaign to educate the public in the proper and lawful use of micromobility devices in Windsor.
- VII. That the report the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee (ETPS), dated March 5, 2026, entitled “Response to CQ 18-2025 Micromobility in Windsor – City Wide,” **BE RECEIVED**.
- VIII. That the report of the Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator (AI 3/2026) dated January 8, 2026 entitled “Response to CQ 18-2025 Micromobility in Windsor – City Wide” **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 50/2026, SCM 135/2026 & AI 3/2026
Clerk’s File: MBA/15167

9. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS AND/OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

10. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presented.

11. REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS (Non-Consent Items)

11.2. 825 Riverside Drive West, CBC/CKLW Building – Heritage Designation Report (Ward 4)

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR242/2026 DHSC 820

- I. That the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate the property municipally known as 825 Riverside Drive West in accordance with Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest attached as Appendix “A”; and,
- II. That the City Solicitor **PREPARE** the by-law to designate the property; and,
- III. That the City Planner or designate **BE DELEGATED** the authority to approve any further proposed changes associated with the integration of key heritage attributes into the future redevelopment.

Carried.
Councillor Mark McKenzie voting nay.

Report Number: S 50/2026 & SCM 166/2026
Clerk’s File: MBA/15167

11.4. Confirm And Ratify Report – Experience Windsor - Additional Details as requested by Council—City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Fred Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: CR244/2026

That the results of the email poll to City Council by the City Clerk on June 4, 2026 **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED:**

That the additional information from administration as a follow up to CR231/2026 regarding “Experience Windsor” 2026 Summer/Fall Event Series – attached as Appendix A, **BE RECEIVED**; and further,

That Council **ENDORSE** the detailed summary of the various events, proposed dates, locations, possible partners, and budget overview – attached as Appendix B.

Carried.
Councillor Gary Kaschak was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

Report Number: C 77/2026
Clerk’s File: SR/15168

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Fred Francis

Decision Number: CR245/2026

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to Council with relevant economic development or return on investment data that can be gathered through the Experience Windsor events for Council's consideration.

Carried.

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

Clerk's File: SR/15168

12. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.2. Report of the Special Meeting of Council – In-Camera of its meeting held May 25, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR233/2026

That the report of the Special In-Camera of its meeting held May 25, 2026 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

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

Report Number: SCM 195/2026
Clerk's File: ACO2026

13. BY-LAWS (First and Second Reading)

Moved by: Councillor Fred Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

That the following By-laws No. 93-2026 through 96-2026 (inclusive) be introduced and read a first and second time:

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,

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.

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.

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.

Carried.

14. MOVE BACK INTO FORMAL SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Angelo Marignani

That the Committee of the Whole does now rise and report to Council respecting the business items considered by the Committee:

- 1) Communication Items (as amended)
- 2) Consent Agenda (as amended)
- 3) Items Deferred Items Referred (as amended)
- 4) Consideration of the Balance of Business Items (as amended)
- 5) Committee Reports as presented
- 6) By-laws given first and second readings as presented

Carried.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1. Notice of Motion - Councillor Kieran McKenzie Re: Welcome Centre

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

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.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Morrison

Decision Number: CR246/2026

That the following notice of motion put forward by Councillor Kieran McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Fathers at the June 8, 2026 meeting of Council, **BE REFERRED** to Administration to allow for a report, in order for Council to have the whole picture in terms of the Master Plan (including but not limited to prioritization across the full system of homelessness services, prevention and transitional/supportive housing; budget; how recent investment in H4 might alleviate overall homelessness pressures) and how the Welcome Centre Shelter fits into this plan:

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,

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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:

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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.

Carried.

At the request of Councillor Kieran McKenzie, a recorded vote is taken on this matter.

Aye votes: Councillors Jo-Anne Gignac, Jim Morrison, Gary Kaschak, Mark McKenzie, Ed Sleiman and Mayor Drew Dilkens.

Nay votes: Councillors Frazier Fathers, Angelo Marignani, Renaldo Agostino, Kieran McKenzie, and Fred Francis.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Clerk's File: SS/13026

16. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

That the By-laws No. 93-2026 through 96-2026 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.

17. PETITIONS

Moved by: Councillor Jim Morrison

Seconded by: Councillor Ed Sleiman

Decision Number: CR247/2026

That the petition presented by Councillor Renaldo Agostino on behalf of the residents of 920 Ouellette Avenue regarding the request to return the bus stop that was removed **BE RECEIVED** by the Clerk and the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to forward the petition to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer & Commissioner Economic Development for the purpose of an examination of the requested works or undertakings.

Carried.

Clerk's File: MT2026

18. QUESTION PERIOD

18.1. CQ 14-2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR248/2026

That the following Council Question by Councillor Frazier Fathers **BE APPROVED**, and that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the necessary actions to respond to the Council Question in the form of a written report, consistent with Council's instructions, and in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011, as amended:

CQ 14-2026:

Assigned to: Commissioner, Human & Health Services

Asks that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back on the City's encampment response, including:

1. Average Encampment Volume

- The monthly average number of encampments present in the City, based on available data and defined timeframes;

2. Cost of Response

- The average cost associated with responding to an encampment, including staffing, equipment, contracted services, and any other direct or indirect costs, where known;

3. Operational Response Model

- A summary of the departments, divisions, and external partners involved in encampment response activities, and their respective roles;

4. Timeline for Resolution

- The average time required to respond to and resolve an encampment, including any variances depending on size, location, property type (public vs. private) or complexity;

5. Ongoing Reporting to Council

- Options for implementing a **monthly reporting mechanism** to Council that provides:
 - The number of active encampments by ward;
 - The number of new encampments identified and resolved within the reporting period; and
 - Any emerging trends or operational pressures impacting encampment response.

Carried.

18.2. CQ 15-2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR249/2026

That the following Council Question by Councillor Renaldo Agostino **BE APPROVED**, and that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the necessary actions to respond to the Council Question in the form of a written report, consistent with Council's instructions, and in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011, as amended:

CQ 15-2026:

Assigned to: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, Economic Development
Asks that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to City Council on the feasibility of implementing digital billboard installations on:

- City-owned properties; and/or
- Lands available for lease, partnership, or other agreements suitable for such use, including opportunities with private sector entities and institutional partners; and,

That the report include:

1. A review of best practices from other municipalities, including the City of Vaughan, with respect to the use of digital billboards on municipal lands and through partnership or lease arrangements;
2. An analysis of potential revenue generation opportunities, including:
 - municipally operated models,
 - third-party advertising agreements,
 - lease or licensing arrangements with private landowners or partners;
3. An assessment of any zoning, regulatory, legal, and procurement considerations, including implications under the City's Sign By-law;
4. Consideration of community and planning impacts, including visibility, traffic safety, compatibility with surrounding land uses, and urban design considerations; and,
5. That all net revenues generated from such initiatives be held in a reserve which is dedicated to funding the unhoused initiatives including shelter operations and prevention programs.

Carried.

Clerk's File: ACOQ2026 & SBS2026

18.3. CQ 16-2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR250/2026

That the following Council Question by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac **BE APPROVED**, and that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the necessary actions to respond to the Council Question in the form of a written report, consistent with Council's instructions, and in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011, as amended:

CQ 16-2026:

Assigned to: City Solicitor

Asks that Administration provide a report on the ability of municipalities to license and require users to have insurance for powered bikes, scooter, etc.

Carried.

Clerk's File: ACOQ2026 & MT2026

18.4. CQ 17-2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: CR251/2026

That the following Council Question by Councillor Mark McKenzie **BE APPROVED**, and that Administration **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the necessary actions to respond to the Council Question in the form of a written report, consistent with Council's instructions, and in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011, as amended:

CQ 17-2026:

Assigned to: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Commissioner, Economic Development and Commissioner of Community Services

Asks that given the documented history of Memorial Park, including its connection to the 1924 Memorial Park Development, South Walkerville's post-First World War subdivision pattern, the 1925 establishment of Memorial Park, its commemorative purpose, and the mature woodland within the park, can Administration report back on whether the Memorial Park portion of Optimist Memorial Park may warrant further review as a potential cultural heritage landscape?

As part of that report, can Administration identify the appropriate process, including any internal consultation with Heritage Planning, Parks, Forestry, Recreation, Facilities, Legal Services, or other relevant departments, and outline whether public or stakeholder consultation would be appropriate if any further heritage recognition is considered?

Can the report also clarify how any potential heritage review or recognition would be balanced with normal park maintenance, accessibility improvements, playground renewal, recreation uses, and future park investments?

Carried.

Clerk's File: ACOQ2026 & SR2026

21. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Fred 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 11:34 o'clock a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – IN CAMERA
May 25, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 1:06 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Councillor Mark McKenzie (regrets conveyed)

Also in attendance:

Ray Mensour, Chief Administrative Officer
Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development/Deputy CAO
Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Corporate Services
David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services/City Engineer
Janice Guthrie, Commissioner, Finance/City Treasurer
Michael Chantler, Commissioner, Community Services
Dana Paladino, Commissioner, Human and Health Services
Wira Vendrasco, City Solicitor
Christopher Menard, Acting Mayor's Chief of Staff
Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk

**Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Frazier Fathers,
to move in Camera for discussion of the following item(s):**

| Item No. | Subject & Section - Pursuant to <i>Municipal Act, 2001</i>, as amended |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Legal/property matter – expropriation settlement, Section 239(2)(e) |
| 2 | Legal/property matter – expropriation settlement, Section 239(2)(e) |
| 3 | Legal matter – potential litigation settlement/security of the property of the Corporation, Section 239(2)(a)(e)(f) |

Motion Carried.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

None declared.

Discussion on the items of business.

Verbal Motion is presented by Councillor Ed Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Angelo Marignani, to move back into public session.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Gary Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Kieran McKenzie, THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to transmit the recommendation(s) contained in the report(s) discussed at the In-Camera Council Meeting held May 25, 2026 directly to Council for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

1. That the recommendation contained in the in-camera report from Senior Legal Counsel, City Solicitor, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, Manager Strategic Operating Budget Development and Control and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal/property matter – expropriation settlement **BE APPROVED.**

2. That the recommendation contained in the in-camera report from Senior Legal Counsel, City Solicitor, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Manager Strategic Operating Budget Development and Control and Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer respecting a legal/property matter – expropriation settlement **BE APPROVED.**

3. That the recommendation contained in the in-camera report from the Deputy City Solicitor, City Solicitor and Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting a legal matter – potential litigation settlement/security of the property of the Corporation **BE APPROVED.**

Motion Carried.

**Moved by Councillor Jim Morrison, seconded by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac,
That the special meeting of council held May 25, 2026 BE ADJOURNED.
(Time: 1:10 p.m.)
Motion Carried.**