



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the September 28th, 2026, meeting of Council:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council adopted the following minutes:

- 2026 09 18 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes

REPORTS

Canard Estates Subdivision Phase 2 – Assumption of Base Asphalt and Curb and Start of Maintenance for Surface Asphalt and Sidewalk

Council accepted the consulting engineer's recommendation to assume the base asphalt and concrete curbs within Canard Estates Subdivision Phase 2 and to place the surface asphalt and sidewalks into a one-year maintenance period, commencing August 31, 2026, following confirmation that all required works met Town standards.

Boblo Island South End Development - Assumption of Underground Infrastructure, Curbs and Concrete Roadway

Council accepted the consulting engineer's recommendation to assume the underground infrastructure, curbs, and concrete roadway within the Boblo Island South End Development. The assumption excludes the section of concrete roadway over the sanitary sewer trenches between MH-2M and MH S-S, which will remain under maintenance until 2027.

Southeast Quadrant (SEQ) Infrastructure Project (721013) - Tender Results

Council awarded the SEQ Infrastructure Project contract to Rudak Excavating Inc. for \$7.07 million plus HST, advancing critical water and wastewater infrastructure to support future residential development in the southeast portion of the community and ensuring the Town remains eligible for \$9.3 million in provincial funding.

Response to Council Question CQ26-07 – Plaque to Commemorate “The Walk that Changed the World”

Council directed Administration to proceed with the installation of a commemorative plaque recognizing the role of late Senator Eugene Whelan and Mrs. Elizabeth Whelan in hosting Aleksandr Yakovlev and Mikhail Gorbachev, marking the site associated with the “Walk That Changed the World.” Council also approved the required project work and a budget of up to \$15,000, funded from reserves depending on the final plaque location.

2026 Special Events Approval Part 6

Council approved the River Lights Opening Night, River Lights Festival, and RE/MAX Realty Santa Claus Parade Hot Air Balloon events, and directed the Special Events Resource Team to confirm that all identified requirements and conditions are met prior to the events taking place.

INFORMATION REPORTS

WPS Policing Activities Report - Q3

Council received the 2026 Policing Activities Report for the period of January – August for information.

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Minister's Budget Direction Under the Conservation Authorities Act

Council received a letter from the Province of Ontario outlining the next steps for conservation authorities as the Province moves to a new regional conservation authority system, including requirements for completing their 2027 budgets before the transition takes effect.

ERCA - 2027 Draft Budget Notice to Member Municipalities

Council received the 2027 Draft Budget from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) for review and comment by member municipalities. The correspondence outlined the budget consultation process and advised that ERCA's Board of Directors will consider municipal funding contributions and final budget approvals later this year.

Resolution 89/26 WLERCA Cost Apportionment Redistribution

Council received correspondence from the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) advising that the Province's proposed conservation authority consolidation could result in increased funding costs for municipalities within the current ERCA region due to the harmonization of costs across a larger regional authority.

Letter from the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism - Designating non-designated (Listed) Heritage properties

Council received correspondence from the Province of Ontario confirming that the January 1, 2027, deadline for municipalities to review and designate heritage properties on their municipal heritage registers remains in place.

Letter from Deputy Minister Martha Greenberg, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing encouraging municipalities to prioritize Ontario and Canadian suppliers in procurement activities and to ensure local purchasing practices align with the province's domestic procurement policies and directives.

Letter to Council - Ska Family Learning Centre (SFLC)

Council received correspondence from Ska Family Learning Centre confirming it does not intend to appeal the approved zoning by-law amendment for its proposed childcare centre and seeking clarification on whether the Town can finalize the approval process and issue

the required zoning compliance documentation before the appeal period expires.

CORRESPONDENCE

ERCA Request Regarding Member Appointments

Council extended and confirmed the appointments of Councillors Allaire and Courtney to the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) Board of Directors through the municipal election cycle and transition period to February 1, 2027, subject to their continued eligibility following the election.

CONSENT OTHER MINUTES

Council received the following minutes:

- Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2026
- Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2026

OTHER MINUTES

Drainage Board Meeting - August 4, 2026

Council approved the August 4, 2026, Drainage Board meeting minutes, received and provisionally adopted engineers' reports for improvements to the Mickle Drain and Sunset Beach Pumping Scheme and the Shipman Drain, and approved the related by-laws. Council also accepted a request to begin a review of the McGregor Drain and appointed an engineer to examine and report on potential repairs and improvements to the drainage system.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Air Program Update for New Council

Council directed Administration to provide a report to the new Council at its first regular meeting on December 14, 2026, summarizing previous Open Air reports, presentations, survey results, and financial information, as well as the program's 2025 costs and funding sources.

BY-LAWS

By-law 2026-057 – Repeal 2025-011

Council approved a by-law to repeal By-law 2025-011 and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to execute the required documents.

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