



## Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

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### *Highlights from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of Council:*

**2022 Draft Budget, ERCA** – Council received a presentation and overview of ERCA’s 2022 Draft Budget. Please visit <https://essexregionconservation.ca/> to view the draft budget.

**Addition to the Heritage Register – General Amherst High School** – Council listed General Amherst High School as a non-designated “Property of Interest” on the Town’s Heritage Register.

**Amending Development Agreement, 83 Sandwich Street S** – Council approved the Amending Development Agreement to allow for more square footage at the Sobeys site.

**Fence By-law** – Council passed By-law 2022-027 to include additional enforcement tools to deal with unsafe fences, continuity of fences, and fences surrounding swimming pools.

**Idling By-law** – Council passed By-law 2022-026 to control the idling of vehicles and boats to help reduce greenhouse gasses which pose a threat to the sustainability of our planet.

**Collection & Waste Disposal** – Council passed By-law 2022-025 to establish and maintain a system for the collection and disposal of waste. This by-law adds additional enforcement tools regarding commercial and multi-residential establishments as well as the prevention of public nuisances.

**Decorative Crosswalk Considerations** – Council approved a painted Rainbow Crosswalk in close proximity to North Star High School, with the funds being donated by the Goggin Family.

**Gibson Gallery Accessibility** – Council approved accessibility upgrades consisting of an accessible ramp, barrier free route of travel, installation of an automatic door opener, and improvements to the accessible parking space at the Gibson Gallery with a 2022 expenditure not to exceed \$25,000 + HST.

**Proposed Regulatory Changes to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act R.S.O., Firefighter Certifications** – Council supported a request for the Province to provide

funding for the additional mandatory training to be considered by the Province for Fire Fighters in order to alleviate cost pressures on the Municipality. Council also supported a request for an extension of at least 36 months for the Municipality to comply with the mandatory certification, should it become law.

**Support for Windsor-Essex Workers** – Council supported the County of Essex’s correspondence regarding financial support for Windsor-Essex Works to alleviate financial burdens and challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Walker Aggregates, McGregor Quarry, 2021 OSSA Community Relations Award** – Council offered its congratulations to Walker Aggregates, McGregor Quarry, on its 2021 Community Relations Award and a letter will be forwarded to it on behalf of the Mayor & Council. In 2021, the company donated 185 tonnes of screenings to the Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association for the creation of a new accessible pathway. It also provided financial support to the Amherstburg Unifor Local for the union’s Social Justice and Paid Education Leave funds, and continued sponsoring several golf charity tournaments.

**Mental Health Supports** – Council supported the Town Of Woolwich’s resolution regarding its request that the Government of Canada ensure that appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes.

**2022 Proclamation, Year of the Garden** – Council proclaimed 2022 as the 'Year of the Garden' in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and further, recognized June 18, 2002 as 'Garden Day' in the Town of Amherstburg as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022.

**Endorsement for Ultrasound Clinic in the Town of Amherstburg** – Dr. Luigi DiPierdomenico is seeking an update to his Independent Health Facility License from the Province to add ultrasound services to his clinic in the Town of Amherstburg. To date this application has been denied by the Ministry of Health. Council endorsed Dr. DiPierdomenico’s appeal to the Minister of Health and a petition will be circulated in the Town of Amherstburg.

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