



Town of Amherstburg Council Brief

Highlights from the February 10th, 2025 meeting of Council:

Report Out from In-Camera Session

Council instructed Administration to issue a letter of support to Essex Power Corporation on its behalf, endorsing energy infrastructure investments that will drive economic development and growth in the Essex County region.

Reports

Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment for 865 Front Road South

Council passed By-law 2025-010 to amend By-law No. 1999-52 allowing for a Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment to allow the existing accessory structure to remain on the property without a dwelling unit, to continue to be used until the dwelling is constructed.

Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA-18-24 for 6754 County Road 50

Approval in principle was granted by Council to amend the Neighbourhood Commercial (CN-8) zone to permit a gas bar and address site deficiencies. The rezoning by-law will be brought back for adoption once the applicant executes a Site Plan Control Agreement, ensuring compliance with town and regulatory requirements.

Report Back on Gateway Digital Signs

Council approved directing one-time funding and any annual revenue sharing exceeding previously committed amounts to the Economic Development Reserve. Any use of these funds will require Council approval through a report or budget request.

Information Reports

Building Activity Report for October to December of 2024

Council received the building activity report summarizing the activity and statistics from October to the end of December 2024.

Options for Shade Structures at Jack Purdie Park and Briar Ridge

Council received the report on shade structure options and directed Administration to obtain Toronto's latest shade policy with AODA-compatible guidelines. Administration will consult persons with disabilities, caregivers, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee and explore applying for the Canadian Dermatology shade structure grant for a permanent installation. In the meantime, at least five large shade trees will be planted in Jack Purdie Park and Briar Ridge using the existing tree planting budget until all future reports are

reviewed by Council.

Quarterly Fire Department Activity Report – Q4 - 2024

Council received the Fire Department activity report summarizing the activity and statistics from October to the end of December 2024.

Ouellette Drain West – Drain Maintenance – Tree removals

Council received information on the scheduled drainage work for the Ouellette Drain West and its impact on trees in Scodeller Park. To meet the 2:1 replacement requirement under the Tree Planting Program, tree replanting will be funded through the 2025 and 2026 Tree Planting and Municipal Drain Budgets.

Correspondence

Fibromyalgia Association Canada Lighting Request

Council approved lighting Town Hall in purple on May 12, 2025, to recognize Canadians living with fibromyalgia. May 12, 2025, was also proclaimed as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in the Town of Amherstburg.

New Business

Animal Control By-law

Council directed Administration to provide a complete report regarding the by-law preventing the public of feeding wild animals and the trap, release and neuter program as it relates to feral cats.

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