



**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023
8:30 AM**

**John R. Park Homestead - Conservation Centre
915 Essex County Rd 50
Essex, ON
N0R 1G0**

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Rogers
Deputy Mayor Kimberly DeYong
Councillor Tony Gaffan
Councillor Debby Jarvis-Chausse
Councillor Sheri Lowrie
Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Councillor Larry Patterson

John Norton, CAO
Paula Parker, Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rogers called the Special Meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Rogers reminded Council that any declaration is to be made prior to each item being discussed and to identify the nature of the conflict, if any, as the agenda items come forward. None were noted.

C. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Colliers Project Leaders, Strategic Planning Consultants led Council through Strategic Planning discussions.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lowrie

Seconded by Councillor Jarvis-Chausse

Pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council will enter into Closed Session at 12:30pm to address the following items:

Item I - Albuna Townline Update - Section 239(2)(f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Item II - Road Closures due to Highway 3 Construction - Section 239(2)(e) - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Item III - Towing Contract - Section 239(2)(f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Item IV - 183 Main Street - Section 239(2)(k) - A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.; and, Section 239(2)(f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Item V - Fire Department Update - Section 239(2)(b) - Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; Section 239(2)(d) - Labour relations and employee negotiations; Section 239(2)(e) - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, Section 239(2)(f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Item VI - 2 Personnel Matters - Section 239(2)(b) - Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; and, Section 239(2)(d) - Labour relations and employee negotiations.

Item VII - 2 Potential Property Lease/Sales - Section 239(2)(c) - a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; Section 239(2)(f) - advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and Section 239(2)(k) - A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Item VIII - ELK Update - Section 239(2)(i) - A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

Item IX - Role of Mayor, Council and Administration - Section 239(3.1) - Education and training.

CARRIED

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Patterson
Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

Council adjourn this Special Meeting at 4:22 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Dennis Rogers

CLERK, Paula Parker