



May 23, 2024

**BY EMAIL**

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**Re: Potential Municipal Operator Course**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles regarding the development of a Municipal Equipment Operator Course. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R24-03-105**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

**That** the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles dated February 21, 2024 regarding the Potential Municipal Operator Course be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to Chris Lewis, MP Essex, Irek Kusmierczyk, MP Windsor-Tecumseh, Brian Masse, MP Windsor West, Anthony Leardi, MPP Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, and local municipalities.

**Carried**



We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: Chris Lewis, MP Essex  
Irek Kusmierczyk, MP Windsor-Tecumseh  
Brian Masse, MP Windsor West  
Anthony Leardi, MPP Essex  
Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West  
Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh  
County of Essex  
Town of Amherstburg  
Town of Kingsville  
Municipality of Lakeshore  
Town of LaSalle  
Municipality of Leamington  
Town of Tecumseh

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.9.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-043  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

**AND WHEREAS**, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR