



September 16, 2025

BY EMAIL

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU)
1005 Ouellette Ave., Windsor, N9A 4J8
Attention: Dr. Ken Blanchette, Chief Executive Officer
Email: kblanchette@wechu.org;

Re: Beach Closures in the Municipality of the Town of Essex

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 7, 2025, Council discussed the impacts of beach closures in Essex County, with a focus on those in the Town of Essex, and future measures that the Town of Essex can take as a municipality to reduce the number of beach closures in the municipality. Council requests that the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (“**WECHU**”) provide details with regard to the following:

1. How beach sampling data collection is performed by the WECHU in the Town of Essex, including the frequency of collection;
2. How the WECHU determines whether or not to close a beach in the County of Essex;
3. How the WECHU determines the duration for which it will close down a beach;
4. When and why the WECHU closes down beaches in the Town of Essex;
5. Specifics as to why beaches have been closed in the Town of Essex during the summer of 2025 and how the duration of such closures were determined; and
6. Ways in which the Town of Essex can reduce the number of beach closures in the municipality and generally improve the water quality.



Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-07-324

Moved By Mayor Bondy

Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

That Council direct Administration to draft a letter signed by the Mayor on behalf of Council to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) asking when and why they shut down our County beaches and what measures Essex can take to avoid beach closures this summer and in the future.

Carried

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions and move forward in addressing our concerns. In such regard, we look forward to receiving a response from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Bondy".

Mayor Sherry Bondy
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