





April 25, 2025

Hello residents of LaSalle,

With profound sadness, we shared earlier this week the passing of Councillor Sue Desjarlais. Sue was more than just a colleague, she was a friend, a tireless volunteer, and a dedicated public servant who poured her heart into every part of our town.

Her passion for our community was evident in everything that she did, from her work with the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Community Living Windsor, John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area, and the Essex Region Conservation Area (ERCA).

Sue had a special place in her heart for helping those in need. She spent countless hours volunteering with the St. Andrews Anglican Church—Community Food Bank, as well as the LaSalle Fire Service Sparky's Toy Drive, always showing up with compassion, energy, and a smile.

Her legacy is one of service, kindness, and unwavering dedication to others. We are all better for having known her. We will miss you dear friend.

Earth Day Clean-Up in LaSalle

Thank you to those who have organized a clean-up in LaSalle in honour of Earth Day.

A special thank you to Matthew Prangley and family and also the Sabre Bytes Robotics Team for their efforts and for submitting photos of their clean up.

If you wish to organize a clean-up, visit <u>www.lasalle.ca/</u> <u>cleanuplasalle</u> for more details and to register.

Strong Mayor Powers

LaSalle has been named as one of the municipalities that may be granted Strong Mayor Powers, but I want to be clear — this is not a tool I intend to use.

While I understand the Province's reasoning — particularly in communities facing gridlock or struggling to meet housing targets — I don't believe that applies to LaSalle. We've already been proactive in building homes, supporting critical infrastructure, and planning for long-term growth. We're aligned with many of the same goals the Province has set out, and we will continue working with them to achieve those outcomes. Full message at www.lasalle.ca/mayorsmessage

Boat Ramp Temporary Closure

The LaSalle Boat Ramp will be temporarily closed on Saturday, May 3, for the LaSalle Firefighters Associations Annual Detroit River Walleye Classic. LaSalle Boat ramp information can be found at <u>www.lasalle.ca/boatramp</u>

Emergency Preparedness Week

Be Prepared. Know Your Risks. Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4 to 10, 2025. LaSalle Fire Service urges residents to make a plan and prepare an emergency kit. Visit the Government of Canada <u>Get Prepared</u> website for resources.

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Mayor Crystal Meloche