

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their first Regular Meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Barnes, Demarest and Young.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Davidson, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, and Mordue.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the February 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. January 18th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the January 18th, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meetings

None.

8. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Ronda Stewart, Economic Development Director, Rural Oxford Economic Development, Re: 2022 Year in Review Report

Stewart presented the Rural Oxford Economic Development's 2022 Year in Review Report. Council commented on the report and the ROEDC as a whole.

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation from Ronda Stewart, Economic Development Director, Rural Oxford Economic Development, Re: 2022 Year in Review Report be received as information.

.Carried

- b. Denise Krug, Director of Finance, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Re: 2023 Draft Budget, Operating and Capital

Krug presented the changes to the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget. Council asked questions and Krug answered. Council directed staff to bring the 2023 Levy By-law to the next Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation of the draft 2023 Budget be received as information;

And further, that Staff be directed to bring the 2023 levy by-law to the February 15, 2023 Council meeting.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

- a. Specific

None.

b. General

- i. David Simpson, Director of Public Works, Oxford County, Re: Oxford County Proposed Backflow Prevention Program Notice of Public Consultation Centres

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence items be received as information.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

- i. CS-23-02 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That Report CS-23-02 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-23-02 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-23-02 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-23-02 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-02 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Rodger Mordue - Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

i. CAO-23-02 – Mechanic Street Property Sale

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-02 be received; and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents required for the sale of the property described as Part 1, Plan 41R-10420, Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, to Paul and Guytrie Hillenaar.

.Carried

ii. CAO-23-03 – Prospect Street Property Sale

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-03 be received; and,

That Robert Swayze be appointed as the Township's Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator effective February 1, 2023; and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements related thereto.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Young reported regarding the childcare challenges in the Township. Young reported that as of Friday, there is no before and after school care at the Plattsville School so parents will be in a difficult position. Mayor Peterson reported on a meeting regarding Speed Signs and was told that Plattsville and Princeton will be done in February. Peterson also reported on his time at ROMA. He reported his first delegation was with Ontario Mayors regarding speed signs. He reported his next delegation was with Green, Liberal and NDP Parties regarding affordable housing and pushing the government to match the Oxford

County contribution of \$3 Million. He reported his next delegation was regarding the MPAC Reassessment of the Toyota lands and how it affects the Township. He reported the last delegation was regarding the same thing and was with the Ministry of Finance staff and staff from Premier Ford's Office.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

- a. 2344-2023, Being a By-law to provide for the sale of a portion of Township property located on Mechanic Street Drumbo, more particularly described as Part 1, Plan 41R-10420; Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, Being Part of PIN 00289-0256; and,
- b. 2345-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2344-2023 & 2345-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final time: 2344-2023 & 2345-2023.

.Carried

17. Other Business

- a. Southwest Public Health - Mayor Peterson Board of Directors

Mayor Peterson noted he is on the Board of Directors for Southwest Public Health.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:50 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim