

# MINUTES

Council met at 8:30 a.m. for their Draft Operating Budget and Regular Council Meeting.

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

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

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 January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. January 11, 2023 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Public Meeting

### a. Public Meeting under the Drainage Act, 10:00 a.m.

The engineer presented the McCrow Drain Report, specifically the assessment information. The appellant, Jeff Campbell presented his concerns, specifically with the trenching to be done due to the disruption of his regenerative agriculture. Questions were asked and answered of each the appellant, engineer and staff. Council's decision was to reject the appeal and sustain the assessment.

#### i. McCrow Drain, Court of Revision

### **RESOLUTION #3**

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That pursuant to the provision of Section 52 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter D. 17, the Court of Revision for the purposes of hearing appeals to the McCrow Drain is convened at 10:10 am.;

That Council appoint Mayor Mark Peterson, Councillor Bruce Banbury, Councillor Daryl Barnes, Councillor Nancy Demarest and Councillor Tina Young serve on the Court of Revision for the McCrow Drain;

And that Mayor Mark Peterson be appointed as the Chair of the Court of Revision  
.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the appeal of Jeff and Frances Campbell be rejected by the Court of Revision for the McCrow Drain.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the McCrow Drain sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of K. Smart dated November 24, 2022.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision on the McCrow Drain be closed at 11:10 a.m.

.Carried

## 8. Delegations / Presentations

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

Krug presented the 2023 Draft Operating Budget. Staff presented their departmental budgets. Council questions were asked and answered. Council directed staff to find savings to decrease the overall and to bring these revisions back to a meeting.

### RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the 2023 Draft Budget be received; and,

That staff be directed to make the necessary revisions to the estimates for presentation at a future Council meeting.

.Carried

## 9. Correspondence

- a. Specific

None.

- b. General

None.

## 10. Staff Reports

- a. **Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services**

- i. FC-23-01 – Monthly Report

### RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-23-01 be received as information.

.Carried

**b. John Scherer – Chief Building Official**

- i. CBO-23-01 – Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-23-01 be received as information.

.Carried

**11. Reports from Council Members**

Mayor Peterson advised of his and Councillor Demarest's upcoming attendance to ROMA. They will update Council at a future meeting.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Closed Session**

None.

**16. By-laws**

- a. 2342-2023, Being a by-law to establish an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2023; and,
- b. 2343-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**RESOLUTION #10**

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: 2342-2023 & 2343-2023.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final reading: 2342-2023 & 2343-2023.

.Carried

**17. Other Business**

None.

**18. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 12:15 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim