

# 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, Brick, Davidson, Degier, Harmer, Krug, and Matheson.

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

None.

## 9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

None.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-24-01 – Monthly Report

#### RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-01 be received as information.

.Carried

### b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-24-01 – Monthly Report

#### RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-24-01 be received as information.

.Carried

### c. Trevor Baer – Director of Community Services

i. CS-24-01 – Monthly Report

#### RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-24-01 be received as information.

.Carried

**d. Denise Krug – Director of Finance**

i. TR-24-01 – Temporary Borrowing

**RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-24-01 be received as information;  
and,

That Council pass By-law 2410-2024 authorizing the temporary borrowing  
for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in 2024 at \$1,000,000.

.Carried

**11. Reports from Council Members**

Mayor Peterson reported that the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference is coming up on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Councillor Demarest, Councillor Young and himself will be in attendance. Mayor Peterson also reported that he sponsored a public skate over the holidays and it was very well attended as were the other sponsored public skating sessions.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Closed Session**

a. Report CAO-24-02 - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege,  
including communications necessary for that purpose

Re: Storm Water Management Pond

b. Report CAO-24-01- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees

Re: Staff

**RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:16 p.m. to discuss:

a. Report CAO-24-02 - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

Re: Storm Water Management Pond

b. Report CAO-24-01- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees

Re: Staff

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:03 p.m.

.Carried

**16. Other Business**

None.

**17. By-laws**

a. 2410-2024, Being a By-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of money to meet the current expenditures of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;

b. 2411-2024, Being a by-law to establish an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2024;

c. 2412-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**RESOLUTION #9**

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: 2410-2024, 2411-2024, & 2412-2024.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #10**

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: 2410-2024, 2411-2024, & 2412-2024.

.Carried

**18. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:04 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

.Carried

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Josh Brick, CAO/Deputy Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim