

# MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Balzer, Demarest and Read.

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

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Call to Order

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

### RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the amended agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, with the addition of item 9. a. iii.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Public Meeting

None.

## 8. Delegations / Presentations

None.

## 9. Correspondence

### a. Specific

- i. Marcus Ryan, Mayor of Township of Zorra, Re: County Council Composition
- ii. Amelia Humphries, City of Woodstock Clerk, Re: Oxford County Council Composition Review
- iii. Ken Whytock, Resident, Re: Rainbow Crosswalk in Drumbo

### **RESOLUTION #3**

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Whereas at the Regular Council meeting held September 2, 2020 Blandford-Blenheim Township Council considered the issue of Oxford County Council Composition and Election of Head of County Council; and,

Whereas Township Council supported maintaining the status quo beyond the current term of Council regarding Oxford County Council's composition; and,

Whereas Township Council also supported the current process of electing the Oxford County Warden from a sitting member of County Council for the four-year term of Council,

Be It Resolved That Blandford-Blenheim Township Council re-confirms its position taken on September 2, 2020; and,

That Council requests that the Province release the recommendations of the Regional Government Review undertaken in 2019 as it relates to the County of Oxford; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP for Oxford, the County of Oxford and all lower tier municipalities in the County of Oxford.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that permission be granted to Ken Whytock for a Rainbow crosswalk to be painted on the road surface at the intersection of Centre Street and Pinkham Street for the month of June 2022, and;

That Mr. Whytock be required to consult with the Township Public Works Department prior to the installation of this crosswalk

.Carried

**b. General**

i. Princeton Fire Hall Committee, Re: Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Meeting of the Committee

**RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

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

.Carried

**10. Staff Reports**

**a. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services**

i. FC-22-10 – April Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

That Report FC-22-10 be received as information.

.Carried

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

- i. CBO-22-05 – Year End Report to Council

**RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-22-05 be received as information; and,

That the excess permit revenue for 2021 in the amount of \$10,406.00 be transferred to the Building Department Reserve fund.

.Carried

- ii. CBO-22-06 – Monthly Report to Council

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-22-06 be received as information.

.Carried

**c. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent**

- i. DS-22-10 – Monthly Report to Council

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-22-10 be received as information.

.Carried

**d. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works**

- i. PW-22-11 – Township Rd 8 (Oxford Rd 22 – Hubbard Rd)

**RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

That Report PW-22-11 be received as information;

And further that the Director of Public Works be permitted to sign a Drain petition for a municipal drain along Township Road 8.

.Carried

- ii. PW-22-12 – Township Rd 12 & Hubbard Rd (Oxford Rd 22 – Hubbard Rd)  
(Hubbard Rd – Oxford Rd 8)

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report PW-22-12 be received as information;

And further that the Director of Public Works be permitted to sign an agreement with RR Sand & Gravel Inc. for the supply of material to upgrade and maintain Township Road 12 between Oxford Road 8 & Hubbard Road & Hubbard Road between Township Road 12 & Oxford Road 8.

And further that the load restriction by-law be revised to allow full access of Township Road 12 between Oxford Road 8 & Hubbard Road & Hubbard Road between Township Road 12 & Oxford Road 8.

.Carried

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

- i. TR-22-08 – COLA Increases

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-22-08 be received as information;

And further that the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) continue to be based on the Ontario CPI for the period of August to August of the previous year.

.Carried

**f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk**

- i. CAO-22-08 – Closure and transfer of a portion of Twp Rd 2, Canning

**RESOLUTION #13**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-22-08 be received as information; and,

That staff be instructed to continue with the closure and transfer of a portion of Township Road 2 west of Canning Road to the owners of 955135 Canning Road.

.Carried

## 11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Read commended the efforts of Staff in improving the audio and visual experience in Council Chambers and noted the Ayr News article on the subject. Councillor Read also reported that this weekend is the Fireworks in Princeton put on by the Princeton Fire Department and the Women's Auxiliary. The event is to be held Saturday evening with a rain date of Sunday evening.

Councillor Demarest reported on the Oxford Rural Entrepreneurs Networking Event happening Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Oxford Hills. Demarest noted this is a series of events, with one event held in each Township. The event held in Blandford-Blenheim will be held on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at Udderly Ridiculous.

Councillor Banbury reported that Brant County prints a directory of businesses within their municipality and noted that it may be something the ROEDC ought to pursue.

Mayor Peterson reported that he received an email from a resident commending the Community Services Manager and Department for all their work in the Township Parks. Mayor Peterson also noted his mother turned 90 today.

## 12. Unfinished Business

### a. Main Street Princeton Reconstruction

#### **RESOLUTION #14**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that whereas County of Oxford staff has developed plans for the future reconstruction of Main Street in Princeton which include the elimination of some on street parking,

Be It Resolved that the County of Oxford be advised that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim is not in favour of reducing on street parking on Main Street in Princeton from the CN Rail tracks to County Road 2.

.Carried

## 13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

## 14. New Business

None.

## 15. Closed Session

a. Personal matters about and identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Re: ROEDC Board Member Selection

### RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:40 p.m. to discuss:

a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Re: ROEDC Board Member Selection

.Carried

### RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

.Carried

### RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Judi Meadows be appointed to represent the Township of Blandford-Blenheim on the Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

.Carried

## 16. By-laws

a. 2301-2022, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

### RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-law be now read a first and second time: 2301-2022.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #19**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-law be now read a third and final time: 2301-2022.

.Carried

**17. Other Business**

- a. Gary Gallant, Resident, Re: CAO-22-07

Mr. Gallant arrived late to Council and presented the reasons for his opposition of the sale of land to the property owner to the South. He reported that he wishes to purchase a section of the land. Council concurred on the solution of creating an easement along the north end of the property in question to allow the abutting neighbours access.

**18. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

**RESOLUTION #20**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:35 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim