

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, Davidson, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, and Mordue.

Other: Robson, Planner.

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 April 5th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. March 15th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the March 15th, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meetings

- a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act
 - i. Applications for Draft Plan of Zone Change, ZN1-23-03, Stoffyn & Perkel

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council rise and go into a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider an application for zone change:

ZN1-23-03 – Stoffyn & Perkel;

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the report recommending to approve the zone change application. The applicants were present. No one in the audience spoke for or against the application.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the zone change application submitted by Olivier Stoffyn & Kayla Perkel, whereby the lands described as Part Lot 12, Concession 2 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'Limited Agricultural Zone (A1)' to 'Special Limited Agricultural Zone (A1-G5)' to permit a garden suite for a temporary time period of ten (10) years.

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Drumbo Lion's Club Members, Re: Donation for Ball Diamond Fencing.

Several members of the Drumbo Lion's Club attended the Meeting to present a cheque, along with the Mayor and Community Services Manager to the Township in the amount of \$1,000.00. This Donation will be applied toward the Ball Diamond Fencing.

9. Correspondence

- a. Specific
 - i. John Maheu, Executive Director & Kelly Elliott, Markets & Communications Specialist, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, Re: Rejecting a New Fee Proposed by Enbridge Gas.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Ernie Hardeman MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

.Carried

- ii. Amy Humphries, Clerk, City of Woodstock, Re: Resolution regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the resolutions of the municipality of Chatham-Kent and the City of Woodstock regarding insurance premium increases and directs staff to contact Local Authority Services (LAS) to indicate support for the creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider.

.Carried

- iii. Shelley Brown, Acting Clerk, Town of Essex, Re: the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim support the Town of Essex and urge the Provincial government to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

.Carried

b. General

- i. Benjamin Addley, Chief Administrative Officer, Oxford County, Re: 2022 Annual Wastewater System Performance;
- ii. Benjamin Addley, Chief Administrative Officer, Oxford County, Re: Evaluation of Traffic Calming Measures and Port Monitoring Speed Reviews in Drumbo, Plattsville, Bright and Harrington; and,
- iii. Benjamin Addley, Chief Administrative Officer, Oxford County, Re: 2022 Annual Waste Management Reports.

RESOLUTION #9

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-23-06 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That Report CS-23-06 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-23-08 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-23-08 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-23-04 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-04 be received as information; and,

That the Fees and Charges By-law proposed amendments for CLI-ECA applications be posted on the Township website; and,

That Council authorize the Director of Finance prepare an amending By-Law for the April 19th 2023 council meeting to reflect the new fees.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Engineer be directed to expand the existing Block Assessment area used in the maintenance schedule for the Plattsville Drain to include all of the Plattsville Estate Phase 3 and Phase 4 less the area of Phase 4 that outlet to Albert St and the Hall Branch of Plattsville Drain 2007.

.Carried

- ii. DS-23-05 – McCrow Drain Tender

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-05 be received as information;

And further that the tender for the McCrow Drain be awarded to VanBree Enterprise of Warwick Township in the amount of \$ 110,165.65 plus applicable taxes.

.Carried

d. Sarah Matheson – Deputy Clerk

- i. DC-23-01 – Graphic Image Delivery By-law

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council receive Report DC-23-01 as information;

And further, that Township Council approves the short form wording and set fine submission as listed in Appendix A;

And further that Township Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to make the necessary application to the Ministry of the Attorney General to seek approval for the proposed short form wording and set fines associated with By-law number 2354-2023 - a by-law to regulate the distribution of graphic flyers in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

.Carried

ii. DC-23-02 – Clearing Refuse from Land By-law

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council receive Report DC-23-02 as information;

And further, That Council adopt By-law 2356-2023 to repeal By-law 1972-2016 to provide for the filling up, drainage of land and to regulate littering, dumping and clearing land of refuse;

And further, that Township Council approves the short form wording and set fine submission as listed in Schedule B;

And further that Township Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to make the necessary application to the Ministry of the Attorney General to seek approval for the proposed short form wording and set fines associated with By-law number 2356-2023.

.Carried

iii. DC-23-03 – Noise Control By-law

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council receive Report DC-23-03 as information;

And further, That Council adopt By-law 2357-2023 to repeal By-law 2182-2020 to provide for the regulation of Noise or Vibration within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;

And further, that Township Council approves the short form wording and set fine submission as listed in Schedule 3;

And further that Township Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to make the necessary application to the Ministry of the Attorney General to seek approval for the proposed short form wording and set fines associated with By-law number 2357-2023.

.Carried

e. Denise Krug – Director of Financial Services

- i. TR-23-09 – Budget Development Policy

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-23-09 be received as information;
and,

And further that Council approves and adopts the Budget Development Policy.

.Carried

f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

- i. CAO-23-06 – Application Fees for Affordable Housing Projects

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-06 be received; and,

That staff be directed to insert a clause into the Township's fees and Charges By-law exempting Planning application fees from being charged for projects that qualify under the County of Oxford's Affordable Housing Incentive Program.

.Carried

- ii. CAO-23-07 – Asset Naming Policy

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-07 be received; and,

That Council accept the names Muer, Currah, Fenn and Glendinning to be added to the names registry for Township assets.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Barnes spoke regarding May being Museum Month and noted we have three museums in our area that are worth a visit to. Councillor Demarest reported that the Drumbo Lions Club Auction and Recycling Days in Drumbo are happening on Thursday April 6th, Friday April 7th, Saturday April 8th and is great to support the Lions.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

- a. 2354-2023, Being a By-law to regulate the distribution of graphic flyers in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;

- b. 2355-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Stoffyn & Perkel);
- c. 2356-2023, Being a By-law to repeal by-law 1972-2016 and to provide for the filling up, drainage of land and to regulate littering, dumping and clearing land of refuse;
- d. 2357-2023, Being a By-law to repeal By-law 2182-2020, and to provide for the regulation of Noise or Vibration within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and,
- e. 2358-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #21

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: 2354-2023, 2355-2023, 2356-2023, 2357-2023 & 2358-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #22

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: 2354-2023, 2355-2023, 2356-2023, 2357-2023 & 2358-2023.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #23

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:47 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on
Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim