

# 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, Belanger, Borton, Brick, Davidson, Degier, Krug, and Matheson.

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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended, with the deletion of item 10. c. ii.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 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 Drainage Act, Court of Revision
  - i. Mitchell Drain

Court of Revision members opened the Court. Appellant Doehn presented his case, MacIntrye, Drainage Engineer presented the rationale behind the Doehn assessment. Chairperson Peterson asked for verbal appeals. No one in attendance put forth a verbal appeal. The Court rejected the Doehn appeal and sustained the assessment as outlined in the Engineer's Report then adjourned.

### **RESOLUTION #3**

Moved by – Councillor Barnes  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved 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 Mitchell Drain is convened at 4:04 p.m.;

That Council appoint Mayor Mark Peterson, Councillor Nancy Demarest, and North Dumfries Councillor Alida Wilms serve on the Court of Revision for the Mitchell Drain;

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

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Wilms (North Dumfries Member)  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the appeal of Gordon Doehn, owner of CON 12 NE PT LOT 3 RP41R3867 PART 1, be rejected by the Court of Revision for the Mitchell Drain; and,

That the Court of Revision for the Mitchell Drain sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of K. Smart dated December 15, 2023.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Wilms (North Dumfries Member)  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision on the Mitchell Drain be adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

.Carried

i. Baker Drain

Court of Revision members opened the Court, Chairperson Peterson asked for verbal appeals. No one in attendance put forth an appeal. The Court sustained the assessment as outlined in the Engineer's Report and adjourned.

**RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved 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 Baker Drain is convened at 4:38 p.m.; and,

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 Baker Drain; and further,

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

. Carried

**RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Baker Drain sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of K. Smart dated January 9, 2024.

. Carried

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision on the Baker Drain be closed at 4:40 p.m.

. Carried

b. Public Meeting under the Development Charges Act, 1997

- i. Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager at Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. – Presentation of proposed 2024 Development Charge & Background Study

Stephen presented the Development Charge Background Study findings and next steps in the process of implementing new development charges. Stephen provided an overview of draft development charge calculations, reviewed the policies, and provided an estimated financial impact of proposed development charge policies.

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim 2024 Development Charge Background Study be received as information.

. Carried

c. Delegation

- i. David Mayberry, Mayor, Township of South-West Oxford, Re: SWIFT Program Overview and Update

Mayor Mayberry presented information and considerations regarding the SWIFT program.

**RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation from David Mayberry be received as information.

. Carried

d. Public Meeting under the Planning Act, Zone Change

- i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-23-18 (Fizcere & Sons Ltd.)

The Planner presented the report, recommending approval. The applicants were not present. Council had no question or comment. No one in attendance spoke for or against the application. The Members approved the zone change.

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

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

ZN1-23-18 (Ficzere & Sons Ltd).;

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

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

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #13**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council approve the zone change application submitted by Ficzere & Sons Ltd., whereby the lands described as Part Lot 13, Concession 1 (Blenheim), in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Residential Type 1 Zone (R1).'

.Carried

## **8. Delegations / Presentations**

- ii. Helmut Schneider, Pro Wind Renewables, Re: Renewable Energy

Schneider of Pro Wind Renewables presented a proposition to bring renewable wind energy to Blandford-Blenheim. Council directed Scheider to bring further information at a subsequent meeting.

**RESOLUTION #14**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation from Helmut Schneider of Pro Wind Renewables be received as information.

.Carried

## 9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

None.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Adam Degier – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-24-07 – Monthly Report

#### **RESOLUTION #15**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-07 be received as information.

.Carried

ii. DS-24-08 – Princeton Phase 3 Tender

#### **RESOLUTION #16**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-08 be received as information; and further,

That the Township accept the tender bid of \$3,765,126.88 not including HST submitted by Viewcon Construction Ltd.; and further,

That the Township's CAO be permitted to sign the tender documents contract binding the Township and Viewcon Construction Ltd. to the project.

.Carried

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

- i. PW-24-05 – Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #17**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-24-05 be received as information.  
.Carried

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

- i. CS-24-03 – Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #18**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-24-03 be received as information.  
.Carried

**d. Josh Brick – Chief Administrative Officer**

- i. CAO-24-11 – Municipal Budget Update

**RESOLUTION #19**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-24-11 be received as information;  
and,

That Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with  
establishing the Strategic Plan Working Group, as outlined in Report CAO  
24-11.

.Carried

**11. Reports from Council Members**

Mayor Peterson reported that the Drumbo Lion's Auction will be happening  
Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Closed Session**

None.

**16. Other Business**

None.

**17. By-laws**

- a. 2423-2024, Being a By-law to regulate the sale and use of fireworks in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
- b. 2424-2024, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Ficzere & Sons Ltd.);
- c. 2425-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**RESOLUTION #20**

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:

- a. 2423-2024, Being a By-law to regulate the sale and use of fireworks in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
- b. 2424-2024, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Ficzere & Sons Ltd.);
- c. 2425-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #21**

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:

- a. 2423-2024, Being a By-law to regulate the sale and use of fireworks in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;
- b. 2424-2024, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Ficzere & Sons Ltd.);
- c. 2425-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

## 18. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

### **RESOLUTION #22**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:12 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

.Carried

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Sarah Matheson, Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim