

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025  
Council Chambers  
47 Wilmot St. S. Drumbo, ON  
Streamed live to Township of Blandford-Blenheim YouTube Channel  
4:00 p.m.

# 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, Krug, Law, and Matheson.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Call to Order

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

### RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the May 21st, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, with the addition of items 8. c. and 10. c. i.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Public Meetings

None.

## 8. Delegations / Presentations

a. Anne Coleman, Director of Programs & Services, Ontario Living Wage Network, re: Ontario Living Wage Employer Certification

Anne Coleman, Director of Programs and Services with the Ontario Living Wage Network presented information about the program and congratulations to the municipality for joining the program.

### **RESOLUTION #3**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Anne Coleman of the Ontario Living Wage Network regarding the Ontario Living Wage Employer Certification be received as information.

.Carried

b. Dennis O'Neil, Member Services Coordinator, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, re: 2025 AORS Municipal Public Works Trade Show (June 4-5, 2025)

Dennis O'Neil Member Services Coordinator of the AORS spoke regarding the 2025 AORS Municipal Public Works Trade Show to be held on June 4-5, 2025 in Woodstock at the Oxford Auditorium and Civic Arena.

### **RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Barnes

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Dennis O'Neil of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors regarding the 2025 AORS Municipal Public Works Trade Show be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jule, Electric Vehicle Charging and Battery Energy Storage Company, re: Explanation of EV Charging Program

### **RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Jule regarding the Electric Vehicle Charging Program be received as information.

.Carried

## 9. Correspondence

### a. Specific

- i. Drumbo Fire Association 14th Annual Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Fundraiser Tournament Request for Event of Municipal Significance

### RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that whereas Regulation 389/91 of the Liquor License Act was amended in 2011; and,

Whereas Regulations require that an applicant for the Special Occasion Permit for a Public Event request the municipality to designate the event as an event of municipal significance

Be it hereby resolved that the Drumbo Fire Association's 14<sup>th</sup> annual Co-Ed Slo-pitch Tournament to be held on June 14, 2025 (or June 15, 2025 for the rain date) be declared an event of municipal significance.

.Carried

### b. General

None.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-25-08 – Monthly Report

### RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-25-08 be received as information.

.Carried

**b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official**

- i. CBO-25-05 – Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-25-05 be received as information.

.Carried

**c. Sarah Matheson – Clerk**

- i. DC-25-06 – Alternate Voting Method for the 2026 Municipal Election

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-25-06 be received as information;  
and,

That Council approves the use of alternate voting methods (internet and telephone) for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election; and further,

That Council directs staff to prepare a 2026 Municipal Election Method of Voting By-Law for consideration at a future meeting of Council.

.Carried

**11. Reports from Council Members**

None.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Closed Session**

None.

## **16. By-laws**

### **RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time:

- a. 2497-2025, Being a by-law to provide for the adoption of budgetary estimates and tax rates for 2025, and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment; and,
- b. 2498-2025, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.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 time:

- a. 2497-2025, Being a by-law to provide for the adoption of budgetary estimates and tax rates for 2025, and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment; and,
- b. 2498-2025, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

## **17. Other Business**

None.

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

### **RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:36 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 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