

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 second 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 Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meetings 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. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-25-03 – January Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #3**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-25-03 be received as information.

.Carried

### b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-25-02 – January Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #4**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-25-02 be received as information.

.Carried

### c. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

- i. TR-25-02 – Council Grant and Subsidy Requests 2025

**RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-25-02 be received as information;  
and,

That Council direct staff to allocate Grant and Subsidy Funds as recommended.

.Carried

- ii. TR-25-03 – Ontario Reg. 284-09

**RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-25-03 be received as information,  
and,

That Report TR-25-03, with respect to Ontario Regulation 284/09 for the budget year 2025, be adopted.

.Carried

- iii. TR-25-04 – Statement Issued with Respect to 2024 Salaries, Benefits and Expenses

**RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-25-04 be received as information.

.Carried

## **11. Reports from Council Members**

Councillor Banbury addressed the Public Works Director, Jim Borton, regarding a vehicle that hit the railway tracks in Princeton by the Post Office. Councillor Banbury requested that we contact Oxford County regarding signage being installed promptly. Borton responded that the department is currently working on signage. Mayor Peterson reported that our CN rail representative ought to be contacted.

Councillor Barnes reported regarding Drumbo Heritage Society holding an event from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday including games, a model train, old time clothing dress up.

Mayor Peterson commented on behalf of Council, extended appreciation to the Public Works department for their long hours and hard work.

## **12. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

### **RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Whereas speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

Whereas municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

Whereas infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

Therefore, be it resolved that Blandford Blenheim Township calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities;

That the Township of Blandford Blenheim specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

And that Blandford Blenheim Township Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long-term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

.Carried

## 14. New Business

### RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas [Canada and the United States \(U.S.\) have the world's most comprehensive and dynamic trading relationship, which supports millions of jobs in each country;](#) and,

Whereas [on February 1, 2025, the U.S. announced that it is imposing tariffs of 25 per cent on all Canadian goods, and a tariff of 10 per cent on energy exports from Canada, imported into the U.S. from Canada, effective February 4, 2025;](#) and,

Whereas the Government of [Canada responded to the U.S. imposition of tariffs on Canadian goods by introducing a set of prospective countermeasures designed to apply economic pressure on the U.S. to remove the tariffs as soon as possible;](#) and,

Whereas the Government of Ontario was also responsive to the imposition of U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods, [including highlighting the option of banning U.S. companies from Provincial contracts and discontinuing existing contracts with U.S. companies;](#) and,

Whereas on February 3, 2025, the U.S. announced that the plan to levy tariffs on Canada would be paused for at least 30 days, following negotiations with the Government of Canada, it being noted that the purpose of the pause would be to see “whether or not a final economic deal with Canada can be structured”; and,

Whereas municipalities, while relatively small players in Canada-U.S. trade, collectively procure substantial quantities of goods and services from U.S. suppliers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining actions that can be taken to ensure relevant Township of Blandford-Blenheim procurement practices are aligned with recent directives advanced by

the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada in the event that future tariffs or similar economic sanctions be placed on Canada; and further,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Oxford County Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Oxford County MPP Candidates, Oxford County MP – Arpan Khanna, and the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada.

.Carried

## **15. Closed Session**

None.

## **16. By-laws**

### **RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Young  
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

- a. 2485-2025, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #11**

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:

- a. 2485-2025, 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 Young

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:26 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Sarah Matheson, Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim