

MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Barnes, and Young.

Staff: Baer, Belanger, Borton, Brick, Davidson, Degier, and Matheson.

Other: Robson, Planner.

Regrets: Councillor Demarest

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the September 4th, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. August 7th, 2024 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the July 3rd, 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 Planning Act, Zone Change

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-24-17 (Shantz)

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

ZN1-24-03 (Faul);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the Report, recommending approval. No member made comment or had questions. The applicant was present. No one in the audience spoke further for or against the application.

RESOLUTION #4

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 #5

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the zone change application submitted by Kevin Shantz, whereby the zoning affecting lands described as Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession 14 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim will be amended to permit a Garden Suite on the subject lands for a ten (10) year period from September 4, 2024 to September 4, 2034.

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

- i. Alex Golden, Staff Member, Big Brothers Big Sisters Oxford County, re: Big Brothers Big Sisters Month in September

Alex Golden and Elizabeth Quinto presented information regarding Big Brothers Big Sisters Oxford County to raise awareness.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved presentation from Alex Golden, Big Brothers Big Sisters Oxford County, regarding Brothers Big Sisters Month in September be received as information.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

- i. Frances Campbell, Secretary Treasurer, Drumbo Agricultural Society, re: Petition to Wave Permit Fee for Tent Installation for the Drumbo Fair

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence from Frances Campbell be received as information;

And further, that Council grants the fee being waived for the tent installation for the Drumbo Fair.

.Carried

- ii. Andre Dittrich & Genevieve Bittner, Co-Chairs, 2024 Bright Water Security Committee, re: Petition regarding Bright Water Supply

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence from Andre Dittrich & Genevieve Bittner be received as information.

.Carried

- iii. Audrey Pascal, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, re: Prince Edward County's Call to Action to Meet the Deadline to an Accessible Ontario by 2025

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence from City of Stratford be received as information,

And further, that 2024-151, being a resolution from Prince Edward County regarding a call to action to meet the deadline of an accessible Ontario by 2025, be endorsed.

.Carried

- iv. Audrey Pascal, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, re: Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan's Resolution regarding Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence from City of Stratford be received as information,

And further, that 2024-151, being a resolution from Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding regulations for importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries, be endorsed.

.Carried

b. General

- i. Cynitha St. John, Chief Executive Officer, Southwestern Public Health, re: Household Food Insecurity in the SWPH Region and Effective Policy-Based Solutions; and,
- ii. Rebecca Smith, Manager of Housing Development, Oxford County, re: Housing for All, Housing and Homelessness Plan, 2024-2033.

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Adam Degier – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-24-16 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-16 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Trevor Baer – Director of Community Services

- i. CS-24-13 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-24-13 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-24-18 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that FC-24-18 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

- i. TR-24-12 – Debenture – Princeton Drainage System

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-24-12 be received as information;

And further that By-law 2447-2024, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Lands Corporation for financing certain capital works through the issue of debentures, be presented to Council for enactment;

And further that Council authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer to sign any documents required to complete the debenture, in the amount of \$1,500,000.

.Carried

e. Josh Brick – Chief Administrative Officer

- i. CAO-24-32 – Legal Non-Conforming Verification Process

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-24-32 be received as information;
and,

That Council approves the Legal Non-Conforming Verification Process as presented.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson commended the U20 Youth PDP Minor Ball Team on their playing in the Nationals for Canada and winning 4 – 1, with four boys from the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. Councillor Banbury commented that the Princeton Cemetery Decoration Day was a successful event and well-attended as well as thanked the staff for their efforts in maintaining the cemetery so well. Drumbo Cemetery Decoration Day went well, according to staff. Mayor Peterson reported on his attendance at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, noting the event was successful and commented on the health services and long-term care crisis. Mayor Peterson reported regarding the tornado that skimmed over the north east part of Blandford-Blenheim.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

- a. Report CAO-24-35 – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality [s. 239(2)(c)]

Re: Land Disposition

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:57 p.m. to discuss:

- a. Report CAO-24-35 – A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality [s. 239(2)(c)]

Re: Land Disposition

.Carried

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:13 p.m. and reports the following:

- That Council gave direction to the CAO regarding Report CAO-24-35.

.Carried

16. By-laws

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

- a. 2447-2024, Being A By-law to Authorize the Submission of an Application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for Financing certain Ongoing Capital Work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (the “Lower Tier Municipality”); to Authorize Temporary Borrowing from OILC to Meet Expenditures in Connection with such Capital Work(s); and to Authorize Long-Term Borrowing for such Capital Work(s) through the Issue of Debentures by the County of Oxford (the “Upper-Tier Municipality”) to OILC;
- b. 2448-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-24-17);
- c. 2449-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-24-06 Housekeeping); and,
- d. 2450-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

- a. 2447-2024, Being A By-law to Authorize the Submission of an Application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for Financing certain Ongoing Capital Work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (the “Lower Tier Municipality”); to Authorize Temporary Borrowing from OILC to Meet Expenditures in Connection with such Capital Work(s); and to Authorize Long-Term Borrowing for such Capital Work(s) through the Issue of Debentures by the County of Oxford (the “Upper-Tier Municipality”) to OILC;
- b. 2448-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-24-17);

c. 2449-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-24-06 Housekeeping); and,

d. 2450-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

17. Other Business

- a. Mayor Peterson reported that Ducks Unlimited Canada is holding an event for Oxford County, north of Washington and Plattsville, on September 11th and 12th with tree planting and a tour.
- b. Mayor Peterson reported that PeopleCare in Tavistock will be hosting tours on Friday, September 13th, 2024.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:17 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Sarah Matheson, Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim