

MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Demarest, and Read.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Harmer, Matheson, Mordue, and Richardson.

Other: Planner, Dustin Robson

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Read
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the March 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. February 16th, 2022 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Read
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the February 16th, 2022 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meeting

None.

8. Delegations / Presentations

None.

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

- i. Peter Julian, MP New Westminster – Burnaby, Re: Seeking Endorsement for Bill C-229, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Read
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim endorses MP Peter Julian's private member's Bill C-229 – Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

.Carried

b. General

None.

10. Staff Reports

a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-22-06 – February Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Read
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-22-06 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

- i. CS-22-03 – February Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-22-03 be received as information.
.Carried

- i. CS-22-04 – Multi-Purpose Pad Request

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-22-04 be received as information; and,
That Council deny the request to offer for rent the multi-purpose pad in the Princeton Park.
.Carried

c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-22-06 – February Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-22-06 be received as information.
.Carried

d. Rick Richardson – Chief of Protective Services

- i. FC-22-03 – MTO No Service Calls

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Whereas the Township of Blandford-Blenheim fire department responds to incidents on Provincial Highway 401; and,

Whereas, although the Township Fire Department is required to respond to all incidents when dispatched, the Ministry of Transportation does not cover costs when stations are called off enroute or if it's discovered that no services are required when our department arrives; and,

Whereas these “no service” calls pull the Township’s volunteer firefighters away from their family and/or their full-time employment and account for approximately 33% of the Township’s calls to the 401 while directly costing the tax payers of Township considerable money to respond to these calls; and,

Whereas in Northern Ontario the Ministry of Transportation currently reimburse municipalities for no service calls,

Be it Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the Ontario association of Fire Chiefs' request to the Minister of Transportation to set a minimum call out coverage rate for all call outs on 400 series highways; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario association of Fire Chiefs, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to the MPP for Oxford.

.Carried

ii. FC-22-04 – Joint Fire Prevention Officer Position

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council receive Report No. FC -22-04 as information; and,

That Council approve the concept of a partnership for a Joint Fire Prevention Officer.

.Carried

iii. FC-22-03 – Firefighter Certification

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-22-05 be received as information.

.Carried

e. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

i. TR-22-04 – Additional 2022 Council Grant & Subsidy Request

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-22-04 be received as information; and,

That Council approve a grant to the Plattsville Fire Department Association's in the amount of \$1,000.

.Carried

f. Sarah Matheson – Deputy Clerk

i. DC-22-02 – Council Audio Visual Equipment

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-22-02 be received as information; and,

That Council accept the quote from Armor Pro Audio Visual and begin the process of installing audio visual equipment in the Council Chambers.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson reported that there has been development since he spoke to Council regarding reaching out to Doug Ford regarding the issue of the reassessment of the Toyota property. The issue was moved to Patrick Sackville, Executive Director of Policy with the Office of the Premier, who has since moved the issue to Dylan Kocsis, Policy Advisor to Minister of Finance. Mayor Peterson anticipates a meeting between staff and himself.

Mayor Peterson also noted the rise in cost to the Princeton upgrades that are required and noted the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Oxford MPP Hardeman were contacted regarding this.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

a. 2290-2022, Being a By-law to amend By-law 1864-2014, Being a By-law to prescribe and regulate the speed of motor vehicles on roads in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim; and,

b. 2291-2022, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2290-2022 & 2291-2022.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final reading: 2290-2022 & 2291-2022.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:39 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim