

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, Davidson, Harmer, Mordue 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 October 18th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, with the addition of item 15 a.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. October 4th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the October 4th, 2023 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. Katharina Strubel & Ken Whytock, Residents, Re: Downtown Drumbo Beautification

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation from Katharina Strubel and Ken Whytock regarding Drumbo Downtown Beautification be received as information; and,

That Council support the project of the Drumbo Beautification Committee and direct staff to develop a budget estimate to be included in the 2024 budget.

.Carried

- b. Jim Cochrane, Resident, Re: Installing a Plaque on the Richwood Hall

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation from Jim Cochrane regarding a plaque on the Richwood Hall be received as information; and,

That Council direct staff to include an amount in the 2024 budget to have a plaque installed at the Richwood Hall.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

- i. [Multiple Municipality's Councils, Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments.](#)

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council supports the resolution passed by the City of Cambridge on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments.

.Carried

ii. [Town of Stouffville, Clerk, Re: Illegal Land Use Enforcement.](#)

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council supports the resolution passed by the Town of Stouffville on September 27, 2023, regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement.

.Carried

iii. [Town of Midland, Clerk, Re: Catch & Release Justice in Ontario.](#)

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council supports the resolution passed by the Town of Midland on September 6, 2023, regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario.

.Carried

b. General

i. Township of Zorra, Chief Administrative Officer, Re: Road Authority Jurisdiction

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

i. FC-23-15 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-23-15 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-23-10 –Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-23-10 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Harmer – Draining Superintendent

- i. DS-23-16 – Petition for Drainage

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-16 be received as information;
and,

That Council accepts the two petitions for drainage works for the S1/2 Lot 1 Concession 13 from Colman Equipment and Bev Fried, and for the SW1/4 Lot 38 Concession 11 from Dave Cleave; and further,

That the Clerk notify the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Clerk of the Township North Dumfries that it has received petitions for drainage work and that they intend to proceed with these petitions.

.Carried

- ii. DS-23-17 – Section 78 of the Drainage Act Report for the Drumbo Drainage Works 1993

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-17 is received as information;

And further that council instructs staff to notify the GRCA of their intent to appoint an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Drumbo Drainage Works 1993 Harmer Stormwater Management Pond.

.Carried

d. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

i. CAO-23-19 – Strategic Planning

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-19 be received; and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents required for the sale of the property described as Part of Centre Street, Plan 104, Designated as Part 1, Plan 41R-10506; Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, Being Part of PIN 00281-0316 to Slaminvest Holdings Inc.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Young passed along information regarding a Youth Dance in Plattsville on October 27th, 2023 at the Lions Hall in Plattsville Arena. Councillor Young also shared that she will be passing information along regarding Human Trafficking with a lens on Oxford County by United Way to the other members. Councillor Barnes reported that the local Public Schools are selling sweatshirts and Wolverton has met their quota. Mayor Peterson reported that the Princeton United Church is hosting a Senior's Safety Session with the OPP on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Peterson also reported that the Township is hosting a Community Connect Event at Lions Hall in Plattsville Arena on Wednesday, October 25th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, drop in.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

a. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Re: Gravel roads

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:49 p.m. to discuss:

a. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

Re: Gravel roads

.Carried

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:54 p.m.

.Carried

16. By-laws

a. 2383-2023, Being a By-law provide for drainage works in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in the Restructured County of Oxford (3rd & final reading, Hotson Drain);

b. 2384-2023, Being a By-law provide for drainage works in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in the Restructured County of Oxford (3rd & final reading, Plattsville Estates Phases 3 & 4 Drain);

c. 2391-2023, Being a By-law to provide for the closure and sale of a portion of Centre Street, Drumbo. More particularly described as Part of Centre

Street, Plan 104, Designated as Part 1, Plan 41R-10506; Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford;

d. 2392-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #14

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: 2391-2023 & 2392-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #15

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: 2383-2023, 2384-2023, 2391-2023 & 2392-2023.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:55 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim