

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, Belanger, Borton, Brick, Davidson, Degier, Krug, and Matheson.

Other: Robson, Planner.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Closed Session

- a. Educating or training members of the council, a local board, or committee [s. 239 (3.1)]

Re: Council Exercise – Strategic Plan

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

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 3:04 p.m. to discuss:

- a. Educating or training members of the council, a local board, or committee [s. 239 (3.1)]

Re: Council Exercise – Strategic Plan

.Carried

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 3:58 p.m.

.Carried

4. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the April 3rd, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed, with the addition of item 17. b.

.Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

6. Adoption of Minutes

a. April 3rd, 2024 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the April 3rd, 2024 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Public Meetings

a. Public Meeting under the Planning Act, Zone Change

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-24-04 (Steven & Debbie Reichert)

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

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

ZN1-24-04 (Steven & Debbie Reichert);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the report, recommending denial. Council Member Young asked a question of the applicant regarding reasoning behind the distance of the proposed structure. Justin Irvin, the Applicant's Agent answered the question and reasoned the placement of the structure with elevations and wetness of certain areas of land. Member Demarest questioned whether another area would work. The Agent responded that they are constrained by septic placement. Member Demarest asked a question of the Planner regarding the alternative locations. The Planner pointed to an area that would be available to the applicants for the proposed structure. Member Banbury questioned the type of vegetation that would be disrupted by the proposed structure. Member Banbury asked the Agent if the Applicant would be replacing the vegetation lost due to construction. The Agent affirmed that trees could be planted. Member Demarest reiterated Member Banbury's point regarding replanting. Chairperson Peterson stated he was in favour of the application. No one in the gallery spoke for or against the application.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the Zone Change Application submitted by Jusitn Irvin on behalf of Steven and Debbie Reichert, whereby lands described as Part Lot 7, Concession 8 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-G4)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp)' to permit an additional residential unit (ARU) on the subject lands.

.Carried

9. Delegations / Presentations

- i. Joanna Taylor & Robbie Savage, Residents, re: Moving back speed signs on the County Roads leading into the Village of Drumbo

Joanna Taylor and Robbie Savage presented issues with the traffic approaching and leaving each of the road networks leading into/out of the Village of Drumbo. Particularly, the delegates would like the 50 km/h speed

signs be moved further back out of the village. The delegates cited speeding as well as distracted driving as threats to community safety. The delegates requested that Township Council forward their requests to the County of Oxford in the form of a letter. Member Young expressed her support for the issue. Member Barnes & Banbury concurred. Member Demarest expressed a practical solution is required and that Township Council will advocate for the issue. Mayor Peterson noted that the County of Oxford presented the locations of the speed signs at Township Council and that Township Council approved them. Mayor Peterson made further comment regarding the decision to get rid of the 60 km/h zones, specifically that data shows they are not effective. Delegate Taylor presented a petition for the record. Mayor Peterson cited changes to the Police Services Board, specifically the dissolution of the Township-specific Board to a shared Board between the rural lower tier municipalities. Mayor Peterson noted his support for physical traffic calming measures such as a speed hump. Council directed staff to provide a letter to Oxford County regarding the issues with traffic in the network of the village of Drumbo.

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Joanna Taylor & Robbie Savage be received as information; and further that,

Council directs staff to provide a letter to Oxford County regarding the requests made by the delegates.

.Carried

- ii. Darrell Fried & Tyler Vollmershausen, Residents, re: Concern over Renewable Energy, Specifically Wind

Darrel Fried and Tyler Vollershausen presented a slide deck regarding concerns with wind turbines, citing health, safety and environmental concerns. The delegates proposed two solutions: the Township's declaration of an unwilling host and to change the zoning by-law. Mayor Peterson remarked that the Township is currently an unwilling host and would need the majority of members to overturn that decision from March 2, 2016. Mayor Peterson noted that changing the zoning by-laws is not a feasible solution. Mayor Peterson called on the Planner to clarify the setbacks, to which the Planner responded that the policy team would be the best to ask, however, he noted that his understanding is such that a

minimum is set by the province and a zoning by-law would be required to change the provincial standard. Council directed staff to send the information received from the delegates to Oxford County Council.

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

That the delegation from Darrell Fried & Tyler Vollmershausen be received as information; and further that,

Council direct staff to forward the correspondence to Oxford County.

.Carried

10. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

i. David Simpson, Director of Public Works, County of Oxford, Re: 2023 Annual Waste Management Reports; and,

ii. David Simpson, Director of Public Works, County of Oxford, Re: 2023 Annual Energy Reports.

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

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

.Carried

11. Staff Reports

a. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

i. FC-24-08 – March Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-24-08 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-24-04 – March Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-24-04 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Adam Degier – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-24-10 – Award of Tender: Baker Drain 2024

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-10 be received as information;
and further,

That the tender for the Baker Drain 2024 be awarded to SEG Excavating
Ltd. in the amount of \$85,700.00 plus applicable taxes.

.Carried

- ii. DS-24-11 – Award of Tender: Mitchell Drain 2023

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-11 be received as information;
and further,

That the tender for the Mitchell Drain 2023 be awarded to Robinson Farm
Drainage Limited in the amount of \$307,052.00 plus applicable taxes.

.Carried

d. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-24-10 – 2024 Gravel Tender Results

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-24-10 be received as information;
and further,

That Council accepts the tender submitted by Summit Aggregates KW Inc
for the supply, crushing and placement of approximately 18,000 Tonnes of
granular “A” at a unit price of \$13.74/tonne.

.Carried

- ii. PW-24-11 – 2024 Surface Treatment Tender Results

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-24-11 be received as information;
and further,

That Council accept the Surface Treatment tender submitted by Walker
Construction, Niagara Falls, ON; and further,

That the remaining balance required to complete the work be transferred
from the Public Works reserve.

.Carried

e. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

- i. TR-24-07 – Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-24-07 be received as information;

And further that Council approves and adopts the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy.

.Carried

f. Josh Brick – Chief Administration Officer

- i. CAO-24-16 – Preliminary Engineering and Design Works – Princeton Fire Hall

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-24-16 be received as information; and,

That Council directs staff to engage Nelson Dawley, P. Eng., for preliminary design and engineering works for the future Princeton Fire Station, it being noted that preliminary works shall take place within the \$120,000.00 budget as set out in the approved 2024 capital budget.

.Carried

12. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson reported that two Blandford-Blenheim dairy farms are in the top fifteen (15) dairy farms in Canada, the Fried Farm and the McLaren Farm.

13. Unfinished Business

None.

14. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

15. New Business

None.

16. Closed Session

None.

17. Other Business

None.

18. By-laws

- a. 2429-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council; and,
- b. 2430-2024, Being a By-law to provide for an interim levy of the actual cost of the work of the construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Princeton Drainage System 2022 project as provided for in By-Law 2313-2022.

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

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

- a. 2429-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council; and,
- b. 2430-2024, Being a By-law to provide for an interim levy of the actual cost of the work of the construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Princeton Drainage System 2022 project as provided for in By-Law 2313-2022.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

- a. 2429-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council; and,
- b. 2430-2024, Being a By-law to provide for an interim levy of the actual cost of the work of the construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Princeton Drainage System 2022 project as provided for in By-Law 2313-2022.

.Carried

19. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:06 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Sarah Matheson, Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim