

MINUTES

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

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

Staff: Baer, Belanger, Borton, Davidson, Harmer, Krug, 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 August 2nd, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. July 5th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the July 5th, 2023 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

- i. Application for Official Plan Amendment & Zone Change – OP22-20-1 & ZN-22-09 (Telephone City Aggregates Inc. & 882527 Ontario Ltd.)

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

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

OP22-20-1 & ZN-22-09 (Telephone City Aggregates Inc. & 882527 Ontario Ltd.);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The applicant and applicant's agent present their application. The planner presented the report, recommending denial. Council asked questions of the planner and the agent as well as made comment. Cassandra Owen spoke in opposition of the application, particularly the loss of agricultural land, the risk of not know what the warehouses will house and the potential traffic issues. The Chair, applicant and planner responded. Linda Satinsky asked what other properties along Oxford Road 29 are owned by the applicant. The applicant responded. Nathan and Vicki Awde spoke in opposition of the application, particularly the safety with added traffic by the residences as well as at the highway cut off, the noise and quality of the traffic, the space required for an expansion of the road and the precedent it sets, requesting that they be removed from that area. The Chair, member Demarest and applicant responded. Lynn Dool spoke in favour of the application and asked questions. The Chair responded. Bev Beaton spoke in favour of the application. The applicant responded. Ronda Stewart with the ROEDC spoke in favour of the application.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

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

.Carried

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim advise County Council that the Township supports the application for Official Plan Amendment, File No. OP22-20-1, submitted by the Telephone City Aggregates Inc. & 882527 Ontario Ltd. for the lands legally described as Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim to include a site-specific policy to permit a warehouse facility.

And further, that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve in principle the Zone Change Application File No. ZN1-22-09, submitted by the Telephone City Aggregates Inc. & 882527 Ontario Ltd. for lands described as Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 (Blenheim) from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' and 'Residential Existing Lot Zone (RE)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp)' and 'Special Open Space Zone (OS-sp)' to permit a warehouse facility.

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Louise Wardrop, Executive Director, Oxford Community Foundation

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Louise Wardrop, Oxford Community Foundation be received as information.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

- i. Dave & Kim Piggott, Developers, Re: Bright Settlement Area

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the correspondence from Kim and Dave Piggott be forwarded to Oxford County Council; and,

That the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim advise the Council of the County of Oxford that they support the request of Kim and Dave Piggott to designate 64.18 acres of their property as Development and to bring it back into the Bright settlement boundary area; and,
That Council requests that this property be taken into consideration during the 2024 Oxford County Water and Wastewater Master Plan study

.Carried

ii. Kristin Darling, Drumbo Lions Club, Re: Drumbo Park Harvest Carnival

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that whereas Regulation 389/91 of the Liquor License Act was amended in 2011; and,

Whereas Regulations require that an applicant for a Special Occasion Permit for a Public Event request the municipality to designate the event as an event of municipal significance;

Be it hereby resolved that the Drumbo Lions Club's August 19, 2023 Harvest Carnival Hoedown at the Drumbo Park, 41 Centre Street in Drumbo be declared an event of municipal significance.

.Carried

b. General

- i. April Nix & Paul Michiels, Planning Policy, Oxford County, Re: Review of a Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement – Supplementary Report #2;
- ii. Pamela Antonio, Supervisor of Waste Management, Oxford County, Re: Municipal Blue Box Program Update – Transition to Full Extended Producer Responsibility;
- iii. Pamela Antonio, Supervisor of Waste Management, Oxford County, Re: Reducing Canada's Landfill Methane Emissions, Proposed Regulatory Framework, Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- iv. Ryan Vink, Project Engineer, Oxford County, Re: 2024 Transportation Master Plan;
- v. Mackenzie Schultz, Supervisor of Water and Wastewater Technical Services, Oxford County, Re: 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan; and,
- vi. Oxford Community Foundation, Re: 2022 Annual Report.

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

.Carried

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That the 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Study from the County of Oxford be received; and,

Whereas the study includes a recommendation that the water systems in Bright and Plattsville be interconnected and that the well 5 be decommissioned within the timeframe of 2034-2046; and,

Whereas there has been a history of issues with water supply from wells in Bright in the past and currently well 5 is the sole source of water for Bright.,

Be it resolved that comment be sent to the County of Oxford that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim requests that interconnection project between that Plattsville and Bright systems be moved ahead in the schedule to ensure there is an adequate and safe supply of water for the community of Bright.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-23-12 – June Monthly

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-23-12 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-23-07 – June Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-23-07 be received as information.
.Carried

c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-23-15 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

d. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-23-10 – Section 78 Report of the Drainage Act for the Hotson Drain

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-10 be received as information;

Whereas the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority have no comments or concerns to council's intention to appoint an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Hotson Drain.

Be It resolved that Council appoints Curtis MacIntyre of K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a drainage report as under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for repair and improvements to the Hotson Drain and that this report be included as part of the petition report of Wm A Chesney & Sons Limited at pt Lot 6 Concession 7.

.Carried

ii. DS-23-11 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-11 be received as information.
.Carried

e. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

i. CS-23-11 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-23-11 be received as information.
.Carried

f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

i. CAO-23-15 – Municipally Significant Event Policy

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-15 be received; and,

That the designation of Municipal Significant Event policy be adopted.

.Carried

ii. CAO-23-16 – Property Purchase

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-16 be received; and,

That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to authorize the purchase of property on Roper Street, Princeton from Ficzero & Sons Limited.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson reported that the Harvest Carnival is upcoming in August on the 19th & 20th in Drumbo.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

- a. Princeton Cemetery Decoration Day, to be held Sunday, August 20th, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. requires a Township representative to lay the wreath.
- b. Drumbo Cemetery Decoration Day, to be held Sunday, September 3rd, 2023.

Council discussed arrangements.

15. Closed Session

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

Township Lawyer to be in attendance, Re: Roads.

- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Staffing.

RESOLUTION #19

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 6:45 p.m. to discuss:

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

Township Lawyer to be in attendance, Re: Roads.

- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Staffing.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #20

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 8:27 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the notice of retirement effective December 31, 2023 submitted by Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk be accepted; and,

That Council waive the minimum 10 years of service with the Township requirement as outlined in section 15.4 of the Employee Manual and provide Mr. Mordue with all General Benefits in retirement as outlined in that section.

.Carried

16. By-laws

- a. 2381-2023, Being a By-law to provide for the acquisition of certain lands and premises from Ficzero & Sons Limited on Roper Street, Princeton.;
- b. 2382-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended; and,
- c. 2383-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #22

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: 2381-2023, 2382-2023, 2383-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #23

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final time: 2381-2023, 2382-2023, 2383-2023.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #24

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 8:28 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim