

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025
Council Chambers
47 Wilmot St. S. Drumbo, ON
Streamed live to Township of Blandford-Blenheim YouTube Channel
4:00 p.m.

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, Harmer, 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 Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the March 5th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. February 19th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the February 19th, 2025 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

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

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

ZN1-24-08 (Generate Resource Recovery LP and Generate Capital Canada STF Group);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

- i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-24-08 (Generate Resource Recovery LP and Generate Capital Canada STF Group);

The Planner presented the Report, recommending to approve-in-principle. Councillor Banbury questioned how the configuration of the lots came about in the first place. Planner Robson responded that the configuration was due to a past gypsum mine. Councillor Barnes commented that there was an escape hatch went through the parcel in question. Neither the applicants or agent were present. No persons in attendance spoke for or against the application.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

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 Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the zone change application submitted by Generate Resource Recovery LP and Generate Capital Canada STF Group (File No. ZN1-24-08) whereby the lands described as Part Lot 21, Concession 6 (Blenheim), Part 1, Registered Plan 41R9844, Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'Special Restricted Industrial Zone (MR-2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-19)'.

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

None.

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

None.

10. Staff Reports

a. Trevor Baer – Director of Community Services

i. CS-25-02 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-25-02 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-25-02 – Princeton Phase 4

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-25-02 be received as information; and further,

That Council accepts the tender bid of \$4,089,450.45 not including HST submitted by Cassidy Construction London Ltd.; and further;

That Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the tender documents contract binding the Township and Cassidy Construction for the capital works.

.Carried

ii. PW-25-03 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-25-03 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Sarah Matheson – Clerk

i. DC-25-01 – Meeting Management Software

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

That Report DC-25-01 be received as information; and further,

That Council approve the purchase of eScribe software for Council Meeting Management.

.Carried

d. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

i. TR-25-05 – Additional 2025 Council Grant & Subsidy Request

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-25-05 be received as information; and further,

That Council grant the Blenheim District Public School Home & School Association's request for funding for the Outdoor Greening Project in the amount of \$1,000.00.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Demarest reported that Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC) met last Friday, noting that Strategic Planning for that organization was implemented 3 years ago, with a four year term, however, most of the initiatives in that plan have been completed. Councillor Demarest reported

that ROEDC will be moving forward their next Strategic Planning exercise. Mayor Peterson thanked the Plattsville and Drumbo Lions Clubs for their successful event in Drumbo this past weekend. Mayor Peterson further reported on the Southwestern Public Health Region's measles outbreak. Mayor Peterson reported on the Oxford County Council decision regarding bag tag prices, citing a "healthy" discussion on the topic. Mayor Peterson noted there were multiple proposals, one being to conduct another study, which Peterson noted he does not agree with. Mayor Peterson noted the recommendation was to increase the cost from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bag tag as of May 1st 2025. Mayor Peterson reported that there were two recorded votes at County Council which were each defeated, with result being a Notice of Motion on the floor for the next meeting to increase the bag tag cost as recommended, but with an implementation date of January 1st 2026. Mayor Peterson commented that he would have preferred for this discussion to happen when the County first had to dip into reserves to fund the service. Mayor Peterson requested the Township pass a resolution regarding being a "living wage employer". Mayor Peterson reported that the Little Brave Tournament is happening in Plattsville over March Break. Councillor Banbury reminded of daylight savings time.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

RESOLUTION #11

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:

- a. 2486-2025, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried
RESOLUTION #12

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. 2486-2025, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:42 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Sarah Matheson, Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim