

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, Borton, Davidson, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, and Mordue.

Other: Robson, Planner, Oxford County.

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 January 11th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. December 21st, 2022 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the December 21st, 2022 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. Juliane von Westerholt, MHBC Planning, Re: Village of Drumbo Recommendation Final Report for Secondary Plan

Von Westerholt presented the recommended final Drumbo Secondary Plan. Council asked questions that were answered by von Westerholt. Brandon Flewelling, Planner with GSP Group and representing Walter Broos presented preferred changes to the Plan. Denis Brolese of DB Planning and representing Amer Cengic noted his issues were resolved in a meeting with vonWesterholt and County Planner Robson prior to the Council Meeting. Deanne Harmer, resident, representing Janet and Phil Harmer presented preferred changes to the Plan. Council concurred to defer the final decision to a meeting no later than March 15th, 2023 in order that comments may be considered.

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the memo prepared by MHBC and the draft Drumbo Secondary Plan presented at the January 11th, 2023 Township of Blandford-Blenheim Council Meeting be received as information;

And further, that Council defer the final decision to a subsequent Council Meeting, and no later than March 15th.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

- a. Specific

None.

- b. General

- i. Paul Michiels, Manager of Planning Policy, Oxford County, Re: Review of a Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement;

- ii. Rebecca Smith, Manager of Housing Development, Oxford County, Re: Master Housing Strategy Completion; and,
- iii. Ronda Stewart, Economic Development Director, Rural Oxford Economic Development, Re: September-November 2022 Economic Development Activity.

RESOLUTION #4

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. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

- i. CS-23-01 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

That Report CS-23-01 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-23-01 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-23-01 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-23-01 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-01 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Denise Krug – Director of Financial Services

- i. TR-23-01 – Temporary Borrowing

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-23-01 be received as information;

That Council direct staff to prepare a by-law authorizing the temporary borrowing for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in 2023 at \$1,000,000.00.

.Carried

e. Rodger Mordue - Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

- i. CAO-23-01 – Prospect Street Property Sale

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-23-01 be received; and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents required for the sale of the property located in Drumbo being a portion of the unopened road allowance of Mill Street, to Jason Parke and Jennifer Parke.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson reported that Oxford County passed their final budget and set the tax rate at an approximate increase of 2.9%.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

- a. 2339-2022, Being a By-law to provide for the closure and sale of a portion of Mill Street, Drumbo. More particularly described designated as Part 1, Plan 41R-10431; Blandford-Blenheim, County of Oxford, Being Part of PIN 00282-0066 (LT);
- b. 2340-2022, Being a By-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of money to meet the current expenditures of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim; and,
- c. 2341-2022, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now Barnes a first and second time: 2339-2022, 2340-2022, 2341-2022..

.Carried

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now Barnes a third and final time: 2339-2022, 2340-2022, 2341-2022.

.Carried

17. Other Business

- a. Time of January 18th, 2023 Budget Meeting

Mayor Peterson requested that the time of the meeting next week for the Operational Budget be moved ahead to accommodate another meeting. Council concurred to move the meeting ahead to 8:30 a.m. on January 18th, 2023.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:32 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim