

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, 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 amended agenda for the October 4th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, with the addition of item 13. a. 1. and the deletion of items 16. a. and b.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. September 20th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the September 20th, 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 Development Charges Act

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 Development Charges Act, 1997;

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

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 Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Development Charges Background Study and Proposed Development Charge By-law be received as information.

.Carried

b. Public Meeting Under the Drainage Act, Court of Revision

i. Hotson Drain

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that pursuant to the provision of Section 52 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter D. 17, the Court of Revision for the purposes of hearing appeals to the Hotson Drain is convened at 4:09 p.m.;

That Council appoint Mayor Mark Peterson, Councillor Bruce Banbury, Councillor Daryl Barnes, Councillor Nancy Demarest and Councillor Tina Young serve on the Court of Revision for the Hotson Drain;

And that Mayor Mark Peterson be appointed as the Chair of the Court of Revision.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Hotson Drain sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of Curtis MacIntyre dated August 8, 2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision on the Hotson Drain be closed at 4:12 p.m.

.Carried

ii. Plattsville Estates Phase 3 & 4 Drain

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that pursuant to the provision of Section 52 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter D. 17, the Court of Revision for the purposes of hearing appeals to the Plattsville Estates Phase 3 & 4 Drain is convened at 4:13 p.m.;

That Council appoint Mayor Mark Peterson, Councillor Bruce Banbury, Councillor Daryl Barnes, Councillor Nancy Demarest and Councillor Tina Young serve on the Court of Revision for the Plattsville Estates Phase 3 & 4 Drain;

And that Mayor Mark Peterson be appointed as the Chair of the Court of Revision.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Plattsville Estates Phase 3 & 4 Drain sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of K. Smart dated June 30, 2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision on the Plattsville Estates Phase 3 & 4 Drain be closed at 4:21 p.m.

.Carried

c. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Committee of Adjustment at 4:21 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Committee rise at 4:26 p.m. and that the Open Council meeting resumes.

.Carried

The Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment are on the October 4th, 2023 Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment. The decision was signed as approved.

d. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Zone Change

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN-23-12 (Bucek)

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

ZN1-23-12 – (Bucek);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

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

.Carried

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the Zone Change Application submitted by Paul Bucek, whereby lands described as Part Lot 20, Concession 1 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-35)' to permit an existing single detached dwelling to remain on-site permanently while being recognized as an additional residential unit (ARU).

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

None.

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

None.

10. Staff Reports

a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-23-13 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-13 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-23-18 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-23-18 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

i. CS-23-13 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-23-13 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Denise Krug – Director of Finance / Treasurer

i. TR-23-14 – 2024 Fees & Charges

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-23-14 be received as information;

And further that Council authorize the Director of Finance to prepare a fees and charges by-law for the November 15th Council meeting based upon Township fees and charges as outlined on the attached schedules.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Banbury attended the Drumbo Fair and commended the event. Mayor Peterson noted the attendance numbers were high this year. Councillor Barnes noted how many children were in attendance. Councillor Young shared a webinar she attended by Agriculture Wellness Ontario who partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association. The webinar was called “In the Know” and discussed mental health supports for the agricultural community. Councillor Young noted the webinar is offered periodically. Mayor Peterson reported the Blandford-Blenheim Food Drive was very successful. The Members discussed the Remembrance Day ceremonies and decided that Mayor Peterson will represent the Township at the Drumbo and Chesterfield ceremonies, Councillor Demarest will represent the Township at the Princeton ceremony, and Councillor Young will represent the Township at the Plattsville ceremony.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

15. Closed Session

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

1. Staffing

RESOLUTION #21

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 4:45 p.m. to discuss:

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

1. Staffing

.Carried

RESOLUTION #22

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 5:00 p.m.

.Carried

16. By-laws

- a. 2389-2023, A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended; and,
b. 2390-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

RESOLUTION #23

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: 2389-2023 and 2390-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #24

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: 2389-2023 and 2390-2023.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #25

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:02 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim