

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

NINTH MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 4 2020

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held electronically using the internet. The public was able to view the meeting by following contact information found on the municipal website made available on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Present: Kevin Marriott, Mary Lynne McCallum, Wally Van Dun, Judy Krall and Chad Burke

Mayor Marriott chaired the meeting.

## Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Marriott requested that each member of Council declare an interest at the appropriate time within the agenda where an interest may exist.

### A. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the minutes of the meeting of April 20 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

### B. Interviews

Planning- Large scale storage of bio-solids, outdoor growing of cannabis  
Comments on site plan agreement

Rob Nesbitt reviewed his report on large scale storage of bio-solids. He reported that three Lambton County municipalities had enacted bylaws to prohibit the storage of bio-solids on farm land for future sales as fertilizer.

The regulations had been appealed to the Normal Farm Practices Review Board by the persons coordinating the storage of the bio-solids. A prehearing on the matter was to take place the first week of May 2020.

Mr. Nesbitt reported that the Minister of Agriculture had issued a letter in December 2019 indicating that the outdoor growing of cannabis was a legal crop. He indicated that the introduction of a minimum distance separation through zoning regulations under the Planning Act was not possible.

Mr. Nesbitt noted that he had reviewed the site plan agreement concerning the High Park greenhouse operation. He provided a review of a number of provisions of the agreement. He noted that the construction of the new drying building had halted after the construction of the foundations. He discussed the fire safety

provisions of the agreement and recommended that the Fire Chief be consulted on the fire routes and fire safety plan.

Mr. Nesbitt reported that the developer was required to provide the municipality a copy of the compliance certificate from the Ministry of Environment regarding the storm water management system for the property.

Mr. Nesbitt noted that the building department would be required to address certain agreement provisions.

The Clerk requested that Mr. Nesbitt provide clarification to Council as to whether the site plan agreement could provide a means to address complaints received regarding odour, light and noise from the site.

Mr. Nesbitt noted that the site plan agreement could not directly address complaints regarding noise, odour and light.

Mr. Nesbitt discussed the ability to appeal to the Normal Farm Practices Review Board to address these issues.

Councillor McCallum indicated that during the ROMA convention she had determined that Health Canada was not regulating noise and smell of licensed cannabis facilities.

Councillor McCallum noted that the current site agreement have eliminated provisions of earlier agreements.

Councillor McCallum noted that the current agreement provided the developer two years in which to complete the development.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the matters discussed by Mr. Nesbitt concerning the High Park site plan agreement be reviewed and reported back to Council.

Carried.

Drains: Request for drain maintenance- Callinan Drain, Drainage Report

A request for drain maintenance was received for the Callinan Drain.

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That a site meeting be held for the maintenance of the Callinan Drain and that the site meeting is held in conjunction with the North Woolsey Drain.

Carried.

The Clerk reported that R Dobbin Engineering had hired the Drainage Superintendent from the City of Sarnia. It was noted that this person would be taking on a larger role in drain maintenance in Enniskillen and Brooke-Alvinston.

Water: Petrolia Drinking Water System Summary Report and Annual Report

The Clerk reported that the Petrolia drinking water reports had been circulated for Council information.

Clerks: Update

The Clerk reported that maintenance gravel was being placed on Township roads. He noted that larger amounts of debris were being picked up on Township roads.

In regards to the water system one upsized farm service had been installed on Shiloh Line. A contractor had been contacted to undertake boring work for two new water services.

The company contacted to undertake testing of the primary water meters had cancelled their inspections due to staffing issues. A new date for work had not been provided.

A new water sale agreement had been discussed with the staff from the Town of Petrolia in March of 2020. A revised copy had been received and would be returned with recommendations for additional modifications.

Lawn rolling and grass cutting was underway at the municipal parks and cemeteries. No organized activities were taking place at the parks. Councillor Krall noted that one dead tree needed to be removed from Krall Park. Councillor Krall was instructed to proceed with flower planting at the parks. Councillor Krall noted that the bleachers at the parks would be painted by a volunteer.

The interim tax bills would be circulated in the current week.

Modifications were made to the municipal office entrance to restrict the flow of traffic when the public was permitted into the building. Additional directional information for persons entering the hall were being ordered.

C. Correspondence for information

1. County of Lambton emergency control group update April 20 2020
2. County of Lambton emergency control group update April 22 2020
3. County of Lambton emergency control group update April 24 2020
4. County of Lambton emergency control group update April 27 2020
5. North Dumfries support for suspension of time of use electricity billing
6. Minister of Municipal Affairs emergency order
7. Perth South provincially significant wetlands designation
8. MPAC Update
9. Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership Summer Company Grants
10. Judith & Norman Alix Foundation deadline for applications

11. Ministry of Finance 2020 OMPF payment
12. Premier of Ontario relief for small businesses and landlords
13. Solicitor General Community Safety and Well Being Plan deadline extended
14. AMO OPP detachment Boards
15. Minister of Agriculture opening of community gardens
16. Ministry of Agriculture Agri-Food e-business
17. Meadowview Auxiliary donation
18. OPP 2021 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count
19. Ministry of Attorney General Prosecution under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That correspondence items 1-19 be received and filed.

Carried.

D. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution North Dumfries tourist oriented signage increases

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolution from North Dumfries regarding tourist oriented signage fee increases be received and filed.

Carried.

2. Resolution Mapleton review of Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Mapleton regarding a review of the Farm Property Class Tax Rate program be supported.

Carried.

3. Resolution Gravenhurst opening of community gardens and nurseries
4. Resolution District of Muskoka opening of community gardens and nurseries

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolutions from Gravenhurst and Muskoka regarding opening of nurseries and community gardens be received and filed.

Carried.

5. Resolution Limerick support of citizens of County of Colchester

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun  
That the resolution from Limerick be received and filed.  
Carried.

#### E. Accounts

Councillor Van Dun declared an interest as he was being paid through the accounts for work undertaken at the municipal office.

Moved by Councillor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Burke  
That the accounts be paid as circulated:  
Cheque: 14358-14395: \$ 328,608.16  
Carried.

#### F. Other Business

##### 1. Framework for Reopening Ontario

The Clerk discussed the proposal put forward by the government of Ontario to relax the pandemic restrictions within the province.

The Clerk noted that there had been little reason to hold an emergency control group meeting to address municipal issues associated with the pandemic.

#### G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 20 of 2020- Confirmation Bylaw May 4-2020
2. Bylaw 22 of 2020-Drain Rating Bylaw

Moved by Councillor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Krall  
That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 20 and 22 of 2020.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun  
That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 20 and 22 of 2020.  
Carried.

Councillor McCallum discussed a bylaw circulated from the City of Hamilton regarding cannabis.  
The Clerk noted that the materials would be circulated to Council for the next meeting.  
Councillor McCallum questioned when hiring would take place to replace an outside worker

The Clerk expressed concern about undertaking interviews during a pandemic.

A discussion would take place with the Road Superintendent regarding staffing requirements for public works.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Burke  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk