

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28 2018

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Wednesday February 28 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Enniskillen Council chambers.

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

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 McCallum

That the minutes of the meeting of February 13 2018 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

B. Interviews:

Water: 2017 Water Usage Reports

Christine Poland reviewed the water reports outlining the volumes of water sold to Oil Springs and Dawn-Euphemia. A discussion took place in regards to the water loss calculation of 2017. The water loss was higher than normal at 14 %.

Drainage: Caroline St Drain verbal report

The Clerk reported that there was a need to proceed with repairs to the outlet of the Caroline Street Drain. The outlet tile had blocked for the third time in recent years resulting in water covering Caroline Street during rainfall.

Roots had been removed from the tile as well as surface debris.

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That a site meeting be held on the Caroline Street Drain with Councillor Van Dun acting as Council representative.

Carried.

A request was received from the owner of 3122 Petrolia Line requesting that the Lennan-McGregor Drain be cleaned. It was noted that brushing had taken place in the last ten years with the last cleanout taking place in 1996.

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That a site meeting be setup for the Lennan-McGregor Drain with Councillor Van Dun appointed as Council representative.

Carried.

The Clerk reported that appeals had been received for the McKinnon Drain. The Clerk reported that the appeal period had not lapsed for the Court of Revision on the drain. Once the appeal periods were completed the Tribunal staff would begin the request for information to establish a hearing date.

The Clerk requested permission to proceed to engage a drainage lawyer to assist in the hearing.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the Clerk be directed to proceed to engage a lawyer to address the appeal on the McKinnon Drain.

Carried.

The Clerk reported that a pump in the Oil City Sewer pump station was replaced. The pump had sucked in debris and the impellers had been damaged. The replacement pump in stock had been installed.

The Clerk reported that two water services would be installed within the next week.

D. Correspondence for information

1. Minister of Environment wind up of Waste Diversion Programs
2. St Clair Region Conservation Authority 2018 Budget
3. Stewardship Ontario- Change in transition time table
4. BM Ross St Clair Township Pretty Road Bridge Class EA
5. County of Lambton 2018 Draft Budget news release
6. TVO- Flooding readiness

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That correspondence items 1-6 be received and filed.

Carried.

E. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Cornwall Support Remediation of Contaminated Properties

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the resolution from Cornwall concerning the remediation of contaminated properties be supported.

Carried.

F. Accounts

Moved By Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the accounts be paid as circulated:

Cheque: 11796-11809: \$ 30,976.59

Cheque: 11810-11835: \$ 43,146.29

Carried.

G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 15 of 2018 – Petrolia North Enniskillen fire service fees
2. Bylaw 20 of 2018- Petrolia water purchase agreement
3. Bylaw 21 of 2018- Confirmation Bylaw

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 15, 20 and 21 of 2018.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 15, 20 and 21 of 2018.

Carried.

H. Other Business

1. Memo Insurance Renewal

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the 2018 insurance program be renewed with Jardine Lloyd Thompson.

Carried.

2. Memo 2018 Municipal Election
3. Memo Fire Department reporting requirements

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That comment be submitted to the Fire Marshall's Office indicating that the time provided to meet the proposed standards was not sufficient.

Carried.

I. Meeting to Consider:

1. Thornton Fisher Drain 7:30 pm

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the meeting to consider the Thornton-Fisher Drain report be opened.
Carried.

No person assessed to the Thornton-Fisher Drain was present.

Mr. Dobbin reviewed the report to Council. The report provided for the incorporation of a replacement culvert on the Carter property. The report provided for maintenance provisions for future replacement of culverts on the drain. The report also provided for the placement of a buffer strip along the drain. He reported that the owner of 4374 Shiloh Line would be responsible for the replacement of the lawn culvert in the future.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That first and second reading be given to Bylaw 24 of 2018 a bylaw to adopt the Thornton-Fisher Drain report.
Carried.

4. Memo Oil City Sewer Rates

A review was undertaken of the revenue and expenditures for the Oil City system. The operating costs had exceeded the revenue collected in the last two years. The staff recommendation was to increase the flat rate to generate an annual surplus of \$8,000.

It was noted that a public meeting will be held on March 27 2018 to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed rate change.

2. Old Cameron Outlet Drain 7:45 pm

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the meeting to consider the Old Cameron Outlet Drain be convened.
Carried.

Present: Barb and Bill Cascaden, Robert Martin and Jeff Lassaline.

Mr. Dobbin presented the report on the Old Cameron Drain. He noted that the report had been referred back to address changes in the drainage area in the

report. He noted that the report established provisions for the installation of a new access culvert near the outlet as well as future maintenance of culverts. He noted that Union Gas was made responsible for the maintenance of one culvert on the drain. A buffer strip would be incorporated on the south side of the open drain.

Bill Cascaden questioned the drains responsibility for the removal of trees along the drain. He questioned who would be responsible to contact the property owners prior to the start of construction.

Mr. Dobbin reported that the drainage superintendent would co-ordinate the communications.

Mr. Cascaden questioned his property acreage in the maintenance schedule for the drain.

Mr. Dobbin noted that the construction schedule had been changed but this had not been carried forward to the maintenance schedule. He noted that a revised maintenance schedule would be circulated for the Court of Revision. Mr. Cascaden questioned why the maintenance provisions for replacement culverts provided for 10 meter lengths for steel culverts and 9 meter lengths for plastic culverts.

Mr. Dobbin noted that residential lots would not require as wide an access as a farm access.

Robert Martin asked why the report had provisions to replace culverts that were not to be replaced at the current time.

Mr. Dobbin reported that when the culvert required replacement the provisions would exist so that a new report would not be required.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That first and second reading be given to Bylaw 25 of 2018 a Bylaw to adopt the Old Cameron Outlet Drain Report.

Carried.

3. Kilmer Drain 8:00 pm

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the meeting to consider the Kilmer Drain report be convened.

Carried.

Present: Russell Smith, Ken Simpson, Rob Moore, Leigh Moore and Anna Litchfield

Mr. Dobbin reported that the drain had been cleaned and an inspection of the culverts had found that a number required replacement.

Mr. Dobbin reported that the culvert at the E1/2 lot 28 Concession 1 would be removed and not replaced. Mr. Dobbin reported that 50% of the cost of the replacement culvert would go to the landowner with the remainder assessed upstream. The report provided for a right of way to the drain. The report provided allowances an estimate of the costs and maps of the work.

Rob Moore requested that access culverts four and seven be removed from the report. He noted that they had adequate access from abutting properties. Ken Simpson asked for clarification of the rip rap placed at the top end of the drain.

Mrs. Litchfield questioned how her assessment was calculated. Mr. Dobbin proceeded to explain the method used to establish the assessments on the drain.

A discussion took place regarding the removal of the headwall blocks on the culverts. The Engineer recommended that the headwall blocks remain to control erosion.

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That first and second reading be given to Bylaw 26 of 2018 to adopt the Kilmer Drain Report.
Carried.

The Clerk requested permission to expand the responsibilities of the person who currently cleaned Marthaville Park to clean the municipal office after the retirement of the current cleaner.

The Clerk noted that he would report back on the matter.

The Clerk noted that a Parks Committee meeting would be held on March 13 2018 at 6pm.

Councillor Krall provided an update on the Interview process for the selection of a new fire chief for the Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department.

The Clerk reviewed the tax policy memo circulated by the County Treasurer. The review noted that the phase in of the assessment in 2018 would see a larger percentage of the County levy being paid by the Township. A reduction in the multi residential tax ratio to 2.0 would also increase the Township share of the County levy but at a lower amount.

The Clerk noted that the discussion of the OMPF funding was limited to the impact on the resource equalization calculation. The report did not discuss the reduction in transfer payments with the increase in the percentage sharing of the County levy.

The report provided a comparison of agriculture tax levies in neighbouring jurisdictions which indicated that Lambton farms paid lower taxes than the other areas. The report did not recommend the lowering of the farm tax ratio.

Adjournment

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

Mayor

Clerk