

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

TWENTY FIRST MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5 2022

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday December 5 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Enniskillen Council chambers.

Present: Kevin Marriott, Mary Lynne McCallum, 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 McCallum

That the minutes of the meeting of November 21 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Interviews

Sewer- Consolidated Linear Infrastructure

The Clerk reported that the extension of new collection lines within the sewer system would be permitted by Engineers approval. The Ministry would no longer be involved in the formal approval of sewer collection systems.

Mrs. Poland confirmed that the approval did not apply to the sewage lagoon.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the consolidation linear infrastructure approval be received.

Carried.

Water-Operator licensing update- Verbal

It was noted that a meeting was held with the licensing approval director to discuss the licensing of two staff. The licensing director noted that they would respond to the applications in the near future.

Roads- Rokeby Line- Bear Creek -road widening

The Clerk reported that the survey for the purchase of land for the road widening had been completed. However, the registration of the survey had not been completed to date. The Clerk noted that BM Ross had been given approval to proceed with the archeological survey.

B. Meeting to Consider Phillips Drain 7:05 pm

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the meeting to consider the Phillips Drain be opened.

Carried.

Present: Bev Byers, David Byers, Ian Veen and Jason Prange

Ray Dobbin

Ray Dobbin discussed the history of the drain and its location.

He reported that a site meeting had been held at which time it was confirmed that a new report was required to provide for the replacement of culverts on the drain.

The review of the drain culverts had determined that culvert # 4 was positioned to high and culverts 3 and 5 were in need of replacement.

Mr. Dobbin noted that the report provided estimates of assessment and schedules for maintenance of both the main drain and the branch drain.

Jason Prange reported that property owners on the north side of Oil Springs Line in the Village had installed a private drain which took their properties out of the report drainage area.

Mr. Dobbin noted that he would review the matter and determine if changes in the schedule of assessment should be considered for the Court of Revision.

Dave Byers asked about the total cost for the replacement of the culverts in the drain.

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the Phillips Drain be adopted.

Carried.

C. Court of Revision- Caroline Street Drain 7:15 pm

1. Lynda Karsay- assessment to high

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the Court of Revision for the Caroline Street Drain be opened.

Carried.

Present: Lynda Karsay

Ms. Karsay had submitted an appeal to her assessment on the drain.

Ray Dobbin reported that a revised schedule of assessment had been circulated to the Court of Revision to make a change to the vacant property owned by Helen Danby.

Lynda Karsay explained that she could not understand the amount of her assessment for her property compared with neighbouring properties.

Mr. Dobbin explained the method used to assess the properties in each schedule.

Mr. Dobbin explained that each property was assessed based on equivalent hectares which gave a high rating for roads and a declining rating for buildings and finally farm land.

He explained that the consolidated schedule in the report added all of the assessments in each schedule together.

Lynda Karsay noted that each property received the same amount of rain and could not understand why a yard area would not be assessed the same as a building.

Lynda Karsay questioned why her property was not assessed to the drain on the south side of Caroline Street.

Ray Dobbin explained that there were established drainage areas for each municipal drain report.

Mr. Dobbin provided history regarding the method used to assess properties in drainage reports. He indicated that the method was accepted and used in the province.

Lynda Karsay noted that her water did not drain into the Caroline Street Drain as the property to the east was higher in elevation.

She noted that she did not agree with the method assessment.

Ray Dobbin recommended that a \$25 reduction be made to the assessment of the Karsay property.

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the assessment for the Karsay property be reduced by \$25 and that the roads assessment be increased by \$25;

That the revised schedule of assessment circulated for the Court of Revision be approved for the drain with noted \$25 modification in assessments.

Carried.

D. Correspondence for information

1. Infrastructure Ontario Investment in Critical Infrastructure

2. Ontario Clean Air Alliance gas plants
3. Conservation Ontario proposed changes to Conservation Authorities Act
4. St Clair Conservation 2023 Draft Budget
5. Town of Petrolia minor variance applications
6. Steven Jelich Enbridge Gas
7. Municipality of Lambton Shores Bill 23
8. AMO Cannabis Act Review
9. AMO Bill 23 Comments
10. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Carbon Storage
11. County of Lambton Welcome Lambton App
12. Municipal Affairs and Housing More Homes Built Faster Act

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That correspondence items 1-12 be received and filed.

Carried.

E. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Lambton Historical Society request for 2023 grant

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the grant request from the Lambton Historical Society be referred to Budget.

Carried.

2. Resolution Aurora Modifications to York Region Official Plan

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolution from Aurora be received and filed.

Carried.

3. Resolution Stratford Funding of VIA Rail Services

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolution from Stratford regarding the funding of VIA Rail be received and filed.

Carried.

4. No One Stands Alone grant request

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum  
That the grant request from No One Stands Alone be referred to budget.  
Carried.

F. Other Business

1. Councillor Krall review of Enbridge Nov 17 2022 Battery Storage Presentation

Councillor Krall reviewed the report on the Enbridge battery storage presentation.

2. Councillor Krall Hydro One St Clair Transmission Line

Councillor Krall reported on the Hydro One out reach on the new transmission line to be constructed between Chatham and Courtright.

3. Lambton Group Police Services Board 2023 Annual Recovery by Municipality

The Clerk reviewed budget estimates for the Police Services Board outlining the distribution of costs for the operating deficits for prior years and the projected deficit for 2023.

4. Memo Blue Box Program Update

The Clerk reported a goal of finalizing discussions with Circular Materials Ontario for a contract to undertake recycling from Sept 1 2023 to Dec 31 2025. Council would be in a position to determine whether they wanted to enter the agreement or transfer responsibility to Circular Materials Ontario.

5. Councillor McCallum requested that the Council proceed to process the Official Plan and Zoning amendments without the inclusion of medicinal cannabis.

Moved by Councillor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Krall  
That the Council move forward with the processing of the Official Plan and Zoning amendments concerning cannabis without the inclusion of regulations regarding medical cannabis.  
Carried.

G. Accounts

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Burke  
That the accounts be paid as circulated:

Cheque 17008-17045: \$ 248,329.29.  
Carried.

H. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 71 of 2022 Appointment of Pound Keeper and Animal Control Officer
2. Bylaw 72 of 2022 Drain Rating Bylaw
3. Bylaw 73 of 2022 Appointment Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Burke  
That first a second reading be given to Bylaws 71, 72 and 73 of 2022.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Krall  
That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 71, 72 and 73 of 2022.  
Carried.

Bylaw 74 of 2022 was presented to Council regarding the adoption of the Phillips Drain Report.

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor McCallum  
That first and second reading be given to Bylaw 74 of 2022 adopting the Phillips Drain Report.  
Carried

I. 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