

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

SECOND MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6 2023

A meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday February 6 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Enniskillen Council Chambers.

An in-camera meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held under the provisions of the Municipal Act Section 239 (c) (i) and (j) regarding the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and Section 239 2 (d) regarding labour matters.

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 January 16 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

B. Meeting to Consider O'Hara Branch Drainage Report 7:05 pm

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the meeting to consider the O'Hara Branch Drain Report be opened.

Carried.

Present: Rick and Wendy O'Hara

David Moores R Dobbin Engineering

Mr. Moores reported that a petition had been signed by the O'Hara's under Section 4 of the Drainage Act.

Mr. Moores reviewed the work to be undertaken and the cost of the work estimated at \$37,685.

The County of Lambton had requested that the catch basin be designed to drain water along the west side of Forest Road.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara had no questions concerning the report. They did not request to remove their names from the petition.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That first and second reading be given to Bylaw 9 of 2023 a bylaw to adopt the O'Hara Branch Drain Report.

Carried.

C. Interview

**Drainage:** R Dobbin Phillips Drain, Approval of Emergency Order Shepherd Drain, Drainage Superintendent Report

The Clerk noted that the Engineer had noted that he would not make any recommendations to alter the assessment on the Phillips Drain. The Clerk noted that the Court of Revision for the Phillips Drain would be scheduled on March 6 2023.

Approval had been received from the Ministry of Agriculture to designate the culvert crossing on the Shepherd Drain to be an emergency.

The Drainage Superintendent's report was reviewed.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the Drainage Superintendent proceed with a request for proposal for undertaking beaver trapping in the Township.

Carried.

Battery Storage Proposal: Correspondence Cullen Hunter, Rob Bell, Greg Brown  
A number of residents from Oil City and area attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Battery Storage Proposal.

Cullen Hunter noted that he lived within a kilometer of the proposed site. He discussed the Official Plan policy regarding the protection of farm land from development. He expressed concern regarding the information provided to the public about the project.

Mr. Hunter referred to fires and explosions associated with battery projects around the world. He questioned the ability of the fire department to address an event once the facility was operational.

Mr. Hunter noted that the planning process placed minimum distance separations between livestock and residential areas. No such minimum separation existed for this type of project.

Mr. Hunter stated that the value of property would decline if the project was constructed.

Mr. Hunter commented that projects of this nature regularly had to extend their completion dates due to a variety of issues during construction.

Mr. Hunter questioned the financial impact of the project to the Township as it related to taxes and financial supports provided by the developer.

Mayor Marriott noted that letters had been received from Rob Bell and Greg Brown.

Rick O'Hara noted that he had attended the Enbridge open house in St Clair Township. Enbridge representatives had estimated that the battery life would be 8 years after which replacement would need to take place.

Mr. O'Hara questioned about the end of life cleanup of the site.

Lloyd Hyatt noted that Oil City sat over top of a gas storage pool. He questioned whether it was safe to have both a battery storage facility and a gas storage pool in a close proximity. He recommended that the project be located at the closed Lambton Generating station.

Philippe Abergel of Renewable Energy Systems spent the next two hours responding to questions and comments from the people in the Council chambers.

Mayor Marriott questioned whether the developer would be able to host a second open house.

Mr. Abergel noted that the company needed a support resolution from Council to submit their RFP to the IESO by February 16 2023.

Mr. Abergel indicated that the Strathroy Caradoc Council had approved a similar project this day.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the Township of Enniskillen not provide a support resolution for the Renewable Energy Systems Canada Soy Energy Storage Project.

Carried.

Councillor Van Dun requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Krall- yes

Councillor McCallum- yes

Councillor Burke- yes

Councillor Van Dun- no

Mayor Marriott- yes

**Water:** Enniskillen Water Distribution System Annual Report, Water Reservoir Report 2022, Comparison of locate request 2021-2022, Memo-Water Operating Agreement Plympton-Wyoming

The Council was presented with the annual report for the Enniskillen water distribution system.

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the Enniskillen Water Distribution System Annual report be accepted.  
Carried.

The 2022 reservoir report was reviewed by Council. The Clerk noted that an invitation would be extended to the Oil Springs Council to discuss the report at a future meeting.

The Clerk noted that the utility locate chart was circulated to indicate the increase in work associated with the fiber optic projects in the Township in 2022.

A memo was discussed regarding an agreement with Plympton-Wyoming regarding a water distribution connection and utility billing collections.

**Roads:** Motor Vehicle Inspections Update, Gravel purchases 2023

Council was informed of changes in the motor vehicle inspection program in the province. The future of the Township doing inspections was unknown past 2023.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the Council purchase gravel from Johnson Bros in 2023 based on submitted pricing for the gravel.  
Carried.

D. Correspondence for information

1. Ministry of Finance OMPF 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter payment
2. Ministry of Agriculture RED Program
3. St Clair Conservation Meeting Highlights Dec 8 2022
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Building Ontario
5. Ontario Clean Air Alliance- Nuclear Power brittle pipes
6. Ontario Clean Air Alliance Storage of Nuclear Wates
7. Lambton Group Police Services Board Repeat Offenders

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the resolution circulated by the Lambton Police Service Board regarding the treatment of repeat offenders be supported.  
Carried.

8. Village of Point Edward

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the Council of the Township of Enniskillen support the letter circulated by the Village of Point Edward regarding repeat offenders.

Carried.

9. Commissioner OPP tragic event in Memphis Tennessee

10. St Clair Conservation Draft Budget information session Feb 10 2023

11. Ontario Provincial Police Project Lifesaver- Locating Equipment

12. St Clair Conservation Annual General Meeting

13. 2023 Farmland Forum March 23 2023

14. County of Lambton Joint Library Facility Review

15. County of Lambton Council Highlights February 2 2023.

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That correspondence items 1-6 and 9-15 be received and filed.

Carried.

E. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Sarnia Blue Coast Primary Care Recruitment & Retention Grant

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolution from Sarnia regarding Blue Coast Primary Care be supported.

Carried.

2. Resolution Thunder Bay Bill 42 Gender Affirming Health Care Act

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the resolution from Thunder Bay regarding Bill 42 be received and filed.

Carried.

3. Resolution Petrolia School Board Elections

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the resolution from Petrolia regarding School Board elections be supported.  
Carried.

#### F. Accounts

Moved by Councillor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun  
That the accounts be paid as circulated:  
Cheque: 17165-17222: \$168,182.49  
Carried.

#### G. Other Business

1. County of Lambton Building Department 2022 Report
2. Proposed 2023 Fire Budget Petrolia North Enniskillen
3. Memo Lagasco Corey Pool petroleum lease

The Clerk reported that Council would be updated on the proposed petroleum lease.

#### 4. Memo Cogeco Internet Project

The Clerk reported on initial discussions with Cogeco regarding a future internet project between Mandaumin and Fairweather Roads.

5. Dave Menzies Petrolia Arena Grant proposal
6. Councillor Krall ROMA Conference Report
7. Councillor McCallum ROMA Conference Report
8. Memo- Budget 2023- Street Lights, Grants, OC Sewer, Fire

The Clerk discussed the street light operating expenses and revenue requirements for 2023. The 2023 grants were reviewed.

The Clerk reported on the operating expenses of the Oil City Sewer system. A discussion took place regarding the cost of the clean out of the lagoon.

The Clerk reported on the fire services expenses associated with the Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department. A discussion took place regarding the replacement of the tank truck for the department.

The Clerk noted that further discussion would take place once the budget for the Oil Springs Department was received.

#### H. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 68 of 2022 Lewis McDougall Drain-third reading
2. Bylaw 67 of 2022 Simpson Drain-third reading
3. Bylaw 5 of 2023- Plympton-Wyoming Water Usage Agreement
4. Bylaw 6 of 2023 Drain Rating Bylaw
5. Bylaw 7 of 2023 Drain Rating Bylaw
6. Bylaw 8 of 2023 Auto Aid Agreement Brooke-Alvinston and Oil Springs and South Enniskillen Fire Department
7. Bylaw 10 of 2023- Confirmation Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of 2023.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 67 and 68 of 2022 and Bylaws 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of 2023.

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