

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

FIRST MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 15 2024

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday January 15 2024 at 4:30 pm at the Enniskillen Council chambers.

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 Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the minutes of the meeting of December 18 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

B. Interviews

Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department- Rick Cousins

Rick Cousins was present and introduced himself as the new Chief of the Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Department.

Mayor Marriott thanked Chief Cousins for being present at the meeting.

Drains: Minutes Site Meetings: Miller & Second Concession Drain

The Clerk noted that the final recommendation on how to proceed with the clean out of the Miller Drain would be dependent on a response from the Engineer and the property owners in the affected area.

It was recommended that no further action take place until a response was received from the Engineer.

BED Drain

The site meeting minutes recommended the clean out of the drain extending west from Wanstead Road.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That tenders be issued for the cleanout of the Brooke Enniskillen Dawn Townline Drain west of Wanstead Road.

Carried.

Hodges Drain, Request for Access 4th Concession Johnson Creek Drain

The Clerk noted that property owners on the Hodges Drain and the 4th Concession Johnson Creek Drain proposed to install second accesses to their properties.

The Engineer was recommending that reports be prepared under Section 78 (5) of the Drainage Act to permit the work.

Councillor McCallum declared a conflict of interest as her son was involved in constructing the house on the property located on the 4th Concession Johnson Creek Drain.

Moved the Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That R Dobbin Engineering prepare a report under Section 78 (5) of the Drainage Act to permit a second access to the property on the Hodges Drain.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That R Dobbin Engineering prepare a report under Section 78 (5) of the Drainage Act to permit a second access to the property on the 4th Concession Johnson Creek Drain.

Carried.

C. Correspondence for information

1. Community Safety and Policing Act updates
2. Lambton Group Police Services Board
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Financial Indicator Review
4. Ministry of Agriculture Rural Economic Development Program
5. Enbridge Notice of Proposal for Dawn Station Solar and BESS Project
6. St Clair Conservation Authority 2024 Fees
7. Lambton Group Police Services Minutes Oct 18-23
8. Lambton Group Police Services Dec 2023 Meeting Highlights
9. Lambton Group Police Services Sept-Oct-23 report
10. St Clair Conservation Authority Meeting Highlights Dec 7 2023
11. Township of Enniskillen Building Permits 2023
12. Clean Air Alliance Renewable Energy

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That correspondence items 1-12 be received and filed.

Carried.

D. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Stratford repayment of CEBA Loan Businesses

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the resolution from Stratford regarding CEBA loans to Businesses be received and filed.

Carried.

2. Resolution Aurora Community Safety and Inciteful Speech

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Aurora regarding community safety and inciteful speech be received and filed.

Carried.

3. Resolution Aurora Homelessness Crisis

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Aurora regarding the homelessness crisis be received and filed.

Carried.

4. Resolution Conmee Prohibit People with Criminal Records as candidates from Municipal Office

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That the resolution from Conmee to prohibit person with criminal records from holding a municipal office be supported.

Carried.

5. Application for Reduction of Assessment

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the applications for reduction in residential assessment from \$149,000 to \$59,000 for 4062 Discovery Line be approved from November 5 to December 31 2023 and from January 1 to December 31 2024.

Carried.

E. Accounts

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the accounts be approved as circulated:
Cheque 18106-18181: \$338,540.90
Carried.

F. Other business

1. Memo 2024 Budget- Grants

The Clerk circulated a report on grants provided in 2023 and additional requests for 2024.

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That a donation of \$500 be made to the St Clair Region Conservation Authority in 2024 to assist in tree planting.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That a \$200 grant be made in 2024 to the Lambton Plowmen's Association.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the annual budget for grants be set at \$27,500 for 2024.
Carried.

Councillor Krall declared a conflict of interest as she is a director on the Petrolia Enniskillen Agricultural Society which would receive a grant.

2. Memo 2024 Budget – Street Lights, Oil City Sewers

The Clerk recommended that no levy changes be made to the Marthaville and Oil City Street light budgets. The Clerk recommended that no levy be collected in 2024 for the Howlett's lane street light.

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor McCallum
That the Oil City and Marthaville Street light budgets be approved with no rate increase for 2024 and that no levy be applied to the Howlett's Lane Street light in 2024.

Carried.

John Hakker was present and questioned whether the Township would take on a dusk to dawn light for a street light on Centre Street. The Clerk noted that street lights were installed at the request of a community and the costs were charged back to that community.

A discussion took place regarding the operating expenses associated with the Oil City Sewer system in 2023. It was noted that the 2024 budget estimates would see a continuing decline in the reserves for the system. The Clerk noted that the rating bylaw approved in October of 2023 increasing the sewer rate by \$1 a month from 31.50 to 32.50.

A discussion took place regarding increasing the sewer rate for the system in 2024.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor McCallum
That staff prepare a bylaw to increase the Oil City Sewer rate to \$37 per month.
Carried.

3. Memo 2024 AMO membership

No action was taken on the 2024 AMO membership.

4. Memo Dedicated Locator Agreement East Link

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That staff be authorized to sign the Dedicated Locator agreement for the East Link fiber optic project.
Carried.

5. Memo Krall Park Washroom-update

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That staff be authorized to move forward to have design work undertaken and that tenders be authorized for the installation of a new washroom building at Krall Park.
Carried.

Councillor McCallum noted that two additional people were interested participating in a parks board meeting.

G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 1 of 2024-Borrowing Bylaw
2. Bylaw 2 of 2024- Appointment Fire Chief
3. Bylaw 3 of 2024-Council Remuneration Bylaw
4. Bylaw 4 of 2024- Confirmation Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 2024.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Burke
Seconded by Councillor McCallum
That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 2024.
Carried.

H. Adjournment

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

Mayor

Clerk