

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

FOURTH MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 3 2025

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday March 3 2025 at 4:30 pm at the Enniskillen Council Chambers.

Present: Kevin Marriott, 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 February 18 2025 be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

B. Interviews

Jarod Preston- Rural Housing Policy

Jarod Preston provided a review of a report on the policy and zoning regulations regarding additional dwelling units in rural areas.

He noted that second dwellings on farm properties were permitted for those engaged in farming but were limited to a close proximity to the current dwelling. He explained that non-farm related housing was limited in size to 500 square feet.

He noted that the 2024 policy statements provided a right to build non-farm houses on farm properties. He noted that the Ministry had provided guidance that the current zoning dwelling size was too small.

The Planning staff recommended that the maximum house size should be between 1,800 and 2,000 square feet.

The Planning staff asked whether the zoning bylaw should be amended or whether applicants should be required to proceed by minor variance.

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That planning staff proceed to accept that a secondary non-farm dwelling unit be between 1,800 and 2,000 square feet.

That until a general review of the comprehensive zoning bylaw takes place that property owners proceed by minor variance on proposed dwellings.

Carried.

2025 Budget Memo

A discussion took place regarding the general and fire tax levies to be introduced for the 2025 year. Council requested that additional information be provided regarding the consolidated County. Education and local tax rates.

Roads- Huron Construction asphalt

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the Huron Construction proposal for the placement of asphalt on Oil Springs Line and Rokeby Line be approved.

Carried.

Water: Historical Water Repairs

The Clerk reviewed a chart outlining the increase in repairs to water services.

The Clerk discussed the current situation regarding the costs associated with the connection of the area served by the LaSalle Pump station into the Brooke Alvinston water system. The Clerk noted that the cost to change the source of water was prohibitive.

Drains- Murray Drain Site Meeting

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That a tender be issued to clean the Murray Drain north of Courtright Line.

Carried.

Oil Springs-Tender results Thompson Drain

The Clerk noted that the Village of Oil Springs had accepted tenders for the cleaning of the Thompson Drain. The Clerk noted that most of the expense would be paid by ratepayers in Enniskillen Township.

C. Correspondence for information

1. Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership applications for Board of Directors
2. County of Lambton Archives Heritage Hunters
3. Lambton Group Police Board Agenda Feb 19 2025
4. City of Toronto- Residual Waste Services
5. County of Lambton 2025 Draft Budget
6. St Clair Conservation Meeting Highlights Dec 12 2024
7. Clean Air Alliance -US Energy Imports
8. Lambton Farm Safety Agenda and Minutes

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That correspondence items 1-8 be received and filed.
Carried.

D. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Fort Erie-urgent care centers

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the resolution from Fort Erie regarding urgent care centers be received and filed.
Carried.

2. Resolution Northern Bruce Peninsula- mandatory tow hooks on vehicles

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the resolution from Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding the installation of tow hooks on all vehicles be supported.
Carried.

3. Resolution Northern Bruce Peninsula cell phone coverage

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That the resolution from Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding cell phone coverage be supported.
Carried.

4. Resolution Fort Frances- Sovereignty of Canada

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That the resolution from Fort Frances supporting the Sovereignty of Canada be supported.
Carried.

5. Resolution Parry Sound Buy Canadian Policy

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the resolution from Parry Sound regarding buy Canada Policy be supported.

Carried.

E. Accounts

Councillor Krall declared a conflict of interest as her brother-in-law was being paid through the accounts.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the accounts be paid as circulated:
Cheque 19209-19246: \$358,240.71
Carried.

F. Other Business

1. Memo 2026 Municipal Election

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That the Township of Enniskillen participate in the internet election RFP undertaken by the City of Sarnia to select a service provider for the 2026 Election;
That the Township reserve the right in the process to proceed with an alternative election process.
Carried.

2. Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire Committee Draft minutes Jan 30-25

The Clerk noted that the Fire Chief was to report back to the committee regarding the conversion of fire hall bay 1 to be incorporated as a clean room for the department.

Moved by Councillor Burke
Seconded by Councillor Vand Dun
That the draft minutes of the Petrolia North Enniskillen Fire committee be received.
Carried.

3. Oil Springs Enniskillen South Fire Department 2025 budget

The committee representatives talked about options to provide for a clean room at the Oil Springs Fire Hall.

4. Memo 2025 Fee Bylaw

The Clerk noted that the fee bylaw was largely a consolidation of current fees. The bylaw updated Petrolia North Enniskillen fire fees and updated the County of Lambton planning fees.

5. St Clair Conservation Annual General Meeting

6. Memo Depot Operations

The Clerk noted that the number of Saturday visits to the waste and recycling depot were increasing.

7. 2024 Council remuneration

8. 2025 Township Grant list

9. Lambton Centennial request for donation

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That a donation of \$200 be made to the Lambton Centennial playground equipment fund.

Carried.

10. Memo 2025 Insurance Program

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the Township of Enniskillen accept the 2025-2026 insurance proposal from Marsh insurance.

Carried.

11. Village of Oil Springs – use of picnic tables

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the Village of Oil Springs be permitted to use up to ten picnic tables on July 19 2025.

Carried.

Christine Poland reported that the annual rabies clinic would be held on May 10 2025.

G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 7 of 2025- Fee Bylaw

2. Bylaw 14 of 2025- Road Encroachment Agreement

3. Bylaw 15 of 2025- Confirmation Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Van Dun
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 7, 14 and 15 of 2025.
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Burke
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 7, 14 and 15 of 2025.
Carried.

H. Adjournment

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

Mayor

Clerk