



“SPECIAL” COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

5:30 p.m.

**Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario
Council Chambers**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Reeve Rob Rainer
Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie
Councillor Wayne Baker
Councillor Greg Hallam
Councillor Korrine Jordan
Councillor Andrew Kendrick
Councillor Angela Pierman
Councillor Marilyn Thomas

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

3. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

i) Draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and Survey

Councillor Kendrick raised a Point of Order in opposition of hearing a presentation at a meeting of Council per the Procedural By-Law, and expressed concern regarding the amount of time since the last meeting on this topic.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk spoke to the procedure of calling a Point of Order, reminding Council that the Chair shall decide on the Point of Order and advise the Members of the decision.

The Reeve ruled the meeting will proceed as presented and scheduled.

The Consultant addressed the draft Strategic Plan as presented for feedback. He indicated that he had assisted with a number of strategic plans within the last few months, around ten (10), and Tay Valley's draft was one of the best, it has a nice balance. He also reviewed the process to date which was to hold individual interviews with Members and senior staff, host a workshop and review all Township master plans. The information from all three sources was then combined into the draft that was presented to Council in June. He also reminded Council of the next steps in the process after tonight, which would be to go to the public for feedback on the draft and then for Council to have a final workshop to discuss the feedback and make any final changes before adopting the Plan.

The wording of the Values was discussed, as Council had requested at the meeting in June to include definitions of the Values. After discussion, it was agreed that the following changes are accepted:

Respectful - We value the role that each Township representative, resident, business and organization plays in making our community great, striving to ensure that all interactions are positive and respectful.

Accountability - We value honest and transparent communication and strive for accountability in everything we do, demonstrating value for tax dollars and visible progress on municipal initiatives.

Following Council discussion, it was agreed that the Draft Strategic Plan have an Executive Summary page added that would provide a summary of the Mission, Visions, Values, Priorities, Initiatives and how the plan came together.

The Executive Summary would also explain that the document is a draft plan and no commitments are being made until due process has been done which may include staff reports to Council, budget approval, etc.

Councillor Kendrick raised concerns that the meeting had become a working session utilizing previously unseen material.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk confirmed that the only changes to the draft Strategic Plan were those that were directed by Council at its meeting in June, and the updated draft had been attached to tonight's agenda.

Councillor Kendrick was also concerned that an email that was sent to the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk with his comments about his concerns with regards to the meeting tonight was asked to be circulated to the rest of Council and it was not, and that there were other materials on their desks tonight that he was seeing for the first time.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk informed Council that the email had been sent the following day from receipt of Councillor Kendrick's email to all Members of Council, along with the additional materials that were in front of Council this evening.

Councillor Hallam took a moment to show Councillor Kendrick the email.

The Reeve confirmed that this session was as result of Council's request in June to hold another meeting in order to review the draft and make adjustments as needed.

Councillor Kendrick raised concerns on the pace of the process, inquiring why it had taken six (6) months to reach this state.

The Consultant explained that due to time spent working with staff after the initial workshop, and then everyone's availability after the June meeting over the summer months this evening's session was the first available time for all parties to meet.

Following review and discussion of the Draft Tay Valley Township Community Survey, regarding the draft plan, it was agreed that the format remain the same with minor grammatical and wording changes. A question will be added to ask for feedback on the proposed Mission, Vision, and Values.

RESOLUTION #C-2023-09-01

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie

SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“THAT, the Draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan as amended and draft survey as amended be released to the public for their feedback;

AND THAT, the results of the survey be shared with Council prior to making a final decision on the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.”

ADOPTED

4. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

- i) **By-Law No. 2023-040 - Confirmation By-Law – September 21st, 2023.**

RESOLUTION #C-2023-09-02


MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas
SECONDED BY: Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-040, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 21st, 2023, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Rob Rainer, Reeve


Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk