



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

Immediately following the Public Meeting – Operating Budget at 5:30 p.m.

Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario

Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Councillor Korrine Jordan
Reeve Rob Rainer
Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie
Councillor Wayne Baker
Councillor Greg Hallam
Councillor Andrew Kendrick
Councillor Angela Pierman (left at 9:22 p.m.)
Councillor Marilyn Thomas

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk
Ashley Liznick, Treasurer
Noelle Reeve, Planner (left at 9:08 p.m.)
Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager

Regrets: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

i) Amendment to the Agenda: Item 6 vi) was moved to be discussed first.

The Agenda was adopted as amended.

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

Reeve Rainer declared a pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest on item 7 iii) – Petition: Tay Valley Choir Request for Funding as he is a member of the Choir.

Item 6 vi) was discussed next.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

i) **Public Meeting: Zoning By-Law Amendment – October 10th, 2023.**

The minutes of the Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment held on October 10th, 2023, were approved.

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. PRIORITY ISSUES

i) **Report #PW-2023-23 – Composting Options.**

Discussion occurred on the use of FoodCyclers, the success of the technology, the sizes available of kitchen countertop compost bins, the purchase price of full-size yard composters, and the challenges of winter composting in Canada.

Recommendation to Council:

“THAT, a public awareness brochure regarding the use of backyard composters be developed;

THAT, composting be promoted in the summer of 2024 by having a table at each of the three waste sites;

THAT, as part of the promotion, residents be given a kitchen composting pail when they purchase a backyard composter at a discounted rate;

AND THAT, the program be funded by using Lanark County’s Electric Vehicle/Organic Waste Fund.”

ii) **Report #CAO-2023-20 – Proposed New Road Name – Hicks Lane.**

Recommendation to Council:

“THAT, the necessary by-law to name an existing Private Road to Hicks Lane as outlined in Report #CAO-2023-20 – Proposed New Road Name – Hicks Lane, be brought forward for approval.”

iii) **Report #CAO-2023-21 – Proposed New Road Name – Pethern Point Lane.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the necessary by-law to name an existing Private Road to Pethern Point Lane as outlined in Report #CAO-2023-21 – Proposed New Road Name – Pethern Point Lane, be brought forward for approval.”

iv) **Report #CAO-2023-22 – Animal Pound Contract Update.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, Schedule “A” to the Animal Pound Services Agreement be amended as per Report #C-2023-22 – Animal Pound Contract Update;

AND THAT, the necessary by-law be brought forward to Council.”

v) **Appointment of Hockey Volunteers.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township appoint the following volunteer for the Tay Valley Hockey Program, subject to the Criminal Records Check Policy:

- Mike McGonegal”

vi) **AMO - Policy Update - Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act Introduced and Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response.**

A Member expressed concern at the original request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlined during the October 10, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting. It was expressed that the original response from the Township identifying five (5) top priorities was insufficient to address the wider range of housing issues.

While supporting AMO’s position in their letter to Minister Calandra dated October 3, 2023, the Planner expressed concern that cash-in-lieu payments are often ineffective in getting affordable housing units built.

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the Reeve on behalf of the Township send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s letter dated October 3rd, 2023 regarding the Housing Affordability Task Force’s Recommendations, with the exception of item 67 relating to cash-in-lieu of payments whereby the Township urges that said payments be turned over to a non-profit housing corporation as they have access to grants from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation allowing housing to be built cheaper than by a developer, therefore resulting in more affordable units being created.”

7. CORRESPONDENCE

i) **23-11-01 – Council Communication Package.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the 23-11-01 Council Communication Package be received for information.”

ii) **Petition: Request to Expand the Large Item Re-Use Centre.**

The Public Works Manger has been visiting the site weekly to assess the new large reuse centre container. It is working well and has only been at three quarters capacity. The Public Works Manager will continue to monitor the use of the large item container throughout 2024 and provide an update during the 2025 Budget process.

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the Petition – Request to Expand the Large Item Re-Use Centre dated October 10, 2023 be received for information.”

iii) **Petition: Tay Valley Choir Request for Funding.**

The Committee recommended that a grant be applied for or the Choir conduct fundraising in order to purchase the electric piano. Another option may be to buy one second hand.

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the Petition – Tay Valley Choir Request for Funding October 11, 2023 be received for information.”

iv) **AMO – Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**WHEREAS**, municipalities across Ontario are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them;

AND WHEREAS, it is time for the province and municipalities to work collaboratively towards solutions for the long-term stability and sustainability of municipal finances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township send a letter to Premier Ford calling for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review in order to help create a sustainable, accountable provincial-municipal relationship where both orders of government can meet their responsibilities, grounded in:

- affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government;
- fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents;

- coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities;
- increased housing supply and affordability;
- robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation;
- long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities; and
- modern, effective and streamlined service delivery.”

The Planner left at 9:08 p.m.

8. COMMITTEE, BOARD & EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- i) **Bolingbroke Cemetery Board** – *deferred to the next meeting.*
Councillor Wayne Baker.

- ii) **Committee of Adjustment.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes that were attached to the agenda.

- iii) **Fire Board.**
Councillor Wayne Baker, Councillor Greg Hallam, Councillor Marilyn Thomas

The Committee reviewed the minutes that were attached to the agenda.

- iv) **Library Board.**
Councillor Andrew Kendrick.

The Committee reviewed the minutes that were attached to the agenda.

- v) **Pinehurst Cemetery Board** – *deferred to the next meeting.*
Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie.

- vi) **Police Services Board** – *deferred to the next meeting.*
Reeve Rob Rainer.

- vii) **Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group** – *deferred to the next meeting.*
Councillor Greg Hallam and Councillor Angela Pierman

- viii) **Municipal Drug Strategy Committee** – *deferred to the next meeting.*
Councillor Korrine Jordan.

- ix) **Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board.**
Councillor Andrew Kendrick.

The Committee reviewed the meeting summary that was attached to the agenda.

- x) **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board.**
Councillor Angela Pierman.

The Committee reviewed the meeting summary that was attached to the agenda.

Councillor Pierman left at 9:22 p.m.

- xi) **County of Lanark.**
Reeve Rob Rainer and Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie.

Reeve Rainer summarized topics that will be discussed at the County Council meeting tomorrow night:

- having an education session on homelessness in Lanark County
- will be voting for the 2024 County Warden

9. CLOSED SESSION

None.

10. DEFERRED ITEMS

**The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- *See Township Action Plan – distributed separately to Council*

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 9:23 p.m.


Chairperson


Deputy Clerk