



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

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### 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  
Noelle Reeve, Planner  
Ashley Liznick, Treasurer  
Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager

**Regrets:** None.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

### 2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

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

None at this time.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) **Council Meeting – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-01**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be approved as circulated.”

**ADOPTED**

- ii) **Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-02**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Andrew Kendrick

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be approved as presented.”

**(SEE RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-03)**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-03**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick  
**SECONDED BY:** Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be amended by adding the following to item 6 (vii) Report #CAO-2023-24 – Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement, after the sentence “Discussion followed regarding the importance of inter-municipality collaboration and the shared use of facilities and services:

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk noted that the staff of Drummond/North Elmsley and Lanark Highlands were bringing similar reports to their Councils to assist in negotiating a final approach with the Town of Perth.”

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-02**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Andrew Kendrick

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be approved as amended.”

**ADOPTED**

**5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- i) **Presentation: 2022 Audited Financial Statements.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-04**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township adopt the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented.”

**ADOPTED**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7. MOTIONS**

- i) **FILE #ZA23-04: Candice St. Pierre (147 Horseshoe Bay, Concession 3, Part Lot 17, Geographic Township of North Burgess).**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-05**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, the proposed zoning amendment for File #ZA23-04: Candice St. Pierre (147 Horseshoe Bay, Concession 3, Part Lot 17, geographic Township of North Burgess) be denied.”

**ADOPTED**

The Reeve stepped down as Chair in order to discuss the next item on the Agenda.  
The Deputy Reeve assumed the Chair.

- ii) **Report #PD-2023-28 – Response to Enbridge Request for Blanket Support for Expansion of Natural Gas.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-06**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**WHEREAS**, Ontario Residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

**AND WHEREAS**, Natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating;

**AND WHEREAS**, Natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps powered by low-carbon electricity result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

**AND WHEREAS**, The Natural Gas Expansion Program provides subsidies to bring natural gas to communities across Ontario but currently cannot be redirected by municipalities toward the best option for their residents – upgrading the electricity grid and supporting heat pumps;

**AND WHEREAS**, Far more residents could achieve far lower energy bills if municipalities were allowed to redirect those subsidies toward heat pumps for their residents, which would also benefit existing natural gas customers by reducing the financial risks they bear in relation to the gas expansion projects;

**AND WHEREAS**, The Government of Ontario is considering requests from Enbridge Gas Inc. to reduce oversight by the Ontario Energy Board over gas expansion and other pipeline projects at a time when the Ontario Energy Board's technical and financial expertise is critical as the energy transition takes place;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Corporation of Tay Valley Township petitions the Ontario Government to expedite the implementation of the following recommendations:

**THAT**, the Government of Ontario amend the Natural Gas Expansion Program to allow municipalities to redirect funds toward electricity grid upgrades and heat pumps, including for ongoing Phase II projects;

**THAT**, the Government of Ontario maintain the existing Ontario Energy Board oversight mechanisms and thresholds for gas pipeline projects; and Page 29 of 113;

**THAT**, the Government of Ontario ask the Ontario Energy Board to determine in gas expansion leave-to-construct applications which option would result in the lowest energy bills-directing the subsidy to gas expansion or to electricity grid and heat pump subsidies;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and to all regional municipalities for whom Enbridge has requested support of the proposed changes."

**(SEE RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-07)**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-07**

**MOVED BY:** Rob Rainer

**SECONDED BY:** Wayne Baker

**“THAT**, the last paragraph in Resolution #C-2023-12-06 be amended to read as follows:

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the provincial ministers of Energy and Finance, the provincial opposition party leaders, the AMO President, and all municipalities in Ontario."

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-06**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

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**ADOPTED**

The Deputy Reeve stepped down as Chair.  
The Reeve resumed the Chair.

iii) **Report #PW-2023-25 – EV ChargeOn Grant Application.**

Council discussed the following:

- Concern over installing two chargers, with two ports each, consuming four parking spaces, at the municipal office that would otherwise be available for constituent use
- the ability to determine how much the chargers are being used
- concern over vehicle charge received versus charge time required
- long term commitment costs of maintaining the chargers, if an agreement or contract will be required
- approaches used by other municipalities in regard to installing either level 2 or level 3 electric vehicle charging stations

The Public Works Manager reported the following:

- confirmed that the grant requires two chargers, with two ports each, and four parking spots
- noted that Maberly Hall would be an ideal location, but there is not enough parking space available
- the municipal building is the only location with a parking area big enough to accommodate four charging spaces.
- will reach out to the Town of Perth with inquiries of their ability to track usage of their municipal chargers
- confirmed there is an annual cost to the Township to operate the charging stations, that the cost covers data reporting and troubleshooting
- confirmed that the annual cost is not a contract, it only exists as long as the charging stations are in operation

- a further report will be provided to Council in the event of award of the grant and prior to signing the contract

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-08**

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Baker  
**SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, the Corporation of Tay Valley Township commit to the upset limit of \$11,600 as the municipality’s contribution of the EV ChargeON Grant Application;

**THAT**, the \$11,600 be funded from the Contingency Reserve unless other grant opportunities are available;

**AND THAT**, the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to submit an application under the EV ChargeON program for the installation of two Level 2 EV Chargers at the Municipal Office prior to the January 31, 2024 deadline.”

**ADOPTED**

- iv) **Report #FIN-2023-10 – Property Tax Due Dates.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-09**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the interim tax due dates be on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

**AND THAT**, the final tax due dates be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.”

**ADOPTED**

- v) **Report #CAO-2023-23 – Lanark County OPP Detachment Police Services Board Council Appointee.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-10**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, the Reeve for Tay Valley Township be appointed as the Council representative to the new Lanark County OPP Detachment Police Services Board which is scheduled to come into effect sometime in 2024.”

**ADOPTED**

vi) **Report #CAO-2023-24 – Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-11**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the Council of Tay Valley Township notify the Town of Perth and the Townships of Drummond/North Elmsley and Lanark Highlands that Tay Valley Township is prepared to enter into a new Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement with the four (4) municipalities, effective January 1, 2024 that would include the Perth Arena, Perth Pool and Lanark Highlands Arena subject to the final agreement being brought back to Council for approval and subject to the following parameters:

- 5-year agreement so that it does not end in an election year
- annual review of the agreement by all parties (with meeting at the staff level)
- based on weighted assessment formula and
- operating costs not to include third-party services (ex. canteen, skate sharpening, etc.)
- annual contribution to include:
  - operating costs – audited actual expenses minus revenues
  - overhead allocation – actuals
  - capital contribution - 5% of gross operating expenditures
- maximum year over year increase will be October Total CPI as reported by the Bank of Canada unless otherwise agreed to by the parties
- a clause in the agreement addressing what happens with a surplus or deficit
- annual user metrics will be provided and a current revenue/expenditure report for each facility by March of the following year
- each municipality will charge regular user rates (non-contributing fees will not apply) for recreation facilities/amenities not covered by the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement.”

**ADOPTED**

vii) **Traffic Advisory Working Group.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-12**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, Councillor Greg Hallam be appointed to the Traffic Advisory Working Group for the County of Lanark.”

**ADOPTED**



viii) **Traffic Speed on Scotch Line.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-13**

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Baker  
**SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, the Reeve on behalf of Tay Valley Township send a letter to the Lanark County Director of Public Works in support of reducing the speed limit on Scotch Line in front of the Perth Children’s House – Montessori School located at 2345 Scotch Line.”

**ADOPTED**

ix) **23-11-30 – Council Communication Package.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-14**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the 23-11-30 Council Communication Package be received for information.”

**ADOPTED**

x) **Rideau Lake Road Petition.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-15**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, the Rideau Lake Road Petition dated November 28, 2023 be received for information.”

**ADOPTED**

xi) **Heritage Property Selection Committee - Resignation.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-16**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, Brenda Kennett be removed from the Heritage Property Selection Committee.”

**ADOPTED**

**8. BY-LAWS**

- i) **By-Law No. 2023-055 – Zoning By-Law Amendment – 1000654129 Ontario Inc.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-17**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, Zoning By-Law No. 2023-055, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2002-121 (30 Highway 511, Part Lot 27, Concession 3, geographic Township of Bathurst), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- ii) **By-Law No. 2023-056 – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Morrison.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-18**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, Zoning By-Law No. 2023-056, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2002-121 (313 Silvery Lane, Part Lot 13, Concession 4 and 5, geographic Township of South Sherbrooke), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- iii) **By-Law No. 2023-057 – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Perth Children’s House.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-19**

**MOVED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

**SECONDED BY:** Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, Zoning By-Law No. 2023-057, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2002-121 (2345, Part Lot 1, Concession 10, geographic Township of North Burgess), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

iv) **By-Law No. 2023-058 – 2024 Budget.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-20**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-058, being a by-law to adopt the Estimates for the Sums Required for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2024, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**(SEE RECORDED VOTE)**

Councillor Wayne Baker requested a recorded vote on Resolution #C-2023-12-20:

For:	Reeve Rob Rainer	1
	Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie	1
	Councillor Greg Hallam	1
	Councillor Andrew Kendrick	1
	Councillor Angela Pierman	1
	Councillor Marilyn Thomas	<u>1</u>
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Against:	Councillor Wayne Baker	1
	Councillor Korrine Jordan	<u>1</u>
		2

Absent:		0
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Total:		8
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**ADOPTED**

v) **By-Law No. 2023-059 – Interim & Final Tax Levy.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-21**

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Baker

**SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-059, being a by-law to authorize an Interim and Final Tax Levy for the Year 2024, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

vi) **By-Law No. 2023-060 – Tariff of Fees.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-22**

**MOVED BY:** Andrew Kendrick

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-060, being a by-law to adopt a Tariff of Fees, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

vii) **By-Law No. 2023-061 – Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-Law.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-23**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam

**SECONDED BY:** Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-061, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2011-052 being a Refreshment Vehicle Licensing By-Law, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

viii) **By-Law No. 2023-062 – Road Closing & Sale Policy.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-24**

**MOVED BY:** Korrine Jordan

**SECONDED BY:**

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-062, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2020-055 being a Road Closing & Sale Policy, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

ix) **By-Law No. 2023-063 – Building By-Law Amendment.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-25**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-063, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2013-005 being a Building By-Law and repeal By-Law No. 2020-054 and By-Law No. 2013-005, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- x) **By-Law No. 2023-064 – Waste Disposal, Composting & Recycling By-Law Amendment.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-26**

**MOVED BY:** Marilyn Thomas  
**SECONDED BY:** Fred Dobbie

“THAT, By-Law No. 2023-064, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2015-043 being a Waste Disposal, Composting & Recycling By-Law and to repeal By-Law No. 2019-047 and By-Law No. 2022-043, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- xi) **By-Law No. 2023-065 – Part Lot Control Exemption - Burgesswood Subdivision.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-27**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-065, being a by-law to provide that Subsection (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 C.P.13, as amended, does not apply to certain lands in Tay Valley Township (Lots 49 and 50, PL-25, Burgesswood Subdivision), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

**9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**10. CALENDARING**

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk recommended to cancel the scheduled Committee of the Whole and Council meetings in January 2024 as there are currently no items for the agendas, reaffirming the option to call a special meeting during that month if necessary. Council agreed.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fire Board Meeting	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BBDNE Fire Station</b>
Lanark County Joint Police Service Board Meeting	January 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Montague
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference	January 21 <sup>st</sup> – January 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Toronto
Committee of Adjustment Meeting	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

RVCA Board of Directors Meeting	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	RVCA Offices
Pinehurst Cemetery Board Meeting	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
MANDATORY - Indigenous Cultural Competency Training by Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Municipal Office
Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Committee of the Whole Meeting	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Following	Municipal Office
Police Services Board Meeting	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Council Meeting	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

**11. CLOSED SESSIONS**

None.

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

i) **By-Law No. 2023-066 - Confirmation By-Law – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-12-28**

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Baker


**SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2023-066 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

  
**Rob Rainer, Reeve**

  
**Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk**