



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024

6:00 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 Keith Kerr
Councillor Angela Pierman
Councillor Marilyn Thomas

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

Regrets: None

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 – October 22nd, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-02

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr

SECONDED BY: Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 22nd, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

- ii) **Council Meeting (Closed Session – Labour Relations Update) – October 22nd, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-03

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam

SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting (Closed Session – Labour Relations Update) held on October 22nd, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

- iii) **Council Meeting – November 19th, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-04

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan

SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 19th, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

- iv) **Council Meeting (Closed Session – Identifiable Individual – Wage Review for the Full Time Fire Department Staff) – November 19th, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-05

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie

SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting (Closed Session – Identifiable Individual – Wage Review of the Full Time Fire Department Staff) held on November 19th, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

- v) **Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 3rd, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-06

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas
SECONDED BY: Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 3rd, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

- vi) **“Special” Council Meeting – December 3rd, 2024**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-07

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“**THAT**, the minutes of “Special” Council Meeting held on December 3rd, 2024, be approved as circulated.”

ADOPTED

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. MOTIONS

- i) **Delegation: The Hospice Hub.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-08

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, the Hospice Hub presentation to Tay Valley Township Committee of the Whole on December 3rd, 2024 be received for information.”

ADOPTED

ii) **Report #FIN-2024-14 – Year End Surplus Report for 2023.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-09

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr

SECONDED BY: Korrine Jordan

“**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Year-End Surplus is \$633,489 and will be automatically transferred to the Contingency Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, of the 2023 surplus, \$250,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve to the Bridge Reserve, \$110,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve to the Township Office/Garage Reserve, \$140,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve to the Roads Construction Reserve.”

ADOPTED

iii) **Report #FIN-2024-15 – Property Tax Due Dates.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-10

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam

SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, the interim tax due dates be on February 26th, 2025 and April 28th, 2025;

THAT, the final tax due dates be on July 29th, 2025 and September 26th, 2025;

AND THAT, the necessary by-law come forward at the next Council meeting.”

ADOPTED

iv) **Report #FIN-2024-16 – Taxes and the Postal Service Disruption.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-11

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan

SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, should the Postal Service Disruption continue into December and January, that Section 4.1.1 of the Tax Arrears Collection Policy be waived resulting in the monthly arrears letters for those months not being mailed;

AND THAT, alternatively the tax arrears letters be made available by phone, email, or in person should the taxpayer request it;

AND THAT, notice of this alternative option be advertised through the Township’s website, newsfeed, social media and notice boards.”

ADOPTED

- v) **Report #PW-2024-22 – Blue Box Transition – Two Stream Collection.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-12

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie

SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, Report #PW-2024-22 – Blue Box Transition – Two Stream Collection, be received for information.”

ADOPTED

- vi) **Appointment of Outdoor Rink Volunteers.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-13

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas

SECONDED BY: Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township appoint the following volunteers for the Tay Valley Outdoor rinks, subject to the Criminal Records Check Policy:

- Erik Boysen
- Bill McCoy.”

ADOPTED

- vii) **Follow-Up: Support for the Motion on Sustainable Municipal Funding.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-14

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman

SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Town of Aurora’s motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS, the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS, redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS, a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

THAT, this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.”

ADOPTED

viii) **24-11-28 – Council Communication Package.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-15

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, the 24-11-28 Council Communication Package be received for information.

ADOPTED

8. BY-LAWS

i) **By-Law No. 2024-048 - Sewage System Management Agreement (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority).**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-16

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr
SECONDED BY: Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, By-Law 2024-048, being a by-law to execute a Sewage System Management Agreement with Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to provide Tay Valley Township’s Sewage System Inspection and Re-Inspection Services, be read a first, second, and third time short and passed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

ii) **By-Law No. 2024-052 - Official Plan Amendment No. 8 – Ennis.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-17

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam
SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-052, being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment – No. 8 (Ennis), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

iii) **By-Law No. 2024-053 - Tariff of Fees.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-18

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan
SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-053, 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

- iv) **By-Law No. 2024-054 - Waste Disposal, Composting & Recycling By-Law Amendment.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-19

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie

SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-054, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2023-064 being a Waste Disposal, Composting & Recycling By-Law Amendment, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

- v) **By-Law No. 2024-055 - Building By-Law Amendment.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-20

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas

SECONDED BY: Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-055, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2013-005, being a Building By-Law Amendment, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

- vi) **By-Law No. 2024-056 - Fees and Charges - Fire Department.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-21

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman

SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-056, being a by-law to adopt Fees and Charges for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Service, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

- vii) **By-Law No. 2024-057 - Interim & Final Tax Levy – 2025.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-22

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker

SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-057, being a by-law to authorize an Interim and Final Tax Levy for the Year 2025, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

- viii) **By-Law No. 2024-058 - Stop Up, Close & Sell Portion of Unopened Road Allowance – Kennedy.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-23

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr

SECONDED BY: Korrine Jordan

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-058, being a by-law to Stop Up, Close & Sell a Portion of an Unopened Road Allowance – Kennedy (between Concession 10 & 11, Lot 4, geographic Township of Bathurst, being Part 1 on 27R12391), be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

- ix) **By-Law No. 2024-059 – Adopt Estimates of the Sums Required for the Year 2025.**

A Member read a statement, with accompanying slides, expressing support of transferring \$100,000 from the Contingency Reserve to further reduce the tax levy by 1.42%, proposing a tax levy increase for 2025 of 5.95% - *attached, page 13.*

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-24

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam

SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-059, being a by-law to adopt the Estimates for the Sums Required for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2025, 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-2024-12-24.

For:	Reeve Rob Rainer	1
	Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie	1
	Councillor Greg Hallam	1
	Councillor Keith Kerr	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>
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Absent:		0
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Total:

8

ADOPTED

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. CALENDARING

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference	January 19 th – January 21 st		Toronto
Library Board Meeting	January 20 th	4:30 p.m.	Perth & District Library
Committee of Adjustment Hearing	January 20 th	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
RVCA Board of Directors Meeting	January 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	RVCA Offices
Committee of the Whole Meeting	February 11 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group	February 14 th	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Committee of Adjustment Hearing	February 17 th	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Council Meeting	February 25 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

11. CLOSED SESSIONS

None.

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

- i) **By-Law No. 2024-060 - Confirmation By-Law – December 3rd and 10th, 2024.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-25

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan
SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2024-060, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meetings held on December 3rd and 10th, 2024, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

ADOPTED

13. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Rob Rainer, Reeve



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

BY-LAWS

Before we get into a couple of my slides and comments, I would like to thank the staff for preparing the proposed budget. I can only imagine the time and effort that it must have taken. It is truly appreciated.

Sheet 1

When the budget was initially presented to us and the levy was proposed to be about 11%, I think that as a whole, council would have accepted the reserve balances as in column 1. Fortunately because of the 2023 audit we found that an additional \$633,489 would be available through the Contingency Reserve, as such council has decided that the extra funds would be split up as is itemized in column 2 to leave a new balance in the reserves as shown in column 3.

I am pointing this out because had we not found the extra funds our three reserves were looking very depleted, and we would have had to cut future projects or get the funds from the taxpayers. Now, going forward the taxpayers won't be hit as hard as they may have been. Please keep this point in mind as I continue.

Keep in mind that by unexpectedly increasing the three reserve funds, we will not have to recoup that from the taxpayers in the upcoming years, thus keeping future levies lower than they would have otherwise been. and because we have nearly 1.5 million dollars in this years contingency reserve I feel that taking \$100,000 out to help reduce this years tax levy is needed. It hardly depletes the reserve and will help our taxpayers by reducing the levy increase in these tough economic times.

I realize that this would mean starting the 2026 budget at 1.42% plus potentially a non-subsidized OPP increase of 2.54% which could possibly mean, a worst-case scenario of starting at 3.96% next year. I say worst case scenario, because, our revenues could increase, the OPP costs could be subsidized, we may find additional reserve funds, you never know.

Given a worst case scenerio and say a 2% increase in the 2026 budget, I believe it is better having a balanced approach of 5.95% this year and about a 5.95% or less next year, verses a 7.37% this year and a 4.7% next year.

Let's help out the taxpayers at least a little bit this year.

I will be voting in favour of the proposed budget as presented with the caveat that \$100,000 be taken out of the Contingency Reserve to reduce the Levy to 5.95%.

Table 1

Reserve	Initial Budget (11%) Bal Dec 31/25	Additional funds transferred from 2023 Audit	Balance Dec 31/25
Road Construction Reserve	\$275,788	\$140,000	\$415,788
Bridge Construction Reserve	\$16,156	\$250,000	\$266,156
Township Office/Garage Reserve	\$5	\$110,000	\$110,005

Original Levy Increase	11.01%
New OPP Financial Relief	2.54%

	8.47%
Growth in assessment.	1.09%

Leaving a proposed levy of 7.37%

If we take \$100,000 from the Contingency Reserve we would lower this years proposed Levy by 1.42% leaving a proposed 2025 Levy of

$$7.37\% - 1.42\% = 5.95\%$$

Lets Help Out Our Taxpayers at least a Little Bit This Year.