



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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 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

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Reeve announced that this meeting is being recorded by a member of the public.

A moment of silence was held for former Councillor Andrew Kendrick who passed away on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Former Councillor Kendrick served as a South Sherbrooke Ward Councillor since 2022.

### 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 – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-01**

**MOVED BY:** Keith Kerr  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated.”

**ADOPTED**

ii) **Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-02**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated.”

**ADOPTED**

**5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

i) **Delegation: Livestreaming.**

C. Anderson addressed Council – *attached, page 11.*

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-03**

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

“**THAT**, the delegation regarding livestreaming be received for information.”

Item 7 x) was discussed next.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## 7. MOTIONS

- i) **Report #PW-2025-06 – 2024 Annual Waste Site Reports.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-06**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie

**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

“**THAT**, Report #PW-2025-06 - 2024 Waste Disposal Site Annual Reports, be received as information;

**AND THAT**, staff be directed to submit the 2024 Annual Reports for the Glen Tay, Maberly, Stanleyville, Christie Lake and Noonan sites to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks before the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 deadline, to be in conformity with the Certificates of Approval for each site.”

**ADOPTED**

- ii) **Report #PW-2025-04 – Microsurfacing Tender Award.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-07**

**MOVED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

**SECONDED BY:** Fred Dobbie

“**THAT**, Schedules E to J of Tender #PW-C-09-2025-25-E0 for Microsurfacing be awarded to Miller Paving Limited;

**AND THAT**, the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documentation.”

**ADOPTED**

- iii) **Report #PW-2025-05 – Tandem Truck Purchase.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-08**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman

**SECONDED BY:** Wayne Baker

“**THAT**, the quotes obtained through the Canoe Procurement Group from Francis Truck Center and Viking Plow Equipment (Gin-Cor) and Equipment Ltd. For a tandem truck be accepted;

**AND THAT**, the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documentation.”

**ADOPTED**

iv) **Report #PD-2025-04 – 2024 Climate Action Plan Annual Report.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-09**

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Baker

**SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**THAT**, the Climate Action Plan Report Card for 2024 be approved and placed on the Township website;

**THAT**, the following specific implementation actions be undertaken in 2025:

- Investigate allocating the County grant to support the energy audit cost for residents with low income or who experience energy poverty;
- Confirm the electric vehicle purchase timeline and continue to educate the public on Total Cost procurement;
- Continue to pursue Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding for energy retrofits to get the municipal building off natural gas and onto a cheaper and less greenhouse gas producing heating and cooling system;
- Pursue funding for solar panels for climate resiliency and reduced energy costs for the municipal building; and
- Implement tree planting as a nature-based climate solution;

**AND THAT**, the Reeve repeat the request to the provincial Minister of Health to track heat deaths as Quebec and British Columbia do.”

**ADOPTED**

v) **Report #PD-2025-05 – Deeming By-Law – 138 Miner’s Point Road (Philip Subdivision).**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-10**

**MOVED BY:** Keith Kerr

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, PL-4259 (Philip Subdivision) be amended through a deeming by-law providing an exemption for Lot 24 to receive an addition from part of Block A, geographic township of North Burgess (Roll #0911-911-020-12800 and Roll #0911-911-020-12803) known locally as 138 Miner’s Point Road to implement Ontario Superior Court Order regarding the vesting of Part A (Court File No. 12-00055763-0000).”

**ADOPTED**

vi) **Report #FIN-2025-04 – 2024 Planning Act Financial Reporting for Parkland.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-11**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, Report #FIN-2025-04 – 2024 Planning Act Financial Reporting for Parkland, be received for information.”

**ADOPTED**

vii) **Report #FIN-2025-03 – 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-12**

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

“**THAT**, Report #FIN-2025-03 – 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses, be received for information.”

**ADOPTED**

viii) **Report #FIN-2025-02 – 2024 Investment Report.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-13**

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

“**THAT**, Report #FIN-2025-02 - 2024 Investment Report, be received as information.”

**ADOPTED**

ix) **Report #FIN-2025-01 – 2025 Budget – PSAB Restatement.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-14**

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

“**THAT**, Report #FIN-2025-01 - 2025 Budget – PSAB Restatement, be received as information.”

**ADOPTED**

x) **Report #CAO-2025-09 – Livestreaming.**

A Member clarified that they did have not had any objections to live streaming but that their goal has been to thoroughly review the financial and tax implications and to invite comments from residents before this meeting. The Member suggested that the motion on the floor be defeated so that a new motion could be put on the floor to implement livestreaming of Committee of the Whole, Council and Public Meetings at an upset cost of \$45,000 to be expensed from the Contingency Reserve. This would enable staff to continue exploring various options for implementing live streaming at a possible lower cost.

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-04**

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

**“THAT**, an online survey be undertaken to receive feedback from property owners in the Township on the potential implementation of livestreaming for Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings;

**AND THAT**, the Options Considered in Report #CAO-2025-09 – Livestreaming, be deferred pending the feedback from the survey.”

**DEFEATED**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-05**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Keith Kerr

**“THAT**, Tay Valley Township implement live streaming of Committee of the Whole, Council and Public Meetings at an upset cost of \$45,000 to be expensed from the Contingency Reserve.”

**(SEE RECORDED VOTE)**

Councillor Greg Hallam requested a recorded vote on Resolution #C-2025-03-05:

For:	Reeve Rob Rainer	1
	Councillor Wayne Baker	1
	Councillor Greg Hallam	1
	Councillor Korrine Jordan	1
	Councillor Keith Kerr	1
	Councillor Angela Pierman	1
	Councillor Marilyn Thomas	$\frac{1}{7}$
Against:	Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie	$\frac{1}{1}$

Absent: 0  
Total: 8

**ADOPTED**

Item 7 i) was discussed next.

- xi) **Report #CAO-2025-08 – Proposed New Road Name – Bygrove Lane.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-15**

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

“**THAT**, the necessary by-law to name an existing Private Road to Bygrove Lane as outlined in Report #CAO-2025-08 – Proposed New Road Name – Bygrove Lane (Private), be brought forward for approval.”

**ADOPTED**

**8. BY-LAWS**

- i) **By-Law No. 2025-012 – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Boyle.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-16**

**MOVED BY:** Keith Kerr  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2025-012, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law No. 2002-121 (Part Lot 10, Concession 10, geographic Township of Bathurst, now in Tay Valley Township, County of Lanark), be read a first, second, and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- ii) **By-Law No. 2025-013 – Road Naming – Bygrove Lane (Private).**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-17**

**MOVED BY:** Greg Hallam  
**SECONDED BY:** Keith Kerr

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2025-013, being a by-law to amend Road Naming By-Law No. 98-87 (Bygrove Lane (Private)), be read a first, second, and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- iii) **By-Law No. 2025-014 – Stop Up, Close & Sell Portion of Unopened Road Allowance – Avery.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-18**

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

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2025-014, being a by-law to Stop Up, Close, & Sell a Portion of Unopened Road Allowance between Concession 10 & 11, geographic Township of Bathurst, be read a first, second, and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

- iv) **By-Law No. 2025-015 – Deeming By-Law.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-19**

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

“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2025-015, being a by-law to deem part of a registered plan of subdivision as not being a Plan of Subdivision (138 Miner’s Point Road – Philip Subdivision), be read a first, second, and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

**9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) **Report #FIN-2025-05 - 2024 Development Charges Statement.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-20**

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

“**THAT**, Report #FIN-2025-05 - 2024 Development Charges Statement, be received as information.”

**ADOPTED**

**10. CALENDARING**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
RVCA Board of Directors Meeting	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	RVCA Offices
Committee of Adjustment Hearing	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Bolingbroke Cemetery Board Meeting	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Fire Board Meeting	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 p.m.	BBD&E Fire Station

Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendments	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Committee of the Whole Meeting	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Following	Municipal Office
Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
MVCA Board of Directors Meeting	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	MVCA Offices
Library Board Meeting	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	Perth & District Library
Pinehurst Cemetery Board Meeting	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Council Meeting	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

**11. CLOSED SESSIONS**

None.

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

i) **By-Law No. 2025-016 - Confirmation By-Law – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-03-21**

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

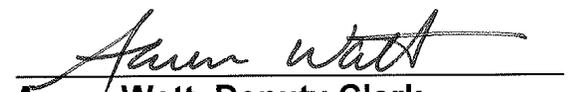
“**THAT**, By-Law No. 2025-016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be read a first, second and third time short and passed and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.”

**ADOPTED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

  
**Rob Rainer, Reeve**

  
**Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk**

# **DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation to Tay Valley Township Council regarding livestreaming/survey—March 25, 2025

By: Catherine Anderson

Good evening Reeve Rainer, Deputy Reeve Dobbie, and Councillors,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to Council on the subject of livestreaming of Council Meetings. I will also speak briefly about the motion before Council later this evening to undertake a survey of TVT residents regarding their viewpoint on this proposed service to taxpayers.

Let me begin by saying that I am unequivocally in favour of the livestreaming of Council proceedings. And although I am not here representing any Association or collective, it is my strong belief that my point of view is representative of many within our Township, and is certainly shared by many of my friends and neighbours who are property owners on my lake. I hope that some of them have found the time to express their point of view in writing over the past few weeks.

Implementing livestreaming was a campaign pledge made by a number of you sitting in these Council seats tonight. It was certainly a pledge made by Councillor Andrew Kendrick, and was one of the reasons I cast my vote for him in the last municipal election. As my elected representative on Council, I knew that I could count on him to seek out and to listen to my point of view, and to factor that in when deliberating on his votes. That is what we expect and deserve from our elected representatives...to be our voice and to represent our best interests when you cast your votes here in Council chambers, as decisions are made that affect our lives. Councillor Kendrick would have voted in favour of livestreaming. He knew that it is a powerful tool to guarantee engagement and involvement of residents in their local governance.

Tay Valley Township, on paper, shares that viewpoint. Your Mission and Values Statement espouses the importance of being respectful (stating that 'We value the role that each township representative, resident, business and organization plays in making our community great...'). And further, it espouses the importance of being accountable (stating that '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.') Livestreaming satisfies both of those values statements, and, as I see it, a decision not to follow through on implementing livestreaming would be discreditable.

There are many reasons to offer livestreaming for Tay Valley Township residents. Among them are the following...

- It enhances transparency and a collaborative relationship with taxpayers.
- It encourages and enhances community engagement.
- It demonstrates to taxpayers through their ability to attend meetings remotely how hard their elected Councillors are working for them.
- It aids those who experience visual, auditory, mobility or other health related challenges that prevent their attendance.

- It safeguards residents against the danger of traveling at night or in bad weather to attend meetings.
- It respects the increasing age demographics within our Township and seeks to continue to engage those valued citizens.
- It saves time and energy required by Staff and Council to respond to taxpayers questions about what happened at Council meetings since they will have been able to see and hear for themselves, and
- It respects those who are seasonal residents, unable to attend from a distance but who still pay taxes and want to be fully informed.
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On the subject of those seasonal residents, I am curious about what percentage of Tay Valley Township's tax base fall within that category, and I think that number is likely significant. I would encourage you to ask for that statistic, because that number of people cannot attend mid-week Council meetings, but definitely do have a vested interest in Council proceedings and would benefit from livestreaming. And so, these are the facts...

We empowered you with our votes to be our voice and to act in our best interests. The Township Mission and Values Statement necessitates transparency, accountability and visible progress in municipal initiatives. The Township's Strategic Plan specifically speaks to the intention of implementing livestreaming. And Council voted to devote \$20,800 in this year's budget to livestreaming. So I honestly do not understand how Council's vote at the COW meeting on March 4th resulted in a tie vote. When and how did the commitment to livestreaming waver? Did the suggestion by Staff that initiating the service would be much more expensive than initially thought prompt reservations and lead to the tie vote? If so, there are questions that should have been asked and answered before the vote was taken on March 4th...Which company provided the initial estimate of \$20,800? Where did the revised, and much higher estimates come from? Was a process of tendering the work carried out, or at least were several quotes requested and received? Has Council seen those quotes? Have the five of nine neighbouring townships which have successfully implemented livestreaming at a lower cost been approached for information and referrals to whatever companies they have used? I would hope that all of that information should have been at your disposal before a vote was taken, and if not, is certainly needed now.

Indeed, if it is simply a matter of concern about the amount of money it would cost taxpayers to implement a service that would offer us very tangible and valuable benefits, I would submit the following...

- \$20,800 is already dedicated to this initiative in the 2025 Township budget.
- In the event that the cost exceeds that dedicated amount, Council has the ability to simply reappropriate some of the \$40,000 that was set aside in the Budget for the replacement of 'Welcome to Tay Valley Township' signage, an expenditure that I would submit is not of any pressing urgency, and offers no tangible or immediate benefit to taxpayers.

And, to the suggestion of a survey... If the question of cost of livestreaming was what led to the suggestion of a need for a survey, accurate costing with detailed estimates

needs to be available. Certainly, if you were to decide to go ahead with a survey and it includes any mention of the cost, those figures would need to be accurate and verifiable. I feel strongly that there is no need for a survey. We were not surveyed when much larger amounts of taxpayers' money was approved for salary increases in this year's budget. This is a comparatively minuscule amount of money, and we gave you a mandate to make decisions in our best interests when we cast our votes for you. Livestreaming is in our best interest, and support for it from the electorate is clear. The cost of completing a survey is unwarranted. Those costs include staff time spent designing, implementing, analyzing and reporting on a survey as well as the monetary costs involved. Indeed, that time, energy and money would be much better spent on the costs associated with implementing livestreaming and training staff in how to use it.

If you truly value transparency in governance and engagement of taxpayers in the processes involved in that governance, you must see the advantages of livestreaming. If you value and respect our opinions and accept your responsibility as our elected representatives to advocate for our involvement and our right to be fully informed, I ask you to support livestreaming. Let's get this done.

Please consider retaking the vote on whether to proceed with livestreaming tonight. If that vote is still deadlocked, please consider amending the motion before Councillors tonight to one that instructs Staff to procure and present three detailed quotes on the cost of equipment and services necessary to implement livestreaming. Hopefully those quotes will be within the already approved budget, or close to it.

Thank you for your attention, and for your willingness to consider what is so clearly in the taxpayers' best interests.