

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 6:30 pm

Members Present: Mayor Cook, Deputy Mayor Sageman, Councillors Baillie, Maguire, Scott (arrived at 6:36 pm), Dodge, Ferguson, Marsh, Wilcox

Staff Present: Steve McAuley - Chief Administrative Officer, Stephanie Troyer-Boyd -Director of Corporate Services, Janet Ferguson - Director of Financial Services, Ashley Farr - Director of Community Services, Nick Verhoeven - Director of Public Works, Will Nywening - Planner

1. Call to Order

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared on November 12, 2024.

3. Closed Session

24-1112-01 Moved by: Councillor Ferguson Seconded by: Councillor Maguire

THAT Council move into a Closed Session at 6:30 pm to discuss a matter under the Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Scott Seconded by: Councillor Maguire

THAT Closed Session adjourn at 6:57 pm. and Regular Council resume at 7:00 pm.

Carried

Mayor Cook reconvened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

4. Approval of Agenda

24-1112-02 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sageman Seconded by: Councillor Scott THAT the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

24-1112-03 Moved by: Councillor Scott Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

THAT the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Councillor Reports

Members of Council reported on items of interest to the community.

7. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no Statutory Public Meetings on November 12, 2024.

8. **Presentations**

8.1 Lambton Area Water Supply System

24-1112-04 Moved by: Councillor Ferguson Seconded by: Councillor Marsh

THAT further investigation of the restructuring of the LAWSS Board as a Municipal Service Corporation be supported; and

THAT the General Manager of LAWSS be requested to report any findings of the restructuring investigation at a future meeting of Council.

Carried

9. Delegations

There were no delegations on November 12, 2024.

10. Consideration of Correspondence, Petitions, Committee Minutes and Staff Reports

10.1 <u>Correspondence - Off-Leash Dog Park Proposal</u>

24-1112-05 Moved by: Councillor Maguire Seconded by: Councillor Scott THAT staff be requested to prepare a report on how to move forward with the request for an off-leash dog park.

Carried

10.2 Correspondence - Backyard Chickens

24-1112-06 Moved by: Councillor Scott Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

THAT staff prepare a report with information on a backyard chicken by-law.

Carried

COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.3 Report DCS 24-2024 - Thedford Centennial Garden Fountain

24-1112-07 Moved by: Councillor Wilcox Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sageman

THAT Report DCS 24-2024 regarding the "Thedford Centennial Garden Fountain" be received; and

THAT staff be directed to decommission and remove the garden fountain.

Carried

FINANCE

10.4 Report TR 23-2024 - 2025 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

24-1112-08 Moved by: Councillor Marsh Seconded by: Councillor Ferguson

THAT Report TR 23-2024 regarding the 2025 allocation notice for the Ontario Municipal Partnership fund be received; and

THAT the grant allocation of \$2,048,600.00 be included in the 2025 Operating Budget.

Carried

10.5 Report TR 24-2024 - Huron Shores Area Transit Update and Direction

24-1112-09 Moved by: Councillor Wilcox Seconded by: Councillor Maguire

THAT Report TR 24-2024 regarding the Huron Shores Area Transit service be received; and

THAT the Mayor and CAO reach out to partner municipalities for financial support to continue the transit service by maintaining the existing Service Areas and convert Route 3 and 4 to on demand; and

THAT Council supports an application to the Ontario Transit Investment Fund and the Provincial Gas Tax Program; and

THAT staff be directed to communicate the decision(s) to the serviced municipalities to request participation; and

THAT an Operating Budget Allocation be approved pending partner participation.

Carried

CORPORATE SERVICES

10.6 Report CL 22-2024 - 2025 Council Meeting Calendar

24-1112-10 Moved by: Councillor Maguire Seconded by: Councillor Ferguson

THAT CL Report 22-2024 regarding the proposed Council meeting dates for 2025 be received; and

THAT the 2025 Council meeting schedule be approved.

Carried

10.7 Report CL 23-2024 - False Alarm By-Law (OPP)

24-1112-11 Moved by: Councillor Maguire Seconded by: Councillor Wilcox

THAT CL Report 23-2024 regarding a False Alarm By-Law be received; and

THAT By-Law 89 of 2024 be approved.

Carried

11. Notice of Motion

None.

12. Emergent Issues

None.

13. By-laws

- 13.1 By-Law 88-2024 Encroachment Agreement Southcott Pines Park Association
- 13.2 By-Law 89-2024 False Alarms
- 13.3 By-Law 90-2024 Confirming

24-1112-12 Moved by: Councillor Dodge Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sageman

THAT By-Law 88-2024, 89-2024 and 90-2024 be read a first, second and third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

14. Adjournment

24-1112-13 Moved by: Councillor Ferguson Seconded by: Councillor Scott

THAT the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting adjourn at 8:02 pm.

Carried