



Township of Clearview Council Meeting Minutes

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview met in a hybrid in-person (Council Chambers, 217 Gideon Street) and virtual zoom session on May 29, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Mayor: Doug Measures
Deputy Mayor: Paul Van Staveren

Councillors: Ward 1 – Councillor Phyllis Dineen
Ward 2 – Councillor Robert McArthur
Ward 3 – Councillor John Broderick
Ward 4 – Councillor Robert Walker
Ward 5 – Councillor Marty Beelen

Staff: Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Sasha Helmkey
CAO, John Ferguson
Director of Planning and Building, Amy Cann
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Deputy Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe
Project Manager, Baz Dokainish
Public Works Manager, Todd Patton
Youth Centre Coordinator, Courtney Rogers

1. Closed Session (3:30 p.m.)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with s. 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001:

(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Human Resources Matter);

2 (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Legal Matter);

(3.1) education or training the members (Community Risk Assessment Review).
Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Agenda (5:30 p.m.)

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated May 29, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Deputations and Presentations

None.

6. Public Meetings

No public meetings.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves the Minutes of the May 8, 2023, Council Meeting and the May 12, 2023, Emergency Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

None.

9. Communications from the Mayor

9.1. Closed Session Report

Mayor Measures introduced the following motion from Closed Session:

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that in regard to the human resources matter and the legal matter, Council of the Township of Clearview advise the CAO to proceed as directed in Closed Session. Motion Carried.

9.2. Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the correspondence from Prince Edward County regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic by passing the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in the community; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview recognizes that:

- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and,

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Simcoe Grey MPP, Brian Saunderson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Motion Carried.

9.3. School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the correspondence received by Tay Valley Township by adopting the following resolution regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras:

Whereas almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped the stop-arm extended (O.Reg. 424/20);

And Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019, in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

And Whereas police resources cannot be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

And Whereas the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the province for the start of the 2023/2024 school year; and,
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

And Further that this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial Opposition parties, Brian Saunderson MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario. Motion Carried.

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 Release – County Celebrates International Museum Day with Opening of New Outdoor Pavilion

- Mayor Measures stated that the new pavilion was well worth going to see.

10.2 Advisory – County’s Textiles Collection Program Runs June 5 to 16

- Residents should have received their coloured bags in the mail earlier this month.

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren added that with all the Legislative Bills and changes coming from the Provincial Government, growth and servicing remains the number one issue that all municipalities are facing.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the first three Strategic Plan meetings, Youth Centre cheque presentation, Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Simcoe County Conference, May 12th's Emergency Council meeting, Clearview Tourism & ATV meeting, Off-road Vehicle Public meeting, Clearview Library Board meeting, Clearview Tulip Days, Public Works Open House, Sunnidale’s Hall Board meeting and will be attending Creemore’s BIA meeting on Tuesday

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Creemore Springs Turas Mor event, Creemore and area Strategic Plan meeting, Off-road Vehicle Public meeting and announced that the Creemore Farmers Market is open for the season

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Represented the Township at Tulip Days and celebrated the Historical Society's 100th Anniversary, attended the Off-road Vehicle Public meeting, Public Works Open House and NVCA Board meeting

Councillor Dineen

- Announced the Nottawa Hall scrap metal drive is officially over and thanked everyone who supported the cause. Special thank-you to the Stayner Lions Club who filled two bins totalling \$1065.00. Attended the Public Works Open House, and will attend the next two Strategic Plan meetings in Duntroon and Nottawa

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the first three Strategic Plan meetings, Brentwood Hall meeting, Avening Hall meeting, Off-road Vehicle Public meeting and the Public Works Open House

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Youth Centre cheque presentation, Strategic Plan meeting, Clearview Community Theatre's Godspell, Tulip Days, the Off-road Vehicle Public meeting and advised that this weekend the Stayner Lions Club will be participating in the Ride for Sight

Mayor Measures

- Attended the Grand Opening of Kitchen Savvy, Collingwood Blues parade and celebration alongside MP Terry Dowdall and MPP Brian Saunderson, advised that the Duntroon Strategic Plan meeting is tomorrow and the Nottawa session is next Tuesday, the Grand re-opening of Music, Market and Park It is this Thursday, and advised he was appointed a Commissioner for the NEC effective May 1

12. Department Reports and By-laws**Planning and Building**

Report # PB-028-2023 - Committee of Adjustment May Report**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Report #PB-028-2023 dated May 29, 2023, be received. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-031-2023 – Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That Report PB-031-2023 from the Director of Planning & Building regarding the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 dated May 29, 2023 be received; and,

Whereas the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed in balance with the protection of all other matters of Provincial Interest;

Whereas the proposed PPS would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the Township Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

Whereas the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots outside of settlement areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby impairing the vitality of rural settlement areas, Ontario's food system and the agricultural economy;

Whereas the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

Whereas the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage that have yet to be published;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview urges the province to:

- reconsider proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3),
- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

That our fellow municipalities and all ratepayers be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

And Further That a copy of this staff report be sent to The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini,

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Simcoe-Grey MPP, Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey MP, Terry Dowdall, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the County of Simcoe, and be posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Motion Carried.

Parks and Recreation

Report # PCR-010-2023 – Youth Centre Update

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive Report #PCR-010-2023 (Youth Centre Update) report for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PCR-011-2023 – Stayner Curling Rink AODA Upgrades

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby:

- 1) Receive PCR-011-2023 (Stayner Curling Rink AODA Upgrades) report for information; and,
- 2) Continues to support Parks, Culture and Recreation staff to work with the Stayner Granite Club to pursue funding opportunities and fundraising initiatives for AODA upgrades to the Stayner Curling Rink. Motion Carried.

Public Works

Report # PW-013-2023 – Dust Suppressant Tender Award

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby:

- 1) Receive Report PW-013-2023 (Dust Suppressant Tender Award) dated May 29, 2023; and,
- 2) Award tender number 2023-05 to Da-Lee Dust Control in the amount of \$197,912.00 plus H.S.T. for the supply and application of dust suppressant (liquid calcium chloride) on Township gravel roads. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-014-2023 – North Street Pedestrian Signals Tender Result and Award**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Report #PW-014-2023 (North Street Pedestrian Signals Tender Results) dated May 29, 2023, be received; and,

That Council Award the Tender submitted by Seeley & Arnill Construction in the amount of \$391,058.24 (including HST) for the North Street Pedestrian Signals Construction. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-015-2023 – Assumption of Zancor Subdivision Phase 2 known as Stayner Ridge Estates**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Report PW-015-2023 (Assumption of Zancor Subdivision Phase 2 known as The Villages of Stayner) dated May 29, 2023 be received; and,

- 1) That Council assumes the roads and services within the Villages of Stayner Subdivision Phase 2, Registered Plan 51M1151 File No. 2017-012-SD, Project File No.2017-012; and,
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign By-Law 23-51 assuming the roads and services in the Stayner Ridge Estates Subdivision Phase 2; and,
- 3) Direct Township staff of the reduction of the 10% warranty holdback period and remaining deposits which ended on October 5, 2022. Motion Carried.

Emergency Services

Report # FD-004-2023 – Updated Tripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Report #FD-004-2023 (Updated Tripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement) dated May 29, 2023, be received; and,

That Council approves entering into an Amendment 1 - Tripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement with The Corporation of the County of Grey and The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, to update the term of the principal agreement for an additional five years, expiring June 30, 2028. Motion Carried.

Finance

Report # FIN-007-2023 - Budget Package & Tax Rate By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby:

- 1) Receive the 2023 Budget Package; and,
- 2) Approve the passing of the 2023 Tax Rate By-law at a blended increase of 4.8% and revokes the 2022 Tax Rate By-law 22-38. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 23-40 Zoning By-law Amendment – 1935 Fairgrounds Road North

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-40, being a by-law to regulate the use of land and the character, location and use of buildings and structures on a portion of the lands municipally known as 1935 Fairgrounds Road North, Township of Clearview and legally described as Concession 4 North Part Lot 32, formerly Nottawasaga, now Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

By-law 23-47 Tax Rate By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-47, being a by-law to set the tax rates and levy taxes for the year 2023, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

By-law 23-49 Amendment # 1 Tripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-49, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Amendment # 1 to the Tripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement with the County of Grey and the Municipality of Grey Highlands, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

By-law 23-50 Amend Committee & Board Appointment By-law**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-50, being a by-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 22-101, appointing members to the Township of Clearview Committees and Boards, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

By-law 23-51 Assumption of Zancor Subdivision Phase 2 – Stayner Ridge Estates**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-51, being a by-law to accept the "as constructed" municipal services within and complementary to the Zancor Homes (Stayner) Limited residential plan of subdivision registered as Plan 51M-1151 and to assume the streets and road widening within this plan of subdivision for public use, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business**13.1 Councillor Beelen – Speed Radar & Speed Limit Signs for Sunnidale Tosorontio Townline**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas the Sunnidale Tosorontio Townline is a roadway within the Township of Clearview with a speed limit of 80 km/hr; and,

Whereas residents on this roadway have expressed concerns regarding speeding; and,

Whereas there is a permanent speed radar sign located on the north side of the road that captures the westbound traffic; and,

Whereas there is only one posted speed limit sign located on the roadway just a short distance from the County Road 10 intersection; and,

Whereas it would be beneficial to have additional posted speed limit signs and an additional permanent speed sign located on the south side of the road to alert eastbound traffic of the speed limit and their rate of speed;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct staff to purchase a permanent speed radar sign at the approximate cost of \$3,000, to be erected on the south side of the Sunnidale Tosorontio Townline; and,

That Council direct staff to erect four (4) additional speed limit signs (two in each direction) on the Sunnidale Tosorontio Townline at the approximate total cost of \$500; and,

That the cost for the speed radar sign and the additional speed limit signs be funded from the Traffic Control Equipment budget; and

That the Township share this resolution with the Huronia West OPP and request if increased enforcement can be added to the area. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Van Staveren for Item 13.2.

13.2 Mayor Measures – Clearview Logo

Moved by Mayor Measures, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas the Township of Clearview logo visual identity guidelines are evolving in practice across many areas of the Corporation;

And Whereas the Township of Clearview logo does not have the identity of our municipality as a Township included;

And Whereas the Visual Identity Guidelines were adopted by Council in April 2014 and have been well integrated across all Township services;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Council direct the CAO to report back with changes to the Township of Clearview corporate visual identity guidelines that include the use of Township and the ability to place the text “Clearview Township” to the right of the stylized “C” logo. And/or below the stylized “C” logo;

And further, that full colour and grey scale logos be designed and submitted to Council for approval and any costs associated with this be drawn from the Council publicity and promotions budget. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures resumed his seat as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

13.3 Deputy Mayor Van Staveren – Request for Funding for Canada Day Entertainment

(Motion to be debated and voted on at the June 5, 2023 Meeting)

Whereas the Beinn Gorm Highlanders are a local Pipe & Drum Band and have participated in our Canada Day festivities organized by the Stayner Heritage Society for many years; and,

Whereas the Stayner Heritage Society is not supporting the Canada Day Festivities in Stayner this year;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview approve paying the fee of \$1000.00 to the Beinn Gorm Highlanders for their continued participation in the Canada Day parade for 2023; and,

That the funds be drawn from the public relations account. Motion Carried.

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that By-Law 23-52, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 29th, 2023 Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2023. Motion Carried.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Sasha HelmKay, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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