



# Township of Clearview Council Meeting Minutes

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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 September 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Mayor: Douglas 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: CAO, John Ferguson  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald  
Director of Planning and Building, Amy Cann  
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill  
Director of Public Works, Mike Rawn  
Deputy Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault  
Supervisor of By-law Enforcement, Joe Paddock  
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

## 1. Closed Session (3:00 p.m.)

### Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, 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;

- Property Standards – Annual Review of Orders Issued

2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

- Property Acquisition – Easement for East Creemore Drain
- Land Sale Request – Church Street (Nottawasaga) Road Allowance

2 (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf on the municipality or local board;

- Negotiations – Newspaper Advertising and Distribution. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures began the meeting by reading the Township's Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. He also acknowledged that Council and staff are wearing their orange shirts in recognition and support of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2023.

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

### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated September 25, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried.

## **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Dineen and Councillor Beelen recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Land Sale Request - Church Street (Nottawasaga) Road Allowance as they declared an indirect conflict on this Item in Closed Session.

## **4. Public Participation**

### **Jim Campbell, Duntroon – On Behalf of the Clearview Sustainability Network**

- Stated that the Network has recently been formed and consists of concerned citizens
- They are an inclusive and optimistic community group bringing together diverse members of the community to help local government adapt and evolve in the face of a changing climate
- Would like to help Council and staff in the challenges they foresee ahead
- Discussed the strategic plan climate lens request letter he had circulated to Council on behalf of Clearview residents and taxpayers with 160 signatories
- Respectfully requested that Council ensure that the new Strategic Plan include the use of a climate lens to ensure that future municipal decisions take climate considerations into account including greenhouse gas reduction strategies and resilience adaptation measures

## 5. Deputations and Presentations

### 5.1 Township of Clearview – Strategic Plan Update

**Presentation by:** Peter Dunbar, Strategic Plan Consultant

CAO, John Ferguson provided a brief description of the Strategic Plan process and communicated some of the feedback received from the public engagement sessions that have taken place. He introduced Peter Dunbar, Strategic Plan Consultant who provided a more in-depth presentation on the focus groups, survey results and main purpose of the plan and next steps.

Mayor Measures thanked Mr. Dunbar for his presentation and moved Staff Report CAO-004-2023 – Clearview Township Strategic Plan Update to this section of the Agenda for Council's Consideration.

### Report # CAO-004-2023 – Clearview Township Strategic Plan Update

#### **Recommendation:**

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

- 1) Receive report CAO-004-2023 (Clearview Township Strategic Plan Update) dated September 25, 2023; and,
- 2) That Council direct the CAO to work with the Mayor to schedule a Council Workshop to identify Strategic Plan priorities to be recommended for approval at a regular meeting of Council. Motion Carried.

## 6. Public Meetings

No public meetings.

## 7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves the Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting, as presented. Motion Carried.

## 8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

None.

## **9. Communications from the Mayor**

### **9.1. Closed Session Report**

#### **Property Standards Update – Annual Review of Orders Issued**

There is a companion report on the Open Session agenda with the recommendation for Council to receive for information.

#### **Property Acquisition – Easement for East Creemore Drain**

##### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct the Director of Public Works to work with applicable landowner(s) on acquiring an easement across lands for the East Creemore Drain. Motion Carried.

#### **Land Sale Request - Church Street (Nottawasaga) Road Allowance**

##### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct staff to act in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session regarding the land sale request for the Church Street (Nottawasaga) Road Allowance. Motion Carried.

#### **Negotiations – Newspaper Advertising and Distribution**

##### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct the CAO to act in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session regarding the Newspaper advertising and distribution negotiations. Motion Carried.

## **10. Council Reports and Information**

- Mayor Measures stated that he and Deputy Mayor Van Staveren would be attending County Council tomorrow
- Deputy Mayor Van Staveren stated that he attended OFA meeting on September 12, 2023

## 11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

### 11.1. Ward Reports

#### Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Clearview Chamber of Commerce executive meeting, Grand re-opening of Lafreniere's Auto, Clearview Library Tour and Board meeting, Youth Centre Open House, Clearview Chamber of Commerce regular meeting, and volunteered with COATV to facilitate parking at the GNE

#### Councillor McArthur

- Attended the GNE, opening of Small Halls with Julian Taylor at Station on the Green and the Clearview Kins Baseball Tournament in Creemore
- Reminded residents that it is harvest season and to be mindful of the slow moving farm vehicles on the roadways

#### Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended the Grand re-opening of Lafreniere's Auto, Youth Centre Open House, and NVCA meeting
- Thank you to Fredd Dobb and group for the work you did at Carruthers Park in Avening by repairing the banks from erosion and thank you to Walkers and Aggregates for the donation of materials
- Volunteered and attended the GNE
- Attended the Silvershoe Historical Society's candlelight service at Bethel Union Cemetery

#### Councillor Dineen

- Attended the GNE and noted it was record attendance
- Announced that her youngest won first place in one of the Antique Tractor pulls
- Congratulations to Mike Currie on the lifetime membership award from the Agricultural Society with 55 years of volunteerism
- Nottawa Small Halls event Dinner and Dance event is sold out, however dance only tickets are still available

#### Councillor Beelen

- Attended Avening Hall Board meeting
- Congratulations to the New Lowell Knight's who won the North Dufferin Baseball League Champion once again, defeated Bolton 4 games to 2 in the finals
- Stated that the community is saddened by the news Katie Marshall (Hubbert) passing. A tribute set up on the Ontario Barrel Racing Association's Facebook page with a fundraiser to help the family

**Councillor Walker**

- Attended the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, Grand re-opening of Lafreniere's Auto, Library Tour, Council Chambers Renovation Committee meeting, Stayner Library Board meeting, Youth Centre Open House, Blue Mountain Manor Open House
- Attended the Foodbank's AGM meeting and noted that the number of families and individuals in need is concerning

**Mayor Measures**

- Attended the Grand re-opening of Lafreniere's Auto
- Attended the Youth Centre BBQ and was proud to see the number of parents out to support their children. Thanked volunteers and staff involved in the Youth events
- Attended the New Farm Tour and met with other non-profit organizations and had a good talk about the future and sustainability of farming
- Attended the GNE along with other dignitaries for the opening ceremonies, congratulations to Mike Currie on being inducted as a lifetime member
- Stated that Jocelyn and Brair are the Junior and Senior ambassadors at the GNE and are really terrific ladies who delivered great speeches, if any members have events in their wards they would be worth inviting

**12. Department Reports and By-laws****By-law Enforcement**

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**Report # BL-004-2023 – Property Standards Update 2023****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report BL-004-2023 (Property Standards Update) dated September 25, 2023, for information. Motion Carried.

**Finance**

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**Report # FIN-014-2023 – 2024-2028 Budget Pressures****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-014-2023 (2024-2028 Budget Pressures) dated September 25, 2023; and,

- 1) That Council members provide their 2024 Budget Wish List Items to the Treasurer by Monday, October 16, 2023, for inclusion in the Budget Workshop Sessions for discussion. Motion Carried.

**Administration**

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**Report # CAO-004-2023 – Clearview Township Strategic Plan Update**

This report was moved ahead in the Agenda under section 5.1 for consideration.

**13. Notice of Motion/New Business**

**14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting**

**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that By-Law 23-87, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023. Motion Carried.

**15. Motion to Adjourn**

**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Douglas Measures, Mayor

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Sasha Helmky, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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