



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 October 16, 2023 at 5:30 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
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Deputy Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Community Planner, Nick Ainley
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe
Youth Centre Coordinator, Courtney Rogers

1. Closed Session

None.

Mayor Measures began the meeting by reading the Township's Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated October 16, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Deputations and Presentations

5.1 ClearPoint Strategy – Strategic Plan Monitoring Platform Presentation

Presentation by: Robert Messineo, Account Executive

Mr. Messineo provided a brief description and demonstration on the capabilities of the software and the services ClearPoint Strategy provides in regard to a Strategic Plan monitoring platform.

Mayor Measures thanked Mr. Messineo for his presentation.

6. Public Meetings

No public meetings.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves the Minutes of the September 25, 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

9.2. NVCA September 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

**9.3. NVCA 2024 Budget Letter
NVCA 2024 Program Overview
NVCA 2024 Draft Budget**

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren stated that he has been approached by the NVCA asking to sign the MOU, however he would like to see a review of the service timelines provided by the NVCA to see if there is a way to streamline processes and not duplicate work.

9.4. Wasaga Beach Resolution – Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force (Mayor Measures)

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that the Township of Clearview support the following resolution passed by the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding unsanctioned car rally events, and direct staff to prepare a letter of support to be sent to the entities named in the resolution:

Whereas, the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America; and

Whereas, the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

And Whereas the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants; and

That the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies; and

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MP Terry Dowdall, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO. Motion Carried.

9.5. Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement (Councillor Broderick)

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Clearview supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also, Be It Resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;

- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

And that the above resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario Municipalities. Motion Carried.

9.6. Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income (Councillor Broderick)

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

10. Council Reports and Information

10.1 Advisory – Bi-weekly Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Starts October 2nd

10.2 Joint Advisory – County of Simcoe and Town of Midland to Host Forum to Unite Residents in Building Up a Brighter Future

10.3 Release – County Presents Homelessness Winter Response Plan

10.4 Advisory – Enjoy a Wickedly Fun Time This Halloween at Simcoe County Museum’s Night at the Boo-seum

Mayor Measures noted that there is a motel voucher system in place through the County in for homeless people needing shelter. He also stated that the County provides statistics on their website of the services relating to homelessness currently being utilized.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Strategic Plan Workshop, Back Roads ATV Rally, Nottawa Firefighters pancake breakfast and will be attending the Library Board meeting tomorrow night

Councillor Beelen

- Stated that John Van der Steldt placed 16th overall in the open competition and 8th for the over 35 event in the Canadian Longball championship
- Attended the Avening Hall Board meeting and noted that they are behind on the renovations

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Fall Farm Festival at Morrison Pumpkin Farm
- Stated that the upcoming events are Jamie Williams Concert & Dance, the Nottawa Firefighters Hallowe'en Dance, Creemore Farmers Market and the Birds and the Bees Live Comedy
- Asked the Director of Parks & Recreation, Terry Vachon, for an update on the parks – Terry advised that the parks in Duntroon and Nottawa have been freshened up and repairs have been made

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended the Strategic Plan Workshop and the Nottawa Firefighters pancake breakfast
- Advised that the tracks have been removed on Superior St, and the Deputy Director of Public Works confirmed that tracks on main street would be removed this week as well

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Strategic Plan Workshop, Station on the Green board meeting, Harvest fest and the Horse and Hound parade where he tied for 3rd place for his apple pie and also gave horse and wagon rides around town
- Stated that the Lance Dobinson Concert is sold out
- Congratulations on the win to the Creemore Coyotes on their opening game in Thornbury and look forward to attending the home opener this Saturday in Creemore

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Creemore BIA meeting, Strategic Plan Workshop, Clearview Chamber of Commerce executive meeting, and volunteered with the COATV at the Back Road ATV Rally

Mayor Measures

- Attended the Horse and the Hound event and thanked the Station 4 fire fighters for bringing their antique truck and collecting food for the food bank
- Met with Mayor Yvonne Hamlin from the Town of Collingwood and discussed regional responsibilities on all levels, and would like to meet with all the Mayors in the area to continue these types of conversations
- Attended the Nottawa Hall Not Ottawa Concert and noted that it was a great time to see so many people up dancing. Thank you to Councillor Dineen for all the hard work helping with the event
- Stated that he will be interviewed by Business View magazine this week
- Will be attending the Creemore Coyotes home opener this Saturday

12. Department Reports and By-laws

Planning & Building

Report # PB-071-2023 – Committee of Adjustment September 2023 Report

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-071-2023 (Committee of Adjustment September 2023 Report) dated September 25, 2023, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-076-2023 – Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension 211 North Street

Resolution:

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

- 1) Receives report PB-076-2023 (Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension) dated October 16, 2023; and,
- 2) Approves the extension of the 211 North Street Draft Plan of Subdivision being file 2016-060-SD, municipally known as 211 North Street, Stayner and, for an additional five (5) year period, with the new lapse date being October 2028; and,
- 3) Approves amendment to the existing draft plan conditions as outlined in Schedule 'F' of Staff Report PB-076-2023 and that notice be given in accordance with the Planning Act. Motion Carried.

Public Works

Report # PW-020-2023 – Winter Sand Tender Award 2023

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-020-2023 (Winter Sand Tender Award 2023) dated October 16, 2023; and,

- 1) Award the tender for Winter Sand Supply to Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. in the amount of \$454,994.50 H.S.T. included. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-021-2023 – Pretty River Road Winter Maintenance Agreement**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-021-2023 (Pretty River Road Winter Maintenance Agreement) dated October 16, 2023; and,

- 1) That a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Pretty River Road Winter Maintenance Agreement with The Town of Blue Mountains, be presented at the October 16, 2023, meeting. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-022-2023 – Purchase a Portion of MTO Connecting Link**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-022-2023 (Purchase a Portion of MTO Connecting Link) dated October 16, 2023; and,

- 1) That the Deputy Director of Public Works be authorized to work with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to transfer a 15.77 metre portion of the connecting link east of Mowat Street to the Township of Clearview; and,
- 2) That the cost to complete the transfer of the connecting link of \$42,792.00 (plus surveying and legal) be funded from 2023 Public Works Capital budget item for the Mowat Street/Highway 26/Superior Street Intersection. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-023-2023 – Urban Forest Management Strategy**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-023-2023 (Urban Forest Management Strategy) dated October 16, 2023; and,

- 1) That Council consider allocating funds in the 2024 Public Works Operating budget from the Tree Canopy Reserve to implement components of the Urban Forest Management Strategy. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-024-2023 – Transfer Roadway to Simcoe County**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-024-2023 (Transfer Roadway to County of Simcoe) dated October 16, 2023; and,

- 1) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the transfer documents to transfer a portion of County Road 9 adjacent to the New Lowell Fire & Public Works Building to the County of Simcoe. Motion Carried.

Parks and Recreation

Report # PCR-017-2023 – Youth Centre Update

Resolution:

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

- 1) Receive report PCR-017-2023 (Youth Centre Update) dated October 16, 2023, for information. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-025-2023 – Removal of Three Hall Board Members

Resolution:

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

- 1) Receive report LS-025-2023 (Removal of Three Hall Board Members) dated October 16, 2023; and,
- 2) That Council direct staff to amend By-law 22-101 (Appointment By-law) to remove the following members:
 - Roz St.Clair from the Duntroon Hall Board,
 - Jennifer Whitley from the Avening Hall Board; and
 - Fran Somerville from the Sunnidale Hall Board. Motion Carried.

Administration

Report # CAO-005-2023 – Clearview Township Strategic Plan Priorities

Resolution:

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

- 1) Receive report CAO-005-2023 (Clearview Township Strategic Plan Priorities) dated October 16, 2023; and,
- 2) That Council approve the five (5) priorities stemming from the Strategic Planning Workshop on October 4, 2023, as presented in Appendix A to this report; and,
- 3) That Council direct the CAO to work with senior staff and managers to identify initiatives that will be carried out that are specific to the priorities approved by Council; and,
- 4) That the CAO report progressively back to Council with the recommended initiatives for their consideration. Motion Carried.

Report # CAO-006-2023 – Economic Development Support to the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-006-2023 (Economic Development Support to the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay) dated October 16, 2023, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # CAO-007-2023 – Economic Development Support to XcelerateHer Event

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-007-2023 (Economic Development Support to XcelerateHer Event) dated October 16, 2023, for information. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 23-89 Amend Appointment By-law 22-101 (Schedule A)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-89, 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 16th day of October, 2023. Motion Carried.

By-law 23-90 Winter Maintenance Agreement – Pretty River Road

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 23-90, being a by-law to authorize entering into a Winter Maintenance Agreement with The Town of Blue Mountains, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of October, 2023. Motion Carried.

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 McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-Law 23-94, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the October 16th, 2023, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of October, 2023. Motion Carried.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original Signed by:

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Original Signed by:

Sasha HelmKay, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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