

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 January 15, 2024 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 Planning and Building, Amy Cann
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Committee Coordinator, Lexi Edwards
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

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) (g) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

- Item for discussion: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals (Zoning By-laws 23-96 and 23-97)

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

(2) (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization;

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

- Item for discussion: Collingwood Water Treatment Plant Expansion. Motion Carried.

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

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 January 15, 2024 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

None.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves the Minutes of the December 5, 2024 Special Council Meeting, the December 11, 2024 Regular Council as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

None.

9. Communications from the Mayor

9.1. Closed Session Report

Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals (By-law 23-96 and 23-97)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct staff and legal counsel to act in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session regarding the Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals (Zoning By-laws 23-96, 23-97). Motion Carried.

Collingwood Water Treatment Plant Expansion

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, 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 Collingwood Water Treatment Plant Expansion. Motion Carried.

9.2 NVCA December 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren advised that the NVCA has passed their 2024 budget which included additional staff. NVCA will also be launching an online application portal to assist with streamlining their services.

9.3 Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka – Flag Raising Request

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka was incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization in 1987;

And Whereas, the program is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors who oversees all phases of the program, and is funded solely with monies generously donated from the private sector, businesses or raised through fundraising efforts of volunteers;

And Whereas, Crime Stoppers is a program that benefits everyone in the community and in 2005 Crime Stoppers International was recognized by the United Nations as a global force in the fight against crime and terrorism;

And Whereas, Crime Stoppers is not a Police program nor funded by the provincial or federal government or from police agencies, but rather has a mandate to assist Police in solving crimes thereby making our communities and schools safer;

Now Therefore Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the request by Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka to arrange a flag raising ceremony during the month of January 2024;

And Do Hereby Proclaim January 2024 as Crime Stoppers Month in the Township of Clearview. Motion Carried.

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 Release – County of Simcoe Launches New User-friendly Tool to Access Local Census Data

10.2 Release - County of Simcoe Enacts Enhanced Warming and Alternate Spaces Strategy in Response to Inclement Weather

10.3 Release – Statement from Warden Basil Clarke Regarding the County’s Submission to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy Related to Regional Facilitation

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren and Mayor Measures provided a brief overview of the County reports and information.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Attended the Special Joint Council meeting

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Grand Opening of the Ed Christie bridge, Station on the Green Board meeting and the Special Joint Council meeting

Councillor Dineen

- Thanked the ATV Club and the Snowmobile Club for their work in completing the Ed Christie Bridge
- Will be attending the Planning Public meeting on Wednesday and ROMA next week

Councillor McArthur

- Happy New Year and lots of work to be completed this year

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Chamber of Commerce Interviews, Grand Opening of the Ed Christie bridge, Clearview Library Board meeting, Executive Chamber of Commerce meeting, Special Joint Council meeting, and will be attending the Clearview Chamber of Commerce tomorrow with the Mayor

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended the Grand Opening of the Ed Christie bridge, Mike Rawn's retirement party, County's Agricultural Advisory Committee, attended a meeting with MPP Brian Saunderson, and participated in the Simcoe Federation of Agriculture meeting

Mayor Measures

- Attended the Grand Opening of the Christie bridge and thanked all those who attended
- Congratulations to Dan Perreault on being promoted to Director of Public Works and welcome to the Manager of Engineering, Patti Kennedy
- Attended a Budget Consultation with 5 members of provincial parliament and presented Clearview's top 3 concerns: infrastructure, need for 4 lanes on Highway 26 from Wasaga Beach to Barrie, and waste management and additional landfill sites
- Attended the CAO and Mayors forum and noted that transit is an ongoing issue
- Attended a birthday party for Gerald McCulloch who turned 107
- Attended the Introduction of Arnav

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

Report # PB-002-2024 - Upper Mad River (Creemore) Flood Hazard Mapping**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-002-2024 (Upper Mad River (Creemore) Flood Hazard Mapping) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the use of the Development Charges reserve to fund the Township's portion of the study, being \$49,400. Motion Carried.

Finance

Report # FIN-001-2024 – 2024 Interim Tax By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-001-2024 (2024 Interim Tax By-law) dated January 15, 2024; and

- 1) That the Interim Tax By-law be presented at the January 15, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Report # FIN-002-2024 – 2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-002-2024 (2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That the Temporary Borrowing By-law be presented at the January 15, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Report # FIN-003-2024 – 2024 Corporate Budget Adoption

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-003-2024 (2024 Corporate Budget Adoption) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) Council approve the 2024 Budget with a net tax increase of 4.55%. Motion Carried.

Administration

Report # CAO-001-2024 - Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-001-2024 (Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council support the Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented in Appendix A of this report; and,
- 2) That a by-law be presented at the January 29th, 2024, Council Meeting for final approval of the Terms of Reference; and,

- 3) That once the Terms of Reference are approved, staff be directed to begin the recruitment process for volunteer members. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-001-2024 – Public Notice Policy Update

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-001-2024 (Public Notice Policy Update) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That a By-law establishing public notice requirements for the Township (Public Notice Policy) be presented to Council at the January 15, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-002-2024 – Hall Boards Updated Terms of Reference

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives report LS-002-2024 (Hall Boards Updated Terms of Reference) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the updated Terms of Reference for all seven Hall Boards as presented in Appendix “A” to this report; and,
- 2) That a by-law establishing the Terms of Reference for each Hall Board be presented at the January 15, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-003-2024 – Application for Tile Loan – 5375 Concession 9 Sunnidale

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-003-2024 (Application for Tile Loan – 5375 Concession 9 Sunnidale) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the application submitted by Jeremy Cubitt in the amount of \$50,000 for a tile drain loan for the property municipally known as 5375 Concession 9 Sunnidale, in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-004-2024 – Cemetery By-law 24-01

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-004-2024 (Cemetery By-law 24-01) dated January 15, 2024; and,

- 1) That Cemetery By-law 24-01 providing rules and regulations for the care and control of Township owned cemeteries be presented at the January 15, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-01 Cemetery By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-01, being a by-law to provide for Rules and Regulations for the care and control of cemeteries owned by the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-02 Zoning By-law Amendment – 5202 County Road 9

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-02, being a by-law to regulate the use of land and the character, location and use of buildings and structures on lands municipally known as 5202 County Road 9, and legally described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 4, formerly Sunnidale, now in Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-03 Temporary Borrowing By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-03, being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of monies to cover current expenditures until taxes and other revenues are collected or received, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-04 Interim Tax Levy By-law (2024)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-04, being a by-law to levy an interim tax for the year 2024, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-05 Hall Boards Terms of Reference

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-05, being a by-law to adopt the Terms of Reference for Hall Boards, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-06 Public Notice Policy

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-06, being a by-law to establish public notice requirements for the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

None.

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-08, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 15th, 2024 Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 2024. Motion Carried.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original signed by:

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Original signed by:

Sasha Helmky, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

Minutes of the Council Meeting are not a Final Document of the Corporation until adopted by Council.