

Township of Clearview Council Meeting Minutes

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview met in a hybrid in-person (Stayner Community Centre, 269 Regina St., Stayner) and virtual zoom session on February 12, 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 Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Director of Planning & Building, Amy Cann
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Community Culture & Tourism Coordinator, Amanda Murray
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

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

1. Closed Session

No Items.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated February 12, 2024 as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Deputations and Presentations

Rashell Feldman from the South Georgian Bay Jewish Community provided a presentation to Council regarding the International Holocaust Remembrance Association's (IHRA) definition of Antisemitism and requested that Council consider adopting the definition.

Mayor Measures thanked Ms. Rashell for the information she provided and advised that this item is also to be discussed at the AMO Annual Conference being held in August.

6. Public Meetings

None.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves the Minutes of the January 29, 2024 Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

None.

9. Communications from the Mayor

9.1. Closed Session Report – None

9.2. NVCA Media Release – Gail Little and Jonathan Scott continue to lead NVCA Board of Directors

9.3. NVCA January 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren provided a brief overview of the NVCA's recent election results of its Board of Directors and stated the next meeting will be held in March.

9.4 City of Greater Sudbury Support Resolution - Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of “Employer”

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview hereby support the resolution received from the City of Greater Sudbury as attached, to request an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, to clarify the definition of “Employer”, to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

And Be It Resolved That this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe Grey, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Motion Carried.

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 Advisory – Commemorate Black History Month through Simcoe County Museum’s Virtual Lecture Series

10.2 Release – County Launches 2024 Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program

Mayor Measures thanked the volunteers at the awards ceremony for their efforts and reminded residents of the County’s 2024 Age-friendly Seniors Housing Grant.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Reminded residents of the upcoming Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Clearview Library Board meetings

Councillor Beelen

- Attended Winterama and the Cattleman’s Association curling event

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Public speaking program and congratulated Clearview students Mae and Abby for their success
- Extended condolences on the recent loss of Mr. Currie and Mr. Fisher
- Wished her eldest son Dan a very Happy 42nd Birthday today

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Extended condolences to Mr. Currie's family and thanked him for his many years volunteering for the GNE

Councillor McArthur

- Attended Winterama and the Clearview Sustainable Network General meeting
- Advised residents that he and his wife will be volunteering at St. Luke's Foodbank event to help raise money this upcoming weekend

Councillor Broderick

- Reminded residents of the following upcoming meetings; Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive, Sunnidale Hall Board, Clearview Library Board, Chamber of Commerce Business after 5 event and the Creemore BIA

Mayor Measures

- Extended his condolences to the families of Mr. Currie and Mr. Fisher and thanked them for their contributions to the community
- Attended Winterama and thanked all the volunteers, staff, residents and special guests in making the event a great success
- Stated that this week is Nonprofit Appreciation week and to that the Township of Clearview's Grant and Sponsorship program is open for its 1st Intake period which closes on March 1, 2024

12. Department Reports and By-laws**Finance**

Report # FIN-004-2024 – 2022 & 2023 Statement of Remuneration**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-004-2024 (2022 & 2023 Statement of Remuneration), dated February 12, 2024. Motion Carried.

Administration

Report # CAO-003-2024 - Council Life Benefit Insurance and EAP Benefits**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive CAO Report # 003-2024 (Council Life Benefit Insurance and EAP Benefits) dated February 12, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the Life Benefit Insurance and EAP benefits offered by SunLife and Lumino Health as outlined in this report; and,
- 2) That staff be directed to amend Council Remuneration By-law 24-10 outlining the above changes. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation

Report # PCR-002-2024 – Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution #1:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-002-2024 (Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee Terms of Reference) dated February 12, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council support the Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee Terms of Reference as presented in Appendix A to this report; and,
- 2) That a by-law be presented at the February 12, 2024, Council Meeting for final approval of the Committee Terms of Reference. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby appoint the following two Council Members, in addition to the Mayor, to sit on the Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee: Councillor Beelen and Deputy Mayor Van Staveren. Motion Carried.

Emergency Services

Report # FD-001-2024 - Auto Extrication Tool Replacement

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FD-001-2024 (Auto Extrication Tool Replacement) dated February 12, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the quotation submitted by MES Code 4 Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$55,985.00 + HST, for a set of auto extrication tools. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-007-2024 – Cemetery Management Software

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-007-2024 (Cemetery Management Software) dated February 12, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the quote submitted by The Managed Municipality in the amount of \$24,500 + HST for the purchase of Cemetery Management Software. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-008-2024 – Cemetery By-law BAO Approval

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-008-2024 (Cemetery By-law BAO Approval) dated February 12, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-13 Committee of Adjustment Appointment

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-13, being a by-law to appoint a Council Member to the Township of Clearview Committee of Adjustment, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-15 Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-15, being a by-law to establish and approve Terms of Reference for the Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Committee, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

Deputy Mayor asked the CAO to provide further information regarding Ironside Law Firm joining Barriston Law in terms of possible conflicts for members of Council using Ironside Law for personal reasons as Barriston Law is currently the Township's law firm.

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-14, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 12th, 2024 Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2024. Motion Carried.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original signed by:

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Original signed by:

Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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