

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 March 25, 2024 at 4:30 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: Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey
CAO, John Ferguson
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
Youth Centre Coordinator, Courtney Rogers
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

1. Closed Session (4:30 p.m.)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, 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) (d) labour relations o employee negotiations

Topic for discussion: CUPE Union Negotiations. Motion Carried.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated March 25, 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 Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the March 11, 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

CUPE Union Negotiations

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, 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 CUPE Union Negotiations. Motion Carried.

9.2. SMDHU – Letter Regarding Income-based Policy Interventions to Effectively Reduce Household Food Insecurity

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 2024 Simcoe County Bursary Program

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve participating annually in the County of Simcoe Bursary Program by donating \$1,000.00 each year, with the amount being funded from the Community Assistance and Sponsorship Grants. Motion Carried.

10.2 Joint Release – County and Town Collaborate to Prevent Homelessness and Support Residents

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren stated that he, along with other members of Council will be participating in the Township of Springwater's Maple Syrup Festival and log sawing competition and reminded residents of the County Council meeting being held tomorrow.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the #ITstarts flag raising ceremony, the Clearview Chamber of Commerce executive meeting, the Library Board meeting, the Clearview Chamber of Commerce AGM and the Special Council meeting

Councillor McArthur

- Attended Station on the Green's St. Patrick's Day event and extended congratulations to the Creemore Coyotes on making it to the semi-finals

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Duntroon Hall St. Patrick's Day event
- Reminded residents that the Nottawa Hall is hosting the bike swap and the scrap metal bin fundraiser again this year
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter

Councillor Beelen

- Attended Station on the Green's St. Patrick's Day event and Station on the Green's Board meeting
- Congratulated former Councillor Lamers on the arrival of his new granddaughter

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Library Board meeting, Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Special Council meeting and congratulated the Stayner Siskins on completing the second round

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended County Council and the #ITstarts flag raising ceremony,
- Attended the NVCA monthly meeting and provided some highlights of upcoming changes

Mayor Measures

- Attended the Duntroon Hall St. Patrick's Day event and thanked all the volunteers for a great event
- Commended the Library on the success of its March Break programs
- Recognized CAO, John Ferguson for serving as a CAO for 15 years across the Country
- Congratulated the Clearview Canucks and U18 and U13 teams on making it to the OMHA
- Congratulated the Stayner Siskins on making it to the Carruther's Cup Championship

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

Report # CAO-005-2024 – 2023 Annual Corporate Report**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-005-2024 (2023 Annual Corporate Report) dated March 25, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation

Report # PCR-006-2024 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-006- 2024 (Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That a by-law authorizing the Township Treasurer to execute the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant contract be presented at the March 25, 2024, meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Report # PCR-007-2024 – Centennial Park Bridge Approval**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-007-2024 (Centennial Park Bridge Approval) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the proposal submitted by Algonquin Bridge in the amount of \$87,815.00 plus HST, sole sourcing for the middle bridge replacement in Centennial Park, Stayner. Motion Carried.

Human Resources

Report # HR-001-2024 - Stayner Community Centre North Entrance Accessible Entry**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report HR-001-2024 (Stayner Community Centre North Entrance Accessible Entry) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council support the recommendation provided by the Clearview Accessibility Advisory Committee to utilize \$5,000 from the Accessibility Capital Projects Reserve to go towards upgrading both doors from the north entrance of the Stayner Community Centre and Library. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-012-2024 Friends of the Cybergnomes Dissolution**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-012-2024 (Friends of the Cybergnomes Dissolution) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council dissolve the Friends of the Cybergnomes as a program area of the Township and repeal the Terms of Reference that were approved on November 19, 2018. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-013-2024 2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorship – 1st Intake Period**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-013-2024 (2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorship – 1st Intake Period) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That the distribution of 2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorships 1st Intake, as outlined in Appendix “A” to this report, be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-014-2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule Amendment**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-014-2024 (Regular Council Meeting Schedule Amendment) dated March 25, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve moving the regular scheduled Council Meeting date of Monday, June 3, 2024, to Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to accommodate the Small Halls Festival Golf Tournament. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-24 Zoning By-law Amendment – 7674 County Road 91**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-24, 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 7674 County Road 91, and legally described as Part Lot 25, Concession 4, RP 51R42008 Part 6, formerly Nottawasaga, now in Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of March, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-25 Amend Appointment By-law 22-101 – Schedule A**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-25, 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 25th day of March, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-26 Resilient Communities Fund Grant – Ontario Trillium Foundation**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-26, being a by-law to authorize entering into a Resilient Communities Fund grant contract with the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the Clearview Active Communities Project, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of March, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business**Councillor Beelen – Request for Township to Pay Station on the Green Water and Sewer Bills****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Whereas the Township of Clearview owns seven (7) Community Halls that are operated by separate Hall Boards; and,

Whereas the Creemore Station on the Green is the only Community Hall that is on Township Water and Sewer and pays a utility bill to the Township for these services, which is approximately \$1100 annually; and,

Whereas the washrooms located at the Station on the Green are utilized by the public on a year-round basis during the weekends and some weekdays, when the Community Hall is not rented; and,

Whereas this is a community benefit to the Township for use of the washrooms and by members of the public; and,

Whereas the other six (6) Community Halls are not required to provide these additional public services at a cost to the Board as they are on their own wells and septic systems with the Township Water Department providing maintenance for these water systems per regulatory requirements;

Therefore, in recognition of the above community benefit, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve paying for the bi-monthly water and sewer bills for the Station on the Green located at 10 Caroline Street East, Creemore. Motion Carried.

Councillor Dineen – Request for Township to Endorse Bill C-63 in the House of Commons**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas the Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a “Digital Safety Commission” and nominate an “independent” Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1) That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a “digital safety commission” and nomination of an “independent” Ombudsperson; and,
- 2) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motin Carried.

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 25th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of March, 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 6:52 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.