

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 April 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Mayor: Douglas Measures

Deputy Mayor: Paul Van Staveren

Councillors: Ward 2 – Councillor Robert McArthur
Ward 3 – Councillor John Broderick
Ward 4 – Councillor Robert Walker
Ward 5 – Councillor Marty Beelen

Regrets: Ward 1 – Councillor Phyllis Dineen

Staff: Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey
CAO, John Ferguson
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Chief Building Official, Scott McLeod
Community Planner, Approvals & Policy, Rossalyn Workman
Community Planner, Nick Ainley
Compliance/QMS Coordinator, Stephanie Schell
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

1. Closed Session

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, 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) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Topic for discussion: Huronia West OPP Detachment Board – Member Appointment, and the Climate Action Advisory Committee – Member Appointment

(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 of the municipality or local board.

Topic for discussion: Nottawa Servicing

*There is an open session report on this topic under PW-009-2024 Georgian Communities Nottawa – Sewage Allocation from Collingwood.

Mayor Measures began the meeting by reading the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

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

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated April 29, 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**6.1. 2024 Development Charges Public Meeting**

Darryl Abbs from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. provided a brief presentation on Development Charges, including the purpose, eligible services, changes to legislation and an overview of mandatory and discretionary exemptions and the proposed charges for Clearview Township.

Mayor Measures opened the floor to members of the public to ask questions or provide comments.

No questions or comments were received.

Mayor Measures opened the floor to members of Council.

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Inquired about comparator communities, and specifically why the Town of Penetanguishene would exempt industrial properties from DCs

Councillor Beelen

- Asked why Emergency Preparedness is not identified as a DC in Clearview's Study

Mayor Measures

- Asked how to add categories that were not identified in the study using Emergency Preparedness or Transit as an example
- Noted that Nottawa was not listed in the background study for water DCs but we know future expansion is needed

Darryl Abbs of Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. provided answers and clarification to the questions of Council.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Measures concluded the public meeting for the Township of Clearview Development Charges. The DC By-law will be presented at the May 27, 2024, Council Meeting.

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 approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2024 Council Meeting, April 8, 2024 Emergency Council Meeting, and April 18, 2024 Emergency Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

None.

9. Communications from the Mayor**9.1. Closed Session Report (if any)****Nottawa Servicing**

There is a companion report on the Open Session agenda (PW-009-2024 Georgian Communities Nottawa – Sewage Allocation from Collingwood) where Council will vote on the recommendation provided. There is no separate recommendation to provide under Item 9.1.

Huronia West OPP Detachment Board – Member Appointment**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby appoint the following community representative to the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board:

Bill Plewes; and,

That Council direct staff to amend Appointment By-law 22-101, adding the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board member appointment for Clearview only. Motion Carried.

Climate Action Advisory Committee – Member Appointment**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby accept the resignation from Adam Mannella as a member of the Climate Action Advisory Committee; and,

That Council direct staff to amend Appointment By-law 22-101, to appoint Allison Fachnie as a member of the Climate Action Advisory Committee. Motion Carried.

9.2. NVCA Media Release – Apply for NVCA’s 2025 Tree Planting Grants**9.3. New Path Youth & Family Services – Proclamation Request Children’s Mental Health Week – May 6-12, 2024**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas, because Mental Health Can’t Wait, raising awareness about the importance of accessing support for mental wellness is crucial for children, youth, their families and caregivers;

And Whereas, ensuring that everyone in our community knows about the availability of free, accessible and inclusive child and youth mental health services and how to access them helps to create healthy, thriving and connected communities that support personal growth and wellbeing;

And Whereas, providing early intervention and treatment for child and youth mental health is essential. All children and youth, their families and caregivers in need of mental health supports must be able to access fully-funded and accredited services when and where they need them;

And Whereas, the colour green is used to celebrate child and youth mental health as it represents hope, growth, and transformation.

Now therefore, Council of the Township of Clearview, hereby proclaims May 6 – 12, 2024, as Children’s Mental Health Week. Motion Carried.

9.4. Support Township of The Archipelago Resolution – Phasing out free private well water testing

(Request for addition to the Agenda was made by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the following resolution from the Township of Archipelago regarding phasing out free water testing for private wells, recognizing this is an essential service for rural residents and farmers in Clearview Township:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of The Archipelago hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

That Council direct staff to send a copy of the support resolution to the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Simcoe Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. Motion Carried.

10. County Reports and Information

- 10.1. Joint Release – Important Update on Supportive Rapid Re-Housing Program in Orillia**
- 10.2. Release – Nomination Period Opens for County of Simcoe Age-Friendly Business and Individual Recognition Awards**
- 10.3. Release – County of Simcoe Launches Paramedic for a Day Contest**

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Clearview Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting and reminded residents that May 28 to June 3 is National Accessibility Week, the AAC will be attending the Stayner and Creemore Markets, stay tuned for the unveiling of the sticker program
- Attended the Library Board meeting and the Clearview Community Theatre Spring event

Councillor Beelen

- Attended Station on the Green, the Ontario Good Roads Conference, Blue Mountain Sustainability summit, and Springwater's Maple Syrup Festival
- Reminded residents that it's the start of Turkey hunting season and to wear bright colours on the trails

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended Vimy Ridge Day in CFB Borden, Creemore Sustainability Network meeting and Springwater's Maple Syrup Festival
- Attended the NVCA meeting, topics discussed were the auditor's results, the recent well water testing notice and the process of a deputation to Council

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Avening Hall meeting, the Log Cabin and Jail meeting and Springwater's Maple Syrup Festival and log sawing competition

Councillor Broderick

- Attended Simcoe County Council, Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Clearview Library Board meeting, Clearview Chamber of Commerce Chamber Talks, Emergency Council meeting and Clearview Chamber of Commerce Business After 5

Mayor Measures

- Attended the Ontario Good Roads conference and congratulated Joel Newman on his Public Works Leadership Development Program Intermediate Level Certification
- Attended the Great Lakes Mayors meeting and the Mayors and CAO forum
- Congratulations to the Honeywood Hockey moms and the successful "Make a Wish" Foundation Hockey Tournament
- Attended the celebration for Veterans organized and hosted by the 3 Clearview Legions, Creemore, Stayner and New Lowell

- Reminded residents that this will be the last Council meeting held at the Stayner Community Centre as we will be moving back into the newly renovated Council Chambers

12. Department Reports and By-laws

Planning & Building

Report # PB-009-2024 – 2023 Building Department Annual Fee Report

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-009-2024, (2023 Building Department Annual Fee Report) dated April 29, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-010-2024 – Building Department Activities Report 2023 Year End

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-010-2024 (2023 Building Department Activities Report 2023 Year End) dated April 29, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-011-2024 – Building Department Activities January – March 2024

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-011-2024 (Building Department Activities Report January – March 2024) dated April 29, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-012-2024 – Condominium Exemption – The Brix, 121 Mary Street, Creemore

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-012-2024 (Condominium Exemption – The Brix, 121 Mary Street, Creemore) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approves the condominium exemption application, filed by The Brix GP Inc. for registration of an apartment development consisting of 72 dwellings at 121 Mary Street, Creemore, as a standard condominium corporation pursuant to the Condominium Act, 1998, and,

- 2) That the approval of the condominium exemption be signed by the Mayor and Clerk on the Plan of Condominium to be submitted for registration once the following conditions have been completed to the satisfaction of the Township of Clearview:
 - a. Submission of a draft condominium declaration and description.
 - b. Submission of a draft plan of condominium for signing and registration.
 - c. Submission of an Operations & Maintenance Manual, as outlined in the O and M requirements 2024.
 - d. That the Owners shall include in the description for the declaration that a 1.5 m wide municipal boulevard & easement granted in favour of the Township of Clearview, at the sole cost of the Owner, along the north side of the site where it abuts Elizabeth Street; and,
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a certificate of exemption, and any other documents, plans or agreements required for the approval of this exemption and the associated conditions; and,
- 4) That the lands continue to be developed and maintained consistent with the 2022 Site Plan Approval and Agreement applying to the lands. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-013-2024 – Legal Non-conforming Status for Ground Sign at 794047 County Road 124

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-013-2024 (Legal Non-Conforming Status for Ground Sign at 794047 County Road 124) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve designation of the commercial ground sign located at 794047 County Road 124 as legal non-conforming and permit a maximum height of 6.71 m for the proposed replacement sign. Motion Carried.

Report # PB-014-2024 – Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Building More Homes Act, 2024

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-014-2024 (Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Building More Homes Act, 2024) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council endorse Planning & Building Services commentary contained within Appendix 'A' of report PB-014-2024; and
- 2) Authorize Planning & Building Services staff to submit the commentary contained within Appendix 'A' of report PB-014-2024 to the Government of Ontario through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO); and

- 3) Authorize staff to resubmit the existing CIHA order request for the Clearview Aviation Business Park to the Minister of Municipal Affairs under the revised framework introduced through Bill 185 and permit the continued processing and implementation of the existing and/or revised CIHA order with the applicant and the Ministry. Motion Carried.

Public Works

Report # PW-008-2024 - DWQMS Annual Management Review

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-008-2024 (DWQMS Annual Management Review) dated April 29, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-009-2024 – Georgian Communities Nottawa – Sewage Allocation from Collingwood

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives report PW-009-2024 (Georgian Communities Nottawa - Sewage Allocation from Collingwood) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council authorize Staff to begin discussions with The Town of Collingwood to provide sewage allocation for the Nottawa Limited Partnership (NLP) Georgian Communities Nottawa; and,
- 2) That Council agrees at this time due to economic reasons, to not proceed with servicing the remaining Village of Nottawa with full municipal services. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-015-2024 – Council Professional Development & Discretionary Expenses Policy

Main Motion:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-015-2024 (Council Professional Development & Discretionary Expense Policy) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the updated Council Professional Development & Discretionary Expense Policy, as attached as Appendix B to this report; and,
- 2) That the Policy come into effect upon approval, replacing the previous Council Conference, Convention and Seminar Attendance Expense Policy.

Mayor Measures passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Van Staveren.

Motion to Refer:

Moved by Mayor Measures, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that the Council Professional Development & Discretionary Expenses Policy be referred back to staff to make the following updates to the Policy:

- That air travel be approved by the CAO and not Council, and that inter province air travel is permitted if it does not exceed the cost for mileage.
- That the Assistant to the Mayor and CAO, through direction from the CAO, provide regular updates on the Council ongoing budgets for conferences, seminars, training and discretionary spending. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures resumed Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Report # LS-016-2024 - Proclamation and Flag Raising Policy

Main Motion:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-016-2024 (Proclamation and Flag Raising Policy) dated April 29, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the Proclamation and Flag Raising Policy as attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

Motion to Refer:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that the Proclamation and Flag Raising Policy be referred back to staff to make the following updates to the Policy:

- To add procedures regarding lowering Township flags to half mast.
- To review the policy so it aligns with the work that the Mayor's office does with respect to proclamations and flag raising requests. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-30 Rating By-law (Tile Drain Loan – 2371 County Road 42)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-30, being a by-law imposing special annual drainage rates on land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of April, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

Councillor Beelen – Request for Replacement of Stop Signs at Concession 7 & 3/4 Sideroad and Concession 9 & 3/4 Sideroad

(Motion to be debated and voted on at the May 13, 2024 meeting)

Whereas the Township of Clearview has used large stop signs (4 ft) with flashing lights at other high traffic and high accident rate intersections;

And Whereas many residents would like to have larger stop signs with warning lights to indicate to drivers their responsibility to stop;

And Whereas the sun sets in the west and rises in the east and would be in driver's vision when driving east bound in the mornings and west bound in the evenings on both Concession 7 Sunnidale and Concession 9 Sunnidale while approaching the 3/4 Sideroad;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve replacing the current stop signs at Concession 9 Sunnidale at the intersection with the 3/4 Sideroad Sunnidale, with larger (4 ft) illuminated or flashing stop signs and replacing the current stop signs at Concession 7 Sunnidale at the intersection with the 3/4 Sideroad Sunnidale, with larger (4 ft) illuminated or flashing stop signs; and,

That the cost to purchase and erect the signs be funded through the Public Works Capital budget for Traffic Control Equipment.

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 24-33, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the April 29th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 29th day of April, 2024. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures invited residents to "Coffee with Council" on Saturday May 4th at 10:30 a.m. to unveil the newly renovated Council Chambers.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original signed by:

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Original signed by:

Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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