



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 May 27, 2024 at 5:00 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
Director of Planning & Building, Amy Cann
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Community Planner, Approvals & Policy, Rossalyn Workman
Community Planner, Nick Ainley
Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

1. Closed Session (5:00 p.m.)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, 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: Committee & Board Member Appointments:

- Creemore Log Cabin & Jail Service Board;
- Brentwood Community Centre Hall Board; and
- Committee of Adjustment. Motion Carried

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

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated May 27, 2024 as amended. Motion Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Public Participation

Bob Charlton

- Advised he was pleased with the Official Plan and that it is a meaningful step forward to address climate change

Mayor Measures did caution Mr. Charlton about speaking to the Official Plan as this item has already had a public meeting.

5. Deputations and Presentations

5.1. Georgian Communities – Nottawa Residential Development Next Steps

Jay Beech, Vice President – Development for Georgian Communities provided an overview of the company including their history timeline, purpose, mission and vision, various development models throughout the County and reviewed the next steps for the development in the Village of Nottawa.

Mayor Measures thanked Mr. Beech for his presentation.

6. Public Meetings

No Items.

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 approve the Minutes of the May 13, 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

Committee and Board Appointments

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby appoint the following applicants to the respective committee and boards:

Marjorie Lang to the Creemore Log Cabin & Jail Service Board;

Robert Thomas to the Brentwood Community Centre Hall Board; and,

Ken Walker to the Committee of Adjustment; and,

That Council direct staff to amend Appointment By-law 22-101, adding these committee and board appointments. Motion Carried.

9.2. Support Motion – Loyalist Township – Housing Funding

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas the Township of Clearview is in need of \$78,000,000 in funding to complete the Klondike Park well project, for which the Township owns the well site and has completed all the necessary testing and approvals to confirm that it will supply water to the development of new homes in Clearview Township;

And Whereas the Township cannot afford to increase Water or Sewer rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the project will just increase costs to Water and Sewer rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas Clearview Township is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens;

And Whereas the Klondike Park well project is projected to accommodate 4150 new residential units once completed, of which 3200 units have planning approval;

And Whereas Clearview Township is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas Clearview Township is submitted an application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$825M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the resolution from Loyalist Township regarding Housing Funding as it relates to infrastructure, recognizing that Clearview Township is experiencing the same issues and affordability for upgrades to municipal services for new houses; and,

That Clearview Township calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to prioritize funding from the \$825M Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund to municipalities without housing targets that are not eligible for funding under the Building Faster Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister for Housing, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall and Simcoe Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. Motion Carried.

9.3. Yes in My Back Yard (YIMBY) Week in Simcoe County – May 27 – 31, 2024

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas the Township of Clearview is a vibrant community of people who take care of each other;

And Whereas everyone in the Township deserves to have a safe, affordable, hopeful place to call home;

And Whereas ending homelessness is a complex problem that can only be solved through collaborative and innovative partnerships, committed leadership, and supportive, engaged citizens.

Now Therefore, I Doug Measures, Mayor of the Township of Clearview do hereby proclaim the week of May 27 – 31, 2024 as “Yes In My Back Yard (YIMBY) Week.” Motion Carried.

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 Joint Advisory – Electric Vehicle Show returns to Simcoe County

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren provided an update on Simcoe Manor in Beeton and the organic waste changes that are proposed to take place December 2024.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Agnora's 13th Anniversary, Tulip Days, Clearview Chamber of Commerce Business After 5, Library Board meeting and Clearview Chamber of Commerce Talks

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Creemore Farmers Market and gave his sympathies to Jack Sheilds' family

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Stayner Lawn Bowling Club's 100th Anniversary
- Stated that the Nottawa scrap metal drive is over and the total amount raised to follow, and announced that the Collingwood Theatre has a drama camp this July at the Nottawa Hall

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Station on the Green Board meeting, Tulip Days, and the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting
- Advised that the old Fire Hall in New Lowell has been demolished

Councillor Walker

- Attended Tulip Days, the Library Board meeting, Stayner Lawn Bowling Club's 100th Anniversary
- In recognition of National Accessibility Awareness Week, the Accessibility Advisory Committee in partnership with the Fire Department has launched their sticker program to help identify residents that may need extra assistance, stickers are available at the Library Branches and the Farmer's Market in Stayner

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Provided an update on the NVCA and changes surrounding Bill 185
- Attended Tulip Days and the Stayner Lawn Bowling Club's 100th Anniversary
- Reminded residents of upcoming events: Trail Tunes, Habitat for Humanity and the Small Halls Golf Tournament

Mayor Measures

- Reminded residents that the 10th Annual Music Market & Park-it begins June 6th
- Attended Tulip Days, the Stayner Lawn Bowling Club's 100th Anniversary, Lavender Purple Hills Art show and the Collingwood Blues banquet
- Celebrated Raymond Hardisty and the 30th anniversary of his bone marrow transplant
- Will be attending the Heritage Society's event on Wednesday night with guest speaker Terry Wong who is currently based at CFB Borden

12. Department Reports and By-laws

Planning & Building

Report # PB-016-2024 – New Clearview Official Plan Adoption

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-016- 2024 (New Clearview Official Plan Adoption) dated May 27, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council direct that the Final Draft of the proposed Official Plan, being the Plan that was published on April 19, 2024, be revised according to the recommended revisions presented in Appendix A to this Report; and,
- 2) That through the passing of By-law Number 24-38, Council adopt the Final Draft, so revised, as the Official Plan of the Township of Clearview and submit that Plan for approval to the County of Simcoe; and,
- 3) That Council direct written notice of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan to be given as prescribed under the Planning Act and the regulations under that Act. Motion Carried.

Finance

Report # FIN-009-2024 – 2024 Budget Package

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broserick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-009- 2024 (2024 Budget Package) dated May 27, 2024; and,

- 1) That By-law 24-37 to approve the passing of the 2024 Tax Rate at a blended increase of 3.68% be presented at the May 27, 2024 meeting for approval. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-020-2024 – Council Meeting Format & Procedure By-law Update

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-020-2024 (Council Meeting Format & Procedure By-law Update) dated May 27, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve remaining with the current Regular Council meeting format and not proceed forward with a Committee of the Whole structure; and,

- 2) That staff be directed to begin the process of updating the current Procedure By-law which will include scheduling a special meeting of Council to review staff's proposed procedural rule changes and to receive additional recommendations, feedback and direction from Council before final approval. Motion Carried.

Report # LS-021-2024 – West Nottawasaga Church Cemetery Transfer Request

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-021-2024 (West Nottawasaga Church Cemetery Transfer Request) dated May 27, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the transfer request submitted by the West Nottawasaga Church Cemetery Board for the Township to become the owner and operator of the Cemetery located at 7993 33/34 Sideroad, which includes ownership of the cemetery lands; and,
- 2) That staff be directed to work with Township legal counsel, the Cemetery Board and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario to complete the transfer. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-37 – Tax Rate By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-37, being a by-law to set the tax and levy taxes for the year 2024, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of May, 2024. Motion Carried.

By-law 24-38 – Official Plan Adoption

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-38, being a by-law to adopt a Plan as the Official Plan of the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of May, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Sasha Helmky-Playter thanked the Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman for attending Council this evening as the first camera operator in the newly renovated Council Chambers. Job well done!

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By- Law 24-39, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 27th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of May, 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 7:07 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.