

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 June 24, 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 Planning & Building, Amy Cann
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Public Works Manager, Todd Patton
Project Manager, Baz Dokainish
Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman

1. Closed Session (4:00 p.m.)

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, 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: Nottawa Hall Board Member Recruitment

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

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

Topic for discussion: Schell Farm By-law Enforcement Matter. Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Measures passed along his condolences to Councillor Robert McArthur and family on the passing of Milton McArthur, former Deputy Mayor of Clearview from 1994-1997.

Mayor Measures also sent condolences to the family of former Councillor Dave Norris, who served on the Township of Clearview Council from 1994-1995.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated June 24, 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 Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the June 4, 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

Schell Farm By-law Enforcement Matter

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, 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 Schell Farm Enforcement Update. Motion Carried.

Nottawa Hall Board Member Recruitment

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, 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 Nottawa Hall Board recruitment. Motion Carried.

9.2. NVCA May 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

9.3. Media Release – Province of Ontario invests \$125,000 to restore and enhance wetlands in the Nottawasaga Watershed

10. County Reports and Information

10.1 Release – Tourism Simcoe County gears up for busy summer months

10.2 Joint Advisory – Rescheduled – Electric Vehicle Car Show returns to Simcoe County

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren and Mayor Measures provided an update on the discussions at the County level regarding their Governance Review. Mayor Measures added that he has also been made aware of a Provincial meeting regarding the Regional Governance Review scheduled for July 8th, that Clearview Township was unfortunately not informed of.

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Attended the AMO Disability Inclusion Workshop, opening of Music Market and Park-it, Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, Frank Awender's Senior Wish at the Fire Station, Clearview Library Board meeting and the Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards
- Congratulated two of his grandchildren who are graduating from Stayner Collegiate Institute on June 27th

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Indigenous Market in Creemore, Georgian Triangle Development Institute Lunch with Councillor Broderick, Station on the Green meeting and Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- County Council meeting recognized violence against paramedics and the YMCA made a presentation for a new facility in Barrie
- Attended Frank Awender's Senior Wish, Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards, and Federation of Agriculture meeting.

Councillor McArthur

- Attended Indigenous Celebration in Creemore, Avening Hall Board meeting, Frank Awender's Senior Wish, Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards and the Summer Solstice event.
- Acknowledged the passing of his father Milton McArthur and shared a story

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting, Integrity Commissioner training, the Simcoe County Warden's Gala dinner in Alliston, Georgian Triangle Development Institute's lunch, the Clearview Library Board meeting, Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards and the Clearview Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 event.
- Advised of the Creemore BIA meeting this week
- Reminded residents of the Canada Day celebrations happening on July 1st.

Mayor Measures

- Attended a conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake with the Niagara Escarpment Commission – the NEC is celebrating 50 years, attended the Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards, and Summer Solstice in Creemore
- Stated he will be attending Stayner Collegiate Institute graduation ceremony on June 27th and Deputy Mayor Van Staveren will be attending Our Lady of the Bay graduation ceremony on June 27th.
- Attended a Liberal party lunch hosted by Ted Chrysler – Bonnie Crombie was in attendance as well.
- Will be attending County Council on Tuesday and the Planning Public Meeting on Wednesday
- Reminded everyone of the Canada Day celebrations on July 1st.

12. Department Reports and By-laws

Public Works

Report # PW-017-2024 – Highway 26 Pedestrian Trail Crossing By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-017-2024 (Highway 26 Pedestrian Trail Crossing By-law) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council support the installation of pedestrian trail crossovers on Highway 26 just east of Brock Street, and at Highway 26 south of Locke Avenue; and,
- 2) That a by-law to establish the pedestrian trail crossovers be presented to Council at the June 24, 2024, meeting. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-018-2024 – Collingwood Street Bridge Tender Results

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive Report PW-018-2024 (Collingwood Street Bridge Tender Results) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council award the Tender submitted by Soncin Construction in the amount of \$3,636,008.81 (excluding HST) for the Collingwood Street Bridge project as described in the tender and summarized in this report. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-019-2024 – Speed Reduction on Various Roads

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-019-2024 (Speed Reduction on Various Roads) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve reducing the speed limit on the 36/37 Sideroad Nottawasaga from 80km/hr to 60 km/hr from 1400 metres West of County Road 124 to Concession 10 Nottawasaga, and;
- 2) That Council approve reducing the speed limit on Centreline Road from 80km/hr to 60 km/hr from 500 metres South of Warrington Road to Highway 26; and,
- 3) That staff be directed to present a speed reduction by-law at the next regular Council meeting. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-020-2024 – Disc Mower Purchase**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-020-2024 (Disc Mower Purchase) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the purchase of a Poettinger Disc Mower in the amount of \$17,500 + HST. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation

Report # PCR-012-2024 – Nottawa Hall Vestibule & Roof Repair**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-012-2024 (Nottawa Hall Vestibule & Roof Repair) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve repairing the front vestibule and roof at the Nottawa Hall in the amount of \$34,556.30 plus HST; and,
- 2) That the cost for these repairs be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve. Motion Carried.

Planning & Building

Report # PB-017-2024 – Closeout of Official Plan Review Budget**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-017-2024 (Closeout of Official Plan Review Budget) dated June 24, 2024, for information. Motion Carried.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-023-2024 – 2026 Municipal & School Board Election Voting Method**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-023-2024 (2026 Municipal & School Board Election Voting Method) dated June 24, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve Internet Voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election; and,

- 2) That staff be directed to bring a by-law forward to Council to establish alternative voting methods and to permit advance voting as per the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, once an elections vendor has been chosen. Motion Carried.

By-laws

By-law 24-42 Pedestrian Crossover on Highway 26

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-42, being a by-law to designate a section of Highway 26 within the jurisdiction of the Township of Clearview as pedestrian crossovers, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of June, 2024.

By-law 24-43 Development Charges By-law – Township Wide

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-43, being a by-law to establish Development Charges for the corporation of the Township of Clearview (Township Wide), be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of June, 2024.

By-law 24-44 Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Administrative Agreement

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-44, being a by-law to authorize entering into a Municipal Funding Administrative Agreement with The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for the administration of the Canada Community-Building Fund, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of June, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

Councillor Broderick – Community Safety Zone – Reduce Speed to 40km/hr on Brock & Elm Street

(Motion to be debated and voted on at the July 8, 2024 meeting)

Recommendation:

Whereas members of the community have expressed concerns for safety with both pedestrian and vehicle traffic on Brock Street where Centennial Park is located; and,

Whereas Centennial Park is an active location not only for the enjoyment of the park surroundings, but for festivals and events that attract many visitors; and,

Whereas Elm Street is utilized by the public and school aged children for access to the trail at the end of the street as a route to school; and,

Whereas to recognize the increased activity in these locations, it's important to address safety concerns of the public;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct staff to establish community safety zones and reduce the speed to 40 km/hr in the following locations:

- Brock Street (Centennial Park portion) - From Highway 26 to Elm Street
- Elm Street – 350 m North from Brock Street; and,

That the cost for speed signs be funded from the Public Works Signs and Signals operating budget.

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-45, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 24th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of June, 2024. Motion Carried.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion Carried

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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