



Township of Clearview

Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 7, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-person Meeting
Virtual & Council Chambers

This meeting is being conducted using a hybrid in-person format where members of Council, members of the public and staff members are in-person at the Administration Centre – Council Chamber located at 217 Gideon Street, or where permitted, attend virtually through Zoom.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. that are provided at a public or open meeting are considered a public record.

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Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards and caretakers of the land. We acknowledge that Clearview Township is located within the boundaries of Treaty 18, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati, Wendat, and is the home of many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples as part of an intricate nationhood that reaches across Turtle Island. At this time of truth and reconciliation, we welcome the opportunity to work together towards new understandings and new relationships and ask for guidance in all we do.

Order of Proceedings

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

Recommendation:

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) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Topic for discussion: Township Facility Opportunity

(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: Developer Water Funding Agreements

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

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated October 7, 2024 as presented.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Public Participation

Be advised that comments and views expressed under Public Participation Period are not the views of the Township of Clearview, Council, or the Administration.

- Public Participation is limited to 15 minutes
- Each Person is limited to 5 minutes
- Questions or comments are to be directed to the Mayor
- Questions shall not refer to personnel matters, litigation or potential litigation or planning matters that have already had a public meeting or any item considered confidential

Remember, please share the time with your fellow citizens

5. Deputations and Presentations

No Items.

6. Public Meetings

No Items.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2024, Council Meeting as presented.

- [September 23, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

8. Business arising from Minutes (if any)

9. Communications from the Mayor

9.1. Closed Session Report (if any)

9.2. [Request for Support - Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act](#)

Request made by the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk to be included on the Agenda

Recommendation:

Whereas, elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

Whereas, legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

Whereas, the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

Whereas, the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

Whereas, the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

Whereas, with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

Whereas, the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

Whereas, while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

Whereas, to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

Whereas, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

And Whereas, AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

And Be It Further Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Simcoe-Grey MPP (brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

9.3 Proclamation – International Day of Rural Women

Whereas, the United Nations has designated October 15th as International Day of Rural Women to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of rural women to agricultural development, food security, and rural prosperity; and

Whereas, The Women's Institute (WI) formed in Ontario in 1897 as a women-focused offshoot of the Farmers' Institutes. The Department of Agriculture of Ontario initially sponsored both programs, with the expressed purpose of the WI being the promotion of home economy and practical education for rural women; and

Whereas, rural women are key to improving rural livelihoods, often facing challenges including limited access to resources and economic opportunities; and

Whereas, promoting the rights, welfare, and empowerment of rural women is essential to achieving sustainable development and addressing global challenges such as hunger, poverty, and climate change; and

Whereas, we stand in solidarity with rural women, honoring their resilience, leadership, and dedication to fostering thriving rural communities, while reaffirming our commitment to creating equitable opportunities for their advancement; and through increased support and investment, that prioritize rural women's rights, we can build more inclusive and sustainable societies for future generations.

Therefore, I, Doug Measures, Mayor of the Township of Clearview, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2024, as "International Day of Rural Women", and encourage all residents to acknowledge & support the significant contributions of rural women in our community.

10. County Reports and Information

- 10.1 [Advisory – County of Simcoe to Launch New Medical Dispatch Triage System](#)**
- 10.2 [Joint Release – CONTACT Community Services and the South Georgian Bay Community Health Clinic team up to operate and manage Supportive Rapid Rehousing Program in the Town of Collingwood](#)**
- 10.3 [Release – Simcoe County to Participate in the Fourth Nationally Coordinated Point-In-Time Homeless Count](#)**
- 10.4 [Empowering Accessibility: County Secures Funding for New Wheelchair Tandem Bicycles](#)**
- 10.5 [Release – Fall bi-weekly leaf and yard waste collection returns October 7](#)**

11. Council Reports and Community Announcements

11.1. Ward Reports

12. Department Reports and By-laws

Planning & Building

Report # PB-027-2024 – Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension – Manortown Homes Inc.

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-027-2024 (Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension – Manortown Homes Inc.) dated October 7, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approves the extension of the Manortown Homes Inc. Draft Plan of Subdivision being file 2017-063-SD, legally described as Plan 51M-541, for an additional one (1) year period; and,
- 2) That Council approves amendments to the existing draft plan conditions as outlined in Schedule 'E' of Staff Report PB-027-2024; and
- 3) That notice be given in accordance with the Planning Act.

Report # PB-028-2024 – Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-028-2024 (Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024) dated October 7, 2024, for information.

Report # PB-029-2024 – Mannington Investments Corp – Lift of Hold

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-029-2024 (Mannington Investments Corp Lift of Hold) dated October 7, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council direct the Mayor and Clerk to execute By-law 24-69 for the removal of 'Hold (H25)' for the lands municipally known as 143-145 Mill Street, Creemore, once the Site Plan Agreement for Mannington Investments Corp. has been executed to the satisfaction of the municipality.

Emergency Services

Report # FD-003-2024 – Division Chief – Fire Prevention

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FD-003-2024 (Division Chief – Fire Prevention) dated October 7, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the organizational change in the Fire Department to upgrade the Fire Prevention Officer position to a Division Chief - Fire Prevention.

Legislative Services

Report # LS-027-2024 – Procedure By-law Review – Council Feedback Meeting

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-027-2024 (Procedure By-law Review – Council Feedback Meeting) dated October 7, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council supports the changes outlined in this report and shown in the Draft Procedure By-law attached as Appendix A; and,
- 2) That the final version of the Procedure By-law encompassing these changes, be presented to Council for consideration at the October 21, 2024, meeting for approval.

Report # LS-028-2024 – 2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorship – 2nd Intake Period

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-028-2024 (2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorship – 2nd Intake Period) dated October 7, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve the distribution of the 2024 Community Assistance Grant & Sponsorships 2nd Intake as outlined in Appendix “A” to this report; and,
- 2) That Council approve carrying the remaining \$26,150 of the 2024 Grant & Sponsorship budget over to the 2025 Grant & Sponsorship budget year.

By-laws

By-law 24-67 Amend Appointment By-law 22-101 – Schedule A

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that By-law 24-67, 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 7th day of October, 2024.

By-law 24-69 – Zoning By-law Amendment (143-145 Mill Street)

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that By-law 24-69, 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 143 - 145 Mill Street, Creemore, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of October, 2024.

13. Notice of Motion/New Business

14. By-law to Confirm Proceedings of Council Meeting

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-68, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the October 7th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of October, 2024.

15. Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.