

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 November 18, 2024, at 5:30 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: CAO, John Ferguson  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald  
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill  
Director of Planning & Building, Amy Cann  
Fire Chief, Scott Davison  
Director of Parks & Recreation, Terry Vachon  
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault  
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe  
Manager, of Engineering, Patti Kennedy  
Manager of Planning, Rossalyn Workman  
Chief Building Official, Scott McLeod  
Project Management Specialist, Baz Dokainish  
Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman

## 1. Closed Session

No Items.

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

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

### Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated November 18, 2024 as presented. Motion Carried.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren declared a conflict on Staff Report CAO-010-2424 Property Purchase (7308 Highway 26).

Councillor Dineen declared a conflict on Item 8.7 – Support Resolution - OPP Annual Billing Statement.

### **4. Public Participation Period**

#### **Dave Witzke, Stayner (electronic participation)**

- Asked about the status of a light on Elm Street rail trail
- Asked why there was no stand-alone Budget Public meeting
- Asked about the raised manhole cover on the sidewalk on the main street of Stayner in front of Honey Monster
- Asked about Sunnidale Street walkability issues and why employees aren't responsive
- Asked what the cost to taxpayers is for the purchase of the Stayner Care Centre

#### **Bill Mann, CARA**

- When considering development, would like to see Senior Housing as a high-priority item within Creemore and the community

### **5. Delegations and Presentations**

#### **5.1 GTHS Community Engagement & Capital Campaign**

Karen Marsh and Danielle Ellis, from the Georgian Triangle Humane Society provided a presentation on the community services and pet support that the shelter provides to the community and explained that their current space and building is in disrepair and a new facility is desperately needed.

#### **5.2 Docs on Ice 2026**

Michelle Hunter from the Rural Ontario Medical Program and Dr. Geoff Moran provided a presentation on the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Docs on Ice, Ontario Doctors Hockey Tournament being hosted in April 2026 in the area. 70 teams have registered and over 1,000 doctors, residents & medical students will be participating.

### **6. Public Meetings**

No Items.

## **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 October 24 and October 28, 2024, Priority Council Meetings, October 30, 2024, Planning Public Meeting and the November 4, 2024, Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

## **8. Correspondence and Information Items**

### **8.1 Closed Session Report (if any)**

### **8.2 NVCA October 2024 Board Meeting Highlights**

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren stated that the New Lowell Dam repair is included in the 2025 NVCA budget.

### **8.3 Release – County of Simcoe supports local students through the 2024 Bursary program**

### **8.4 Release – County Expands Warming Centre Opportunities for Unhoused Individuals**

### **8.5 NVCA Media Release – Investing in the Future of our Environment with TD Tree Days**

### **8.6 Joint Release – Collingwood Supportive Rapid Rehousing program ready to support first residents**

### **8.7 Support Resolution - OPP Annual Billing Statement**

Councillor Dineen recused herself from participating in debate or voting on this item.

### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas current police services within the Township of Clearview are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

And Whereas the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

And Whereas historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

And Whereas the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$0.5 M (22.7%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.57% tax rate increase, on top of what the Township was contemplating for the residents of Clearview Township;

And Whereas communication from the Township of Essa as well as other municipalities serviced by the OPP has been received by Clearview Township, seeking support;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Council of the Township of Clearview, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

And Further That any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

And Further That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP. Motion Carried.

Councillor Dineen returned to her seat for the remainder of the meeting.

## **9. Council Reports and Community Announcements**

### **9.1. Ward Reports**

#### **Councillor Walker**

- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Stayner and will be attending the Library Board meeting and the two budget meetings scheduled this week

#### **Councillor Beelen**

- Attended the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting and the Remembrance Day ceremony at the New Lowell Legion

#### **Councillor Dineen**

- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Collingwood Cenotaph

#### **Deputy Mayor Van Staveren**

- Attended the Small Halls volunteer thank you event at the Sunnidale Hall

#### **Councillor McArthur**

- Stated that the Avening Hall Board has selected the colour for the new siding and construction is well underway

#### **Councillor Broderick**

- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Stayner and laid the wreath on behalf of the Township, attending the County Council meeting and Clearview Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting

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**Mayor Measures**

- Attended a Breakfast event hosted by RVH and stated that there are terrific plans ahead at the Barrie location as well as the new Innisfil campus that will be coming

**10. Department Reports****Public Works**

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**Report # PW-028-2024 – Speed Reduction on Riverside Drive****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-028-2024 (Speed Reduction on Riverside Drive) dated November 18, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council approve reducing the speed limit on Riverside Drive located in Creemore from 70km/hr to 60 km/hr from County Road 9 to Concession 6 South Nottawasaga, and;
- 2) That staff be directed to present a speed reduction by-law at the next regular Council meeting. Motion Carried.

**Planning & Building**

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**Report # PB-030-2024 – Building Department Activities Report July – September 2024****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-030-2024 (Building Department Activities Report July – September 2024) for information. Motion Carried.

**Report # PB-032-2024 – Creemore Commons (Tribute) Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-032-2024 (Creemore Commons (Tribute) Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision) dated November 18, 2024; and

That Council,

- 1) Finds that the applications are consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, as well as the goals and objectives and intent of the County and Township Official Plans, and has considered the staff recommendations and the written and oral submissions made;

- 2) Grants draft plan approval to Draft Plan of Subdivision 51M-X prepared by Celeste Phillips dated April 17, 2024 attached in Appendix 'D' subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix 'E';
- 3) Directs staff to give notice of Draft Plan of Subdivision approval in accordance with Sec. 51 of the Planning Act;
- 4) Adopts Official Plan Amendment No. 26 to the 2001 Official Plan and Official Plan Amendment No. 1 to the 2024 Official Plan through the passing of By-law Number 24-80; and,
- 5) Directs written notice of the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment to be given in accordance with Sec. 17 the Planning Act;
- 6) Directs staff to forward the Official Plan Amendment along with all supporting material to the County of Simcoe for approval;
- 7) Directs staff to bring forward By-law located in Appendix 'G' to amend the Township Zoning By-law No. 06-54 at such time as the Official Plan Amendments are approved by the County of Simcoe; and
- 8) Directs staff to give notice of the passing of Zoning By-law Amendments located in Appendix 'G' in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act at such time as the By-laws are adopted. Motion Carried.

## **Administration**

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### **Report # CAO-010-2024 – Property Purchase (7308 Highway 26)**

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren recused himself from participating in debate or voting on this item.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-010-2024 (Property Purchase – 7308 Highway 26) dated November 18, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council directs the CAO to formally advise the Township's Real Estate Agent of Council's official approval of the purchase of the property located at 7308 Highway 26, known as the Stayner Care Centre, in accordance with the clause in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren resumed his seat for the remainder of the meeting.

## 11. By-laws

### **By-law 24-80 Official Plan Amendment No. 26 and No. 1**

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 24-80, being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 26 to the 2001 Official Plan and Amendment No. 1 to the 2024 Official Plan of the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of November, 2024.  
Motion Carried.

## 12. Notice of Motion/New Business

### **Motion requested by Councillor Beelen on behalf of the Climate Action Advisory Committee.**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas the Township of Clearview is committed to promoting environmental sustainability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving air quality for the health and well-being of our community;

And Whereas the Clean Air Partnership is a collaborative initiative that supports municipalities in implementing strategies to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and build climate resilience;

And Whereas Clean Air Partnership is a charitable environmental organization that launched in June 2000, and has provided a range of consulting services for municipal, provincial and federal government, and many other government agencies, private and non-profit sector clients;

And Whereas the Green Municipal Fund, administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), provides funding to municipalities for projects that deliver environmental benefits and promote cleaner, healthier communities;

And Whereas the Clearview Climate Action Advisory Committee sees it beneficial to apply for joint-funding with the Town of Wasaga Beach to improve the likelihood of receiving funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund to secure financial assistance for the implementation of a Heat Pump Financing Program through the Clean Air Partnership initiative in the Township of Clearview;

And That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary application materials, including detailed project plans, budget requirements, and potential environmental impact assessments, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders;

And That upon approval of funding, staff report back to Council with a detailed project implementation plan, outlining timelines, objectives, and anticipated benefits for the community;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and any other relevant bodies as part of the application process for the Green Municipal Fund. Motion Defeated.

### **13. Confirmatory By-law**

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-81, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024. Motion Carried.

### **14. Motion to Adjourn**

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Douglas Measures, Mayor

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Sasha Helmky, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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