



Township of Clearview Special 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 December 4, 2024, at 12:00 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: CAO, John Ferguson
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Director of Parks & Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Director of Planning & Building, Amy Cann
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Library CEO, Jennifer La Chapelle
Financial Analyst, Stuart Schilling
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Dineen Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda for the Special Council - Budget Meeting #3 dated December 4, 2024, as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Budget Reports & Motions

3.1. 2025 Budget Deliberations Recap

Treasurer, Kelly McDonald provided an update to Council on the current proposed 2025 Budget and advised that currently, the proposed net tax increase at this stage in the process is at 5.24%.

3.2. Georgian Triangle Humane Society Gift Agreement

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report LS-031-2024 (Georgian Triangle Humane Society Funding Gift Agreement) dated December 4, 2024; and,

- 1) That Council directs the Treasurer/Director of Finance to sign the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) Gift Agreement, as attached to Appendix B, outlining the Township of Clearview's ten-year capital donation in the total amount of \$225,000, towards the build of the GTHS's new facility; and,
- 2) That the annual capital commitment of \$22,500 form part of the Township's base budget for the ten-year period (2024-2033).
- 3) That the Township of Clearview will keep the annual amount of support in a reserve until the GTHS capital project proceeds. Motion Carried as amended.

Amendment:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that the motion before Council be amended to add a third part stating that "That the Township of Clearview will keep the annual amount of support in a reserve until the GTHS capital project proceeds." Motion Carried.

3.3. Council Member Motions

Motion #1 – Huronia West OPP Detachment Board Budget

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby increase the OPP Detachment Board budget for 2025 by an additional \$6,500, making the total contribution from Clearview Township \$16,500. Motion Carried.

Motion #2 – Senior Affordable Housing Reserve

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve adding \$100,000 to the Senior Affordable Housing Reserve for the 2025 budget and approve eliminating the continual annual increases to this reserve. Motion Carried.

Motion #3 – Tourism Building Roof replacement/repair**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby remove the Tourism building roof replacement/repair from the Parks and Recreation 2025 capital budget in the amount of \$120,000; and,

That any repairs that are required for the Tourism building roof be funded from the Administration Building reserve, up to a maximum of \$60,000; and,

That the Township conduct a complete review of the facility and uses of the building and property before any future repairs/replacements are proposed. Motion Carried.

Motion #4 – Creemore Arena Hall Kitchen/Storage Renovations**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve funding the Kitchen and Storage renovations proposed for the Creemore Arena in the amount of \$50,000 from the Creemore Arena Building and Equipment replacement reserve. Motion Carried.

Motion #5 – Downtown Stayner Safety Bollards/Rails**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approves adding to the budget the cost for installing safety bollards or a barrier rail in downtown Stayner at the intersection of Highway 26 and Perry Street, with the cost to be funded from the Public Works traffic control equipment budget; and,

That staff be directed to provide a report to Council outlining the design and materials that the safety bollards are made of before purchase and installation. Motion Carried.

Council took a recess at 1:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Motion #6 – Creemore Area Pickleball Courts**Resolution:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby remove \$100,000 from the Parks & Recreation capital budget for the proposed pickle ball courts in Creemore; and,

That staff be directed to investigate and bring a report back to Council for the use of the Creemore arena property/facility and Creemore tennis courts at Gowan Park for pickleball, including investigating the establishment of a not-for-profit organization to facilitate to pickleball. Motion Carried.

Motion #7 – Funding for Purple Hills Society Arts Festival**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby remove \$5,000 from the Small Halls Festival 2025 budget that is earmarked to support the Purple Hills Society Arts Festival; and,
That Council directs staff not to financially support the Purple Hills Society Arts Festival for 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion #8 – 2026 Winterama Festival Fireworks**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby removes \$5,000 from the budget that funds the fireworks for the 2026 Winterama Festival. Motion Carried.

Motion #9 – Centreline Road Construction Budget**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby reduce the road construction budget for the Centerline Road project funded from taxation by \$250,000 for 2025. Motion Carried.

Motion #10 – Trail Construction Project**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby remove the trail construction project from the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$30,000. Motion Defeated.

Motion #11 – Special Events Musical Entertainment**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby remove from the 2025 Budget \$5,000 for items at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation department, that is funded from the Tourism Advertising and Promotion budget, Community and Special Events budget and the Miscellaneous Budget. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Van Staveren.

Motion #12 – Planning Department Contract Services

Resolution:

Moved by Mayor Measures, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview reduce the 2025 budget for Contract Services under the Planning Department by \$23,000. Motion Carried.

Mayor Measures resumed Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-Law 24-86, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the December 4th, 2024, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 4th day of December, 2024. Motion Carried.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 3:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Sasha Helmky, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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