

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 February 10th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

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 Legal Services, Sasha Helmkey
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
Deputy Treasurer, Celine Anderson
Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman
By-law Enforcement Officer, Kevin Harrod

Regrets: Mayor Douglas Measures

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

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, 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) (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: Klondike Park Road Well Site, Reservoir & Pumping Station Project. Motion Carried.

Councillor Dineen began the regular meeting by reading the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated February 10, 2025 as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dineen declared a conflict on Item 7 – Approval of Council Meeting Minutes as she was not in attendance at the last meeting.

Councillor McArthur declared a conflict on Item 7 – Approval of Council Meeting Minutes as he was not in attendance at the last meeting.

4. Public Participation

Dave Witzke, Stayner (electronic participation)

- Asked why there is no photo/video option available when reporting problems to staff and Council.
- Asked when the speed/radar sign by the Stayner Medical Centre will be fixed.
- Asked why the Avening Hall Board meeting minutes from December 17, 2024, have not been posted.

Brenna Lattimore, Clearview Sustainability Network

- Advised that the Clearview Sustainability Network Event Boulevards, By-laws, Butterflies and Birds on February 6th was a success.
- Thanked Township Staff and Council who participated and attended the event and are encouraged that the Township is willing to look at a new policy framework
- Advised that the session recording should be available in the near future.

5. Delegations and Presentations

5.1 Simcoe County Insurance Pool – Implementation Overview

Ryan Durrell, Actuarial & Insurance Management Advisor (Axxima), provided a presentation on the implementation of the proposed Simcoe County Municipal Insurance Pool, including the changes to the coverage, premiums and savings over the time period of the Agreement.

CAO-002-2025 – Municipal Insurance Pool Startup**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report CAO-002-2025 (Municipal Insurance Pool Startup) dated February 10, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Form of Subscription in the Municipalities of Simcoe County's Subscribers Agreement; and,
- 2) That the CAO, Treasurer, or an appropriate designate, be authorized to represent the Township on the Municipal Insurance Pool Advisory Board; and,
- 3) That financial support for the startup of the municipal insurance pool, as outlined in this report, be approved.

5.2 2024 OSIM Bridge Inspections Presentation

Jeremy Cober, Project Engineer with R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, provided a presentation on the Township's 2024 OSIM Bridge Inspection process and results.

6. Public Meetings

None.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Dineen and Councillor McArthur recused themselves from participating in debate or voting on this item.

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2025, Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Correspondence and Information Items**8.1 Closed Session Report (if any)**

None.

8.2 NVCA Media Release – Johnathan Scott and Gail Little acclaimed as NVCA Chair and Vice Chair**8.3 Simcoe County Release – Warden proclaims February as Black History Month in County of Simcoe**

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren encouraged everyone to review and participate in Black History Month events.

8.4 Joint Release – Ontario SPCA partnership ensures pets and their people stay warm this winter

8.5 NVCA – Opinion – Conservation Authorities are a Pillar in our Communities

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren encouraged everyone to review the article written in the Creemore Echo.

8.6 Release – County Celebrates Age-Friendly Champions

8.7 Joint Release – County funds expanded access to barrier-free healthcare for marginalized communities

9. Council Reports and Community Announcements

9.1 Ward Reports

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Provincial Funding Grant Announcement, Creemore BIA meeting, Chamber of Commerce Business After 5, Sunnidale Winterama breakfast and participated in the Morgan Taylor Memorial Snowmobile ride and will be attending County Council.

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the 50th Anniversary of Sunnidale Winterama, Clearview Sustainability Network event and will be attending the Winterama wrap-up celebration.

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Provincial Funding Grant Announcement and will be attending the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Clearview Public Library Board meetings.

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Provincial Funding Grant Announcement, the Culture & Sports Hall of Fame meeting, Chamber of Commerce Business After 5, 50th Anniversary of Sunnidale Winterama, Clearview Sustainability Network event, Olive Grove Wellness grand opening and enjoyed a sleigh-ride at the McArthur Farm.

Councillor Dineen

- Thanked the new members of the Nottawa Hall Board, Dave, Michelle and Reg for volunteering

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended Culture & Sports Hall of Fame meeting and encouraged everyone to put in nominations.
- Attended Sunnidale Winterama, Clearview Sustainability Network event and the Olive Grove Wellness grand opening.

10. Department Reports**Finance**

Report # FIN-005-2025 – 2025 Corporate Budget Adoption**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report FIN-005-2025 (2025 Corporate Budget Adoption) dated February 10, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council approve the 2025 Budget with a net tax increase of 3.48%. Motion Carried.

Public Works

Report # PW-001-2025 – Speed Reduction on Warrington Road**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-001-2025 (Speed Reduction – Warrington Road) dated February 10, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council approve reducing the speed limit on Warrington Road from 80 km/hr to 50 km/hr from Centreline Road to 21/22 Sideroad Nottawasaga; and,
- 2) That a speed reduction by-law be presented at the February 10th, 2025, Regular Council meeting. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-002-2025 – Reduced Load Period By-law Update**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-002-2025 (Reduced Load Period By-law Update) dated February 10, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council supports the proposed updates to the Reduced Load Period as outlined in the report; and,

- 2) That an updated Reduced Load Period By-law be presented at the February 10th, 2025, Regular Council meeting. Motion Carried.

Planning & Building

Report # PB-004-2025 – Clearview Official Plan 2024 Appeals

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-004-2025 (Clearview Official Plan 2024 - Appeals) dated February 10, 2025, for information. Motion Carried.

11. By-laws

By-law 25-12 – Reduced Load Period By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-law 25-12, being a by-law to designate the effective dates of a reduced load period on roads under the jurisdiction of the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of February, 2025. Motion Carried.

By-law 25-13 – Prescribe Rate of Speed (Warrington Road)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that By-law 25-13, being a by-law to prescribe a rate of speed for motor vehicles drive on certain public highways, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of February 2025. Motion Carried.

By-law 25-14 – Municipal Borrowing By-law (Stayner Sand Dome)

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 25-14, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$2,957,000 towards the cost of the Stayner Sand Dome project, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of February 2025. Motion Carried.

12. Notice of Motion/New Business

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren – Township Logo on Municipally Owned Vehicles and Equipment

Resolution:

Whereas it is important to ensure that the Township's logo is prominently displayed on Township owned assets such as vehicles and equipment (existing and new) to clearly identify it as municipal property; and,

Whereas when new assets are acquired it's also important to ensure the Township's logo/insignia is installed as soon as possible after the acquisition;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to create a procedure to which all existing and new Township vehicles and equipment that are purchased, are outfitting with the Township logo within the first few weeks of delivery, to properly identify ownership.

Councillor Dineen – Community Assistance Grants

Councillor Dineen reminded the community to get their applications in for the Community Assistance Grants and Sponsorships by the deadline of February 28th.

13. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that By-Law 25-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 10th, 2025, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of February, 2025. Motion Carried.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, 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