

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 May 26th, 2025, at 3:30 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 Legal Services, Sasha Helmkey
Director of Planning & Building, Amy Cann
Director of Parks and Recreation, Terry Vachon
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Kelly McDonald
Director of Human Resources, Tammy Gill
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault
Fire Chief, Scott Davison
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe
Manager of Public Works, Todd Patton
Manager of Engineering, Patti Kennedy
Planning & Development Technician, Colin Ens Funk

1. Closed Session

Resolution:

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

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

Mayor Measures also noted that King Charles and Queen Camilla are in Ottawa to mark the opening of the 45th Parliament.

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

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated May 26, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Public Participation

Gail Crocker, Creemore Horticulture Society

- Asked that the height restrictions for boulevard gardens in the proposed Encroachment By-law be increased to 1 meter

Brenna Lattimore, Clearview Sustainability Network

- Asked that the height restrictions for boulevard gardens in the proposed Encroachment By-law be increased to 1 meter
- Asked that the proposed permitting fee be a one-time fee and not annual

Alan Riddell, Clearview Sustainability Network

- Asked that the fee for boulevard gardens in the proposed Encroachment By-law be a one-time fee and not an annual fee

Angelina Stockman

- Asked that the fee for boulevard gardens in the proposed Encroachment By-law be a one-time fee and not an annual fee

Jim Campbell, Clearview Sustainability Network

- Would like Council to put forth comments to the Province on Bill 5

5. Delegations and Presentations

5.1 Creemore Business Improvement Area – 2025 Budget Update

Sarah Hershoff, BIA Treasurer and Nancy Johnston, BIA President provided a brief update on updates made to their 2025 Budget. A generous donation was made to the BIA from Mr. John Harper and the money will be used towards a new Santa Clause parade float. Other changes were made in relation to the Streetscapes project and social media.

Mayor Measures thanked Sarah and Nancy for their presentation and Council passed the following motion.

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the amended 2025 BIA Budget as presented. Motion Carried.

5.2 Creemore Community Foundation – Open Alcohol in Creemore Village

Jeremy Mantesso, Manager of Creemore Community Foundation provided a presentation to Council proposing Open Alcohol be permitted in the Village Green outdoor area in Creemore. Mr. Mantesso outlined the predicted benefits and the proposed involvement of the Foundation.

Mayor Measures thanked Jeremy for his presentation and Council passed the following motion.

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby directs staff to investigate permitting open alcohol at the Creemore Village Green, including any updates that would be required to the property Management Agreement with the Creemore Community Foundation, and report back to Council. Motion Carried.

6. Public Meetings

No items.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2025, Council Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Correspondence and Information Items

8.1 Closed Session Report

Klondike Park Road Well Site, Reservoir & Pumping Station Project

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, 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 Klondike Park Road Well Site, Reservoir & Pumping Station Project. Motion Carried.

8.2 Municipal Notification Letter – Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (Bill 17)

8.3 Release – County building up licensed childcare spaces in communities across the region

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren provided an update on the County's childcare dashboard. He also stated that comments are being received until June 11th in regard to Bill 17 and encouraged residents to submit their comments.

9. Council Reports and Community Announcements

9.1 Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Stated that the Stayner Siskins held their year-end banquet and congratulated Don Barney Parker in receiving the new Don "Barney" Parker Lifetime Siskin Award
- Attended the Clearview Accessibility Committee meeting and stated the National AccessAbility week is May 25th to May 31st
- Attended the new Foodland Grand Opening, Tulip Days and the Library Board's meeting

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Tulip Days Festival and was emcee for the event
- Attended the Station on the Green meeting, Creemore Cadet Corps flag raising ceremony and the Stayner Heritage Society's AGM
- Went to the Butterfly Conservatory with his grandchildren over the weekend and noted that there is lots to learn about Pollinator Gardens

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Tulip Days Festival
- Stated that the Nottawa Hall raised \$1,956.34 through their scrap metal drive, rehomed at least 50 bicycles and even repurposed a metal door. She thanked Huronia Auto Wreckers and Recycling for their bins as well as everyone who donated to the fundraiser

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended the new Foodland Grand Opening, Tulip Days Festival and the Kinsman Life Membership presentation dinner

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Creemore Farmers Market, Creemore Log Cabin Victoria Day event, the Streetscapes meeting and the Creemore Coyotes Cornhole Tournament

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the new Foodland's Grad Opening, Library Board meeting, Clearview Chamber of Commerce meeting and the Simcoe County Conference

Mayor Measures

- Attended the new Foodland's Grand opening and the Simcoe County Conference and the Kinsmen Life Membership presentation dinner
- Thanked Councillor Beelen, Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, former Mayor Chris Vanderkruys, the Elmvale Classic Aircraft Foundation and everyone else who attended the Tulip Days Festival

10. Department Reports**Planning & Building**

Report # PB-019-2025 – Delegated & Other Planning Act Approvals Summary – May 2025**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PB-019-2025 (Delegated & Other Planning Act Approvals Summary – May 2025) dated May 26, 2025, for information. Motion Carried.

Public Works

Report # PW-009-2025 – Purchase of Used Transit Bus**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-009-2025 (Purchase of Used Transit Bus) dated May 26, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council approve the purchase of a used transit bus from MSL (Mulmer Services) Ltd in the amount of \$60,000 plus H.S.T; and,
- 2) That the purchase be funded from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-010-2025 – Encroachment By-law Update (Boulevard Gardens)**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-010-2025 (Encroachment By-law Update – Boulevard Gardens) dated May 26, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council supports the new updated Encroachment By-law, that includes regulations for boulevard gardens on public lands, as outlined in Appendix B with the following amendment(s):
 - That the height of plant material permitted under Schedule A, Section 3.7 of the By-law be amended to change the height to 1 metre, and for safety reasons, add a day light sight triangle plant height of 0.6 m for boulevard gardens at an intersection of a local-to-local road of 3 m by 3 m and a collector road to a local road of 7.5 m on the collector road side and 3 m on the local road side.
 - That the height of plant material permitted under Schedule A, Section 3.7 of the By-law be amended to add a day light sight triangle of 3 m by 3 m at driveways and permitting a plant height of 0.6 m within this triangle.
 - That the by-law contain a clause that it is in effect for a one-year pilot project from the day of passing, with the opportunity to make it a permanent by-law after a year; and,
- 2) That Council directs staff to present the final by-law for approval at the June 2, 2025, meeting and that the fee be waived for the first year of the pilot project and beginning May 24, 2026, an annual fee be established and approved by Council. Motion Carried as amended.

Amendment 1:**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that the motion before Council be amended to replace part 1 with the following:

- 1) That Council supports the new updated Encroachment By-law, that includes regulations for boulevard gardens on public lands, as outlined in Appendix B with the following amendment(s):
 - That the height of plant material permitted under Schedule A, Section 3.7 of the By-law be amended to change the height to 1 metre, and for safety reasons, add a day light sight triangle plant height of 0.6 m for boulevard gardens at an intersection of a local-to-local road of 3 m by 3 m and a collector road to a local road of 7.5 m on the collector road side and 3 m on the local road side.

- That the height of plant material permitted under Schedule A, Section 3.7 of the By-law be amended to add a day light sight triangle of 3 m by 3 m at driveways and permitting a plant height of 0.6 m within this triangle.
- That the by-law contain a clause that it is in effect for a one-year pilot project from the day of passing, with the opportunity to make it a permanent by-law after a year. Motion Carried.

Amendment 2:**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor McArthur, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that the motion before Council be amended to replace the fee of part 2 with the following:

- That the fee be waived for the first year of the pilot project and beginning May 24, 2026, an annual fee be established and approved by Council. Motion Carried.

Report # PW-011-2025 – Granular Material Tender Award**Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PW-011-2025 (Granular Material Tender Award) dated May 26, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council Award tender number 2025-04 to Arnill Construction Ltd. o/a Seeley & Arnill Construction in the amount of \$441,750.00 plus H.S.T. for Supply of Granular Material for Township gravel road resurfacing. Motion Carried.

11. By-laws**By-law 25-35 – Amend Appointment By-law 22-101 (Nottawa Hall Board)****Resolution:**

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that By-law 25-35, being a 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 26th day of May, 2025. Motion Carried.

12. Notice of Motion/New Business

Dan Perreault, Director of Public Works confirmed that the Ice Storm Clean-up is nearing completion.

13. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that By-Law 25-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 26th, 2025, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 26th day of May, 2025. Motion Carried.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Broderick Seconded by Councillor Walker, Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original Signed by:

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Original Signed by:

Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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