

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Princeton Centennial Hall
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m at the Princeton Centennial Hall.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Demarest

Staff: Baer, Borton, Krug, Harmer, Mordue, Richardson and Scherer.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the October 7, 2020 Meeting of Council be adopted.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations/Presentations

a. David Simpson, Director of Public Works, Oxford County, Re: Intercommunity Bus Transit

David Simpson, Oxford County Public Works & Ronda Stewart, Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation presented the findings of the public consultation campaign as well as the results of the RFP and reviewed the financial plan.

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim declines to participate in the North Oxford Intercommunity Bus Transit System proposed by Oxford County Public Works.

.Carried

8. Correspondence

a. General

- i. Oxford County Municipalities – Safe & Well Communities

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that general correspondence be received as information.

.Carried

b. Specific

None.

9. Staff Reports

a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-20-15 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That report DS 20-15 be received as information.

.Carried

ii. DS-20-14 – Petition for Drainage Appointment of Engineer

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report DS-20-14 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority have not registered any comments to the petition for drainage works for the Lots 9 Concession 4 and Lots 8 Con 3 from Valerie Pynenburg and other property owner in the affected area of the existing private McCrow Drain; and further,

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per the petition accordance with Section 4 of the Drainage Act.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

i. PW-20-14 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by - Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report PW-20-14 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services

i. FC-20-18 – Parking By-law 2185-2020

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by - Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Council receive report FC-20-18 as information.

.Carried

d. Denise Krug – Director of Finance

i. TR-20-14 – 2021 Budget Schedule

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by - Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report TR-20-14 be received as information;

And further that Council adopt the budget schedule for the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, set out in Report TR-20-14.

.Carried

ii. TR-20-15 – Bell Total Connect

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by - Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report TR-20-15 be received as information;

And further that Council approve funding of the installation of a tower needed to improve the internet at the Township office, from the Modernization grant received from the province in 2019, now held in the Working Capital Reserve.

.Carried

e. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

i. CS-20-10 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by - Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report CS-20-10 be received as information.

.Carried

f. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

- i. CBO-20-13 – Habitat for Humanity Project

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by - Councillor Banbury

That Report CBO-20-13 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. CAO-20-14 – January 2021 Council Meetings

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by - Councillor Banbury

That Report CAO-20-14 be received; and,

That the Council meeting for January 6, 2021 be cancelled and the following meetings be established for the month of January 2021:

- January 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Council
- January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Operating Budget presentation

10. Reports from Council Members

Mayor Peterson stated that Lions Club and Heritage Society conducted a food drive that was incredibly successful. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Multi-Purpose Pad in Princeton on Thursday October 15th at 6:00 p.m.

11. Unfinished Business

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by - Councillor Banbury

That Whereas unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have increasingly become a problem in communities in Ontario as well as across the Country; and,

Whereas these operations are allowed to establish with little or no consultation with the local community and municipalities are often only made aware of their existence after conflicts arise with neighboring land owners; and,

Whereas loopholes in existing Federal legislation allow these large scale grow op's to establish and operate without any of the regulations or protocols that licensed and monitored operations need to adhere to,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim urges the Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

.Carried

12. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Closed Session

a. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

- Vacant lot at Wilmot Street North

b. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.

- Report from CBO Scherer

c. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- Councillor Read update

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by - Councillor Banbury

That Council move into closed session under the authority of section 239 of the Municipal Act at 6:05 p.m. to discuss:

- a. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
 - Vacant lot at Wilmot Street North

- b. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.
 - Report from CBO Scherer

- c. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
 - Councillor Read update

.Carried

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by - Councillor Banbury

That Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 6:39 p.m.

.Carried

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2208-2020, and 2209-2020.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the following By-laws be now given a third and final reading: 2208-2020, and 2209-2020.

.Carried

16. Other Business

None

17. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:40 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday,
October 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim