

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

TWENTIETH MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18 2024

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday November 18th 2024 at 4:30 pm at the Enniskillen Council chambers.

Present: Kevin Marriott, Mary Lynne McCallum, Wally Van Dun, Judy Krall and Chad Burke

Mayor Marriott chaired the meeting.

Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Marriott requested that each member of Council declare an interest at the appropriate time within the agenda where an interest may exist.

A. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the minutes of the meeting of November 4 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

B. Interviews

Drain Maintenance Requests-

8th Concession Drain- The Clerk noted that a request had been received to clean the 8th Concession drain of sediment.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That Councillor Krall be appointed as Council representative for the site meeting to be held for the 8th Concession Drain.

Carried.

2-3 Concession Drain- The Clerk reported that a site meeting was necessary for the 2-3 Concession Drain to address replacement of culverts on the drain.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That Councillor Van Dun be appointed as Council representative for the site meeting of the 2-3 Concession Drain.

Carried.

Matt Hamilton MNP- Asset Management Plan

Mr. Hamilton reported to Council that he had supervised the production of the asset management plan for the Township.

Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of the content of the plan. He observed that the Township asset information was kept in different formats. He recommended that the Township engage outside consultants to prepare condition indexes for the assets rather than relying on the age of the assets.

He reported that the user fees to support water and sewer assets appeared adequate. He reported that the tax base was not sufficient to financially support assets.

Mr. Hamilton noted that there were no dedicated reserves for capital replacement.

Mr. Hamilton noted that the report provided indications of the projected expenditures for capital replacement to be used to assist in financial planning.

Mr. Hamilton ended by recommending that the Council have engineering firms prepare a condition index for each of the linear capital asset categories.

Councillor Krall thanked Mr. Hamilton for the work on the asset management plan.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the Council of the Township of Enniskillen adopt the 2024 asset management plan.

Carried.

Trevor Brand- concerns regarding the potential changes to Enniskillen Township's procedural bylaws

Mr. Brand noted that the Council should be open and transparent while managing the Township.

Mayor Marriott noted that Mr. Brand was present to provide comments on the procedural bylaw not pose questions to Council.

Mr. Brand proceeded to pose a series of questions regarding the manner in which the Township administration disclosed information.

Mr. Brand noted that Council had not provided a resolution to proceed to change the Township procedural bylaw in the November 4 2024 minutes.

Memo: Drains

The Clerk noted that the Drainage Superintendent had requested that a second site meeting be held for the creation of a new municipal drain on Gypsie Flats Road. The Drainage Superintendent wanted to comply with the requirements of Section 4 of the Drainage Act.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That Councillor McCallum be appointed as the Council representative for a site meeting under the provisions of Section 4 of the Drainage Act for the preparation of a new report for a drain on Gypsie Flats Road out letting into the Odell Drain.
Carried.

The Clerk reported that he would request the Engineer and Drainage Superintendent to be present to discuss the potential costs associated with the extension of the Durham Creek Drain under Section 4 of the Drainage Act.

Sewers: Memo on Oil City Lagoon

The Clerk reported that the second application of alum for the Oil City Lagoon had taken place. Sampling of the lagoon would start the next day to determine whether the effluent would meet discharge standards.

An environmental consultant had been hired to review the stream flow of the discharge stream for the Oil City Lagoon. The data was to form part of the information to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment to obtain approval for a second annual discharge of the lagoon.

C. Correspondence for information

1. OPP release of 2023 annual report
2. Ministry of Finance 2025 property tax rate information
3. St Clair Region Conservation Authority Watershed Management Strategy
4. St Clair Region Conservation Authority meeting highlights October 24 2024
5. MPAC property assessment update
6. County of Lambton Highlights November 7 2024
7. AMO -Encampments and Opioid Crisis
8. Lambton Farm Safety Meeting Nov 18-24 minutes Sept 16-24
9. County of Lambton Child Care career fair
10. Ontario Energy Board Timely Connection of New Load Customers
11. Ministry of Energy Integrated Energy Resource Plan

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That correspondence items 1-11 be received and filed.

Carried.

D. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Puslinch excess soil management

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun
That the resolution from Puslinch regarding excess soil disposal be received and filed.
Carried.

2. Resolution Midland Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor Burke
That the resolution from Midland regarding funding of small urban municipalities be received and filed.
Carried.

3. Resolution McGarry- funding to municipalities from property sales

Moved by Councillor Krall
Seconded by Councillor McCallum
That the resolution from McGarry be supported regarding funding to municipalities from property sales.
Carried.

E. Accounts

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That the accounts be paid as circulated:
Cheque 18947-18992: \$ 360,068.90
Carried.

F. Other Business

1. Council meeting dates 2025

Moved by Councillor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Krall
That the 2025 Council meeting dates be approved.
Carried.

2. Budget to Actual Oct 31 2024

3. Memo- update to appointment bylaw
The Clerk noted proposed changes to the appointment bylaw.
Councillor McCallum expressed an interest in remaining on the Seniors Advisory committee.

The Clerk noted that an amended appointment bylaw would be circulated for the next meeting.

4. Memo- Update IESO Process

The Clerk updated Council on a recent presentation regarding electrical generation contract requirements.

Councillor McCallum questioned on the plans for parking at Krall Park due to the construction of the new washroom building.

G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 46 of 2024-11th Concession Drain Rating Bylaw
2. Bylaw 56 of 2024- Procedure Bylaw
3. Bylaw 57 of 2024- Police False Alarm Bylaw
4. Bylaw 59 of 2024- Confirmation Bylaw
5. Bylaw 60 of 2024- Drain Rating Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 46, 56, 57, 59 and 60 of 2024.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor McCallum

That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 46, 56, 57, 59 and 60 of 2024.

Carried.

H. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk