

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

FIRST MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 13 2025

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen was held on Monday January 13 2025 at 4:30 pm at the Enniskillen Council Chambers.

Present: Kevin Marriott, 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 Dec 16 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

B. Interviews

Renee Ethier- Light Pollution

Renee Ethier had circulated a letter to Council expressing concerns regarding the lighting at the Enniskillen Produce greenhouse that had started in December of 2024. She questioned whether the current site plan agreement permitted the new lighting or whether a new site plan agreement had been put in place.

Mayor Marriott noted that the installation of lighting in the greenhouse would not have required a building permit.

The Clerk noted that he was awaiting an opinion from the municipal lawyer regarding the existing site plan agreement.

Peter Greydanus attended the meeting confirming the lighting was to be used for growing English cucumbers. He noted that the lighting was required for up to 18 hours per day starting at 11 pm in the evening. He noted that LED lights had been installed in the greenhouse which he hoped would limit the light escaping from the site.

Renee Ethier noted that she wanted a bylaw in place that would control the lighting escaping the site.

Mr. Greydanus discussed the concerns with ventilation of the greenhouse with curtains installed.

It was noted that light exposure in the area of the greenhouse changes depending on the weather conditions.

Renee Ethier noted that the light also affected the natural environment. She believed that the greenhouse lights operated by High Park had affected the snakes and amphibians.

Peter Greydanus noted that the use of grow lights in greenhouses was a normal farming practice. He questioned whether there was provincial policy regarding greenhouse lighting.

#### Drains- 2-3 Concession Drain

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held regarding the erosion taking place in the open portion of the Miller Drain. It had been recommended by the Engineer that the Miller Drain be included in the 2-3 Concession Drain report to address the erosion.

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That R Dobbin Engineering be authorized to prepare a new report on the 2-3 concession Drain and the Miller Drain under Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

Carried.

#### O'Dell Drain Site Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Burke

Seconded by Councillor Krall

That R Dobbin Engineering be appointed to prepare a new report under Section 4 of the Drainage Act to incorporate a branch drain.

Carried.

#### Oil Springs Court of Revision Thompson Drain

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That Councillor Burke be appointed as the Council representative for the Thompson Drain report prepared by the Village of Oil Springs.

Carried.

#### C. Correspondence for information

1. Municipal Accountability Act
2. Lambton Group Police Board Agenda Dec 18 2024
3. Lambton Group Police report Sept/Oct 2024
4. AMO Policy Update
5. MFOA Federal Fall Economic Statement
6. Sydenham Phosphorus Reduction Initiative

7. Ministry of Municipal Affairs investments to support homelessness prevention
8. Ministry of Solicitor General grant to protect firefighters from cancer
9. Lambton Farm Safety Association – Agenda Jan 7 2025
10. County of Lambton Creative County Committee Awards 2025
11. Alcohol And Gaming Commission notice of cannabis sale license application
12. Ministry of Energy-Energy Efficiency Programs
13. County of Lambton Development Services Appointments

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That correspondence items 1-13 be received and filed.

Carried.

D. Correspondence requiring motions

1. Resolution Bellville OPP Costs

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Belleville regarding additional funding for policing be supported.

Carried

2. Resolution Kincardine- Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Kincardine be received and filed.

Carried.

3. Resolution Toronto blood and plasma policy

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the resolution from Toronto be received and filed.

Carried.

E. Accounts

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That the accounts be paid as circulated:

Cheque: 19048-19121: \$ 490,862.78

Visa- Dec 23-2024 \$1,787.29

Visa- Jan 6-2025 \$ 1,281.58

Carried.

F. Other Business

1. Council Vacancy

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That the Council resignation from Mary Lynne McCallum be accepted and that the Council declare the council position vacant.

Carried.

Council discussed whether to hold a by-election or appoint a person to fill the vacant council seat. The Clerk noted that the Municipal Elections Act provided the process to hold a by-election. Staff circulated and discussed a draft process for Council appointment.

Moved by Councillor Krall

Seconded by Councillor Van Dun

That Council adopt the appointment process to fill the vacant Council seat as presented by staff.

Carried.

2. Revised Policing Costs 2025

The Clerk noted that the province had reduced the policing costs for 2025 by over \$70,000.

3. St Clair Conservation Authority representative

Mayor Marriott noted that he would speak with the Mayor of Oil Springs regarding the appointment of a new representative to the St Clair Region Conservation Authority.

4. Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee Recruitment

Moved by Councillor Van Dun

Seconded by Councillor Burke

That Judy Krall be appointed to the Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council.

Carried.

5. Association of Municipalities membership

6. Building Agreement 5374 Petrolia Line

The Clerk noted that the draft agreement would permit the owners to live in their current house until the completion of a new dwelling on the property. Bylaw 4 of 2025 authorized a demolition agreement which would require the removal of the old house by December 31 2027.

G. Bylaws

1. Bylaw 1 of 2025- Borrowing Bylaw
2. Bylaw 2 of 2025- Council Remuneration
3. Bylaw 3 of 2025- Confirmation Bylaw
4. Bylaw 4 of 2025- Building Agreement 5374 Petrolia Line

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Van Dun  
That first and second reading be given to Bylaws 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 2025.  
Carried.

Moved by Councillor Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Krall  
That third and final reading be given to Bylaws 1, 2,3 and 4 of 2025.  
Carried.

H. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Krall  
Seconded by Councillor Burke  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk