



MINUTES
MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE
REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2024, 5:00 P.M.
Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

Members Present: Mayor McMillan
Deputy Mayor Smibert
Councillor Heeman
Councillor Lockie

Members Absent: Councillor Crockett

Staff Present: D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Craven, Director of Public Works
M. Bancroft, Director of Planning & Development Services
S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services & Facilities
E. Schinbein, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
S. Henshaw, Interim Clerk
J. Nethercott, Interim Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McMillan advised that the EarlyOn program will be opening soon at River Heights Public School. Until it opens, there are EarlyOn programs available at the libraries in both Dorchester and Thorndale.

Mayor McMillan advised there is a Public Information Open House on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre, regarding the Thorndale Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Mayor McMillan advised that the FlightExec Centre will be hosting the 2024 Ontario Men's and Women's Curling Championships from January 21st to 28th.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 John Podeszwa - Wind Turbines in Thames Centre

John Podeszwa, was in attendance and provided his opinions on wind turbines in Thames Centre.

Resolution: 1-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT the delegation from John Podeszwa, regarding Wind Turbines in Thames Centre, be received for information.

Carried.

5.2 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) - 2024 Draft Budget

Tracy Annett, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, UTRCA

Brian Petrie, Chair of the Board of Directors, UTRCA

Tracy Annett, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, and Brian Petrie, Chair of the Board of Directors, both of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) were in attendance to present the 2024 UTRCA Draft Budget.

Ms. Annett and Mr. Petrie answered questions from Council.

Resolution: 2-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT the presentation from Tracy Annett and Brian Petrie of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), regarding the 2024 Draft Budget, be received for information.

Carried.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 3-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: T. Heeman

THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Council, held on December 11, 2023 be approved as circulated;

AND THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on December 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

6.1 Special Council Minutes - December 11, 2023

6.2 Regular Council Minutes - December 11, 2023

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution: 4-2023

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: T. Heeman

THAT Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8 be received as information.

Carried.

- 7.1 Quarterly Department Reports - October to December 2023**
- 7.2 PDS-BD-001-24 - Building Services 2023 Annual Report**
- 7.3 Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights - December 12, 2023**
- 7.4 Middlesex-London Health Unit - Monthly Board of Health Update - November 2023**
- 7.5 Middlesex-London Health Unit - Monthly Board of Health Update - December 2023**
- 7.6 Ministry of Solicitor General - In-Force Date for Community Safety and Policing Act**
- 7.7 Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund - Thank You Letter**
- 7.8 North Dorchester Agricultural Society - Thank You Letter**

8. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

8.1 PW-TS-001-24 - Dorchester Road Urbanization - Engineering

Resolution: 5-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: D. Lockie

THAT Report No. PW-TS-001-24 Dorchester Road Urbanization – Engineering be received for information;

AND THAT Spriet Associates London Ltd. be engaged to complete the engineering and design work related to the 2024 capital approved Dorchester Rd Urbanization project for a total cost of \$147,552 including rebated HST.

Carried.

8.2 PW-DR-001-24 - Sifton Petition - Request for Drainage Works

Resolution: 6-2024

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: M. Smibert

THAT Report No. PW-DR-001-24 of the Drainage Superintendent, dated January 15, 2024, concerning requests received by Justin Diotte for a request for new drainage works, be received for information;

AND THAT the petitions submitted by Justin Diotte, under Section 4 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, for new drainage works, in relation to property located at CON B SRT PT LOT 17 RP 33R16963 Parts 2 to 4 PT Part 1 (former township of North Dorchester) be received and adopted;

AND THAT Mr. M. P. Devos, of Spriet Associates, be appointed the Engineer to investigate and prepare the necessary drainage report.

Carried.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Resolution: 7-2024

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: M. Smibert

THAT Reports of Committees Agenda Items 9.1 and 9.2 be approved as presented.

Carried.

9.1 Local School Advisory Committee Minutes - December 14, 2023

9.2 Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee Minutes - December 20, 2023

Resolution: TDPAC-30-2023

Moved by: K. Hallman

Seconded by: J. Wischlinski

THAT Report No. C-TDPAHC-001-2023, Thorndale Dog Park Construction Update be received for information

AND THAT a "soft" opening date of January 5, 2024 be set.

Carried.

Resolution: TDPAC-31-2023

Moved by: S. Williams

Seconded by: L. Barnes

THAT Report No. C-TDPAHC-002-23 be received for information;

AND THAT the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Thorndale Lions Club for the naming rights of the Thorndale Dog Park for the sum of \$7,500.00, as per the terms outlined within the report;

Carried.

Resolution: TDPAC-33-2023

Moved by: K. Hallman

Seconded by: J. Wischlinski

THAT the funds and fundraising monies remaining after the core costs are covered for the Thorndale Dog Park are hereby allocated towards the purchase of amenities, up to \$30,000.

Carried.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor McMillan provided an update of activities since the last report on December 11, 2023.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

No items.

13. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

14. BY-LAWS

Resolution: 8-2024

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: M. Smibert

THAT By-law 102-2023 be given third and final reading;

AND THAT By-laws 1-2024 through 6-2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

14.1 By-law 102-2023 - Final Reading of Op Den Kelder-Paton Drain By-law

Being a By-law to provide for drainage works in the Municipality of Thames Centre and the County of Middlesex for the borrowing on the credit of the Municipality of Thames Centre, the sum of \$209,400.00 being the amount to be contributed for the completion of the same.

THIRD AND FINAL READING (First and Second readings completed on October 30, 2023)

14.2 By-law 1-2024 - Borrowing By-law

Being a By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024

14.3 By-law 2-2024 - Interim Tax Levy

Being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy.

14.4 By-law 3-2024 - Appoint Committee of Adjustment

Being a By-law to Constitute and Appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Municipality of Thames Centre.

14.5 By-law 4-2024 - Adopt 2024 Budget

Being a By-law to adopt the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Estimates.

14.6 By-law 5-2024 - Appoint By-law Enforcement and Property Standards Officer

Being a By-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer, Property Standards Officer and Risk Management Inspector for the Municipality of Thames Centre.

14.7 By-law 6-2024 - Confirmatory By-law

Being a By-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution of the Municipality of Thames Centre.

15. MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 9-2024

Moved by: T. Heeman

Seconded by: D. Lockie

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

Carried.

S. McMillan, Mayor

S. Henshaw, Interim Clerk