



Date: February 28, 2023
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

COUNCIL PRESENT

- S. Bentley, Mayor
- S. Patterson, Councillor
- J. Metcalfe, Councillor
- D. Lawrence, Councillor
- N. Stam, Councillor
- R. Shirton, Councillor (participated electronically)
- P. O'Neill, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT

- C. Manley, Chief Administrative Officer
- M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
- T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
- M. Jamieson, Director, Human Resources
- M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
- P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations
- D. Pressey, Director, Roads Operations
- B. Hedges, Manager, Environmental Operations
- N. McKinnon, Supervisor, Environmental Operations
- S. VanDalen, Manager, Planning & Development
- E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division / Municipal Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bentley called the Council in Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor O'Neill read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

C. ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance. Councillor Shirton participated electronically.

D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

E. PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Patterson, Chair of Public Meeting for Planning Applications, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Prior to commencing the public meeting, the Chair explained the meeting, delegation and appeal process. He noted that decisions made by Committee at this meeting would be given final consideration at the March 6, 2023 Council meeting.

1 PDD-03-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment for a New Vacation Home Dwelling on Private Road – 1 Great Lakes Lane

S. VanDalen presented the report.

There being no one else present to speak either for or against this application, deliberations concluded with the introduction of the following recommendation.

Recommendation 1

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Stam

1. THAT Report PDD-03-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment for a New Vacation Home Dwelling on Private Lane – 1 Great Lakes Lane be received;
2. AND THAT application PLZ-HA-2022-146 to amend the Haldimand County Zoning By-law HC 1-2020 by rezoning the subject lands from “Agriculture (A)” Zone to “Lakeshore Residential – Holding (RL – H)” Zone and adding special provision RL.6 to permit a vacation home dwelling to be constructed on a vacant lot of record fronting onto a private lane be approved for reasons outlined in Report PDD-03-2023;
3. AND THAT the Holding (H) Provision removal by-law attached to Report PDD-03-2023 be presented for enactment and the General Manager of Community & Development Services be granted authority to remove the Holding (H) Provision when all conditions relating to the matter are satisfactorily addressed;
4. AND THAT the application is considered to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), A Place to Grow (2020), and other matters of Provincial Interest.

CARRIED

G. MOTIONS OF CONSENT

Mayor Bentley resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Recommendation 2

Moved By: Councillor Stam

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the following motions be approved:

- 1 EMS-M01-2023 Response Time Performance Plan Results 2022
THAT Memorandum EMS-M01-2023 Response Time Performance Plan Results 2022 be received.
- 2 ENV-01-2023 Annual Water Quality Reports
THAT Report ENV-01-2023 Annual Water Quality Reports be received.
- 3 HRD-02-2023 Public Sector Salary Disclosure - 2022
THAT Report HRD-02-2023 Public Sector Salary Disclosure – 2022 be received.

CARRIED

H. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Councillor Lawrence, Chair of Community & Development Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

1.1 CDP-05-2023 Fields and Parks Management Request – Springvale Park Committee

Recommendation 3

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report CDP-05-2023 Fields and Parks Management Request – Springvale Park Committee be received;
2. AND THAT the Springvale Park Committee be authorized to manage the ongoing operations and maintenance of Springvale Park;
3. AND THAT a grant, in the amount of \$4,940 for 2023, calculated in keeping with Haldimand County's Fields & Parks Management Policy 2019-04, be approved;

4. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, attached to Report CDP-05-2023, with the Springvale Park Committee to operate and maintain Springvale Park;
5. AND THAT the operating approach and associated costs outlined in Report CDP-05-2023 be approved and considered as a Council-approved initiative in the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget.

CARRIED

1.2 EMS-01-2023 Community Paramedic Program Enhancements – Facilities, Equipment and Staffing

Recommendation 4

Moved By: Councillor Stam

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report EMS-01-2023 Community Paramedic Program Enhancements – Facilities, Equipment and Staffing be received;
2. AND THAT the revisions to the MOHLTC Community Paramedic – Long-Term Care Funding allocation as outlined in Report EMS-01-2023 be approved;
3. AND THAT the budget adjustments as outlined in Report EMS-01-2023 for Community Paramedic – Long Term Care be approved;
4. AND THAT the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget be amended to include the purchase of two (2) Community Paramedic Vehicles, a Trailer, diagnostic equipment, and office equipment for new staff at a total cost of \$311,800 with 100% of the cost being covered by the MOHLTC Community Paramedic Funding;
5. AND THAT the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget include a one-time Council-approved initiative to add a Temporary 1.0 FTE Divisional Support Staff, at an estimated cost of \$53,800 with 100% of the cost being covered by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant – LHIN, Ontario West Community Paramedic Funding.

CARRIED

1.3 PDD-10-2023 Grand River Notification Agreement Renewal - 2023

Recommendation 5

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report PDD-10-2023 Grand River Notification Agreement Review - 2023 be received;

2. AND THAT the amended Grand River Notification Agreement included as Attachment 1 to Report PDD-10-2023, be accepted;
3. AND THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the Grand River Notification Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of Haldimand County for reasons set out in Report PDD-10-2023.

CARRIED

- 1.4 PDD-11-2023 Grand River Conservation Authority and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – 2023 Municipal Levy

Recommendation 6

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT Report PDD-11-2023 Grand River Conservation Authority and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – 2023 Municipal Levy be received.

CARRIED

- 1.5 Other Business

None.

- 2 PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Councillor O'Neill, Chair of Public Works Operations, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

- 2.1 Other Business

None.

- 3 ENGINEERING & CAPITAL WORKS

Councillor Metcalfe, Chair of Engineering & Capital Works, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

- 3.1 Other Business

None.

- 4 FINANCIAL & DATA SERVICES

Councillor Stam, Chair of Financial & Data Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

4.1 FIN-04-2023 Budget Guidelines for Council Term 2022-2026

Recommendation 7

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report FIN-04-2023 Budget Guidelines for Council Term 2022-2026 be received;
2. AND THAT these guidelines be followed for the preparation of the tax supported Operating Budget:
 - A target of 3.0% average annual increase in the residential property tax rate be set for the budget years of 2023-2026, with a mid-term update provided by staff;
 - The annual assessment growth to be used;
 - i. firstly for increases in the tax levy to fund the annual tax supported capital requirements;
 - ii. secondly to fund growth related impacts, new initiatives, and service level enhancements;
 - iii. lastly, any unutilized annual assessment growth be transferred to the Contingency Reserve to offset future growth related cost increases if necessary;
 - Additional new initiatives for new or enhanced services will be presented for Council review if the net levy impact can be mitigated on a consolidated, corporate-wide basis and the individual business case provides for offsetting revenue sources, efficiency improvements or cost savings;
 - Funding related to Council approved new initiatives would be considered above and beyond the base budget requirements;
 - Mitigation measures will be presented for Council review as required to meet the approved target guidelines;
3. AND THAT these guidelines be approved for the preparation of the tax supported Capital Budget:
 - A 1.0% increase in the tax levy to fund capital requirements;
 - Capital portion of levy targeted to be at 35% of the total tax levy within the forecast period;
 - Capital expenditures reflect 80:20 ratio of capital expenditures state of good repair to new/enhanced projects over the 10 year forecast period;

4. AND THAT these principles be utilized for the preparation of the rate supported Capital and Operating budgets:
 - Full cost recovery of all water and wastewater operating and capital costs;
 - Overall, net costs will be recovered 50% from fixed revenues and 50% from variable revenues;
 - Leachate costs to be allocated based on relative loading at the treatment plant and recovered 50% from fixed revenues and 50% from variable revenues;
 - Annual indexing of all miscellaneous revenues based on annual increase of underlying costs.
5. AND THAT, unless approved by a specific Council resolution and until the annual tax supported budget is approved by Council, staff are delegated the following purchase authority, subject to the provisions of the County's Procurement Policy:
 - Operating Purchases: Up to 50% of the previous year's base budget expenditures, adjusted for the impacts of one-time expenditures approved, and excluding any proposed new initiatives or service level changes.

CARRIED

4.2 Other Business

None.

5 CORPORATE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Councillor Shirton, Chair of Corporate & Social Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

5.1 Other Business

None.

6 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Mayor Bentley, Chair of Corporate Affairs, resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

6.1 Other Business

6.1.1 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Haldimand County and Norfolk County Member Nomination

Recommendation 8

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the appointment of Councillor Vandendriessche to represent the interests of both Haldimand County and Norfolk County on the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee is supported.

CARRIED

F. PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS (11:00 A.M.)

Mayor Bentley resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1 Blue Box Transition

B. Hedges and N. McKinnon provided an overview of the blue box transition program.

Recommendation 9

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the presentation from the Environmental Operations Division Re: Blue Box Transition, dated February 28, 2023, be received.

CARRIED

2 ECW-01-2023 Engineering and Capital Works 2022 Annual Report

T. Haedrich provided an overview of the Engineering and Capital Works department, noting 2022 highlights and 2023 priorities.

Recommendation 10

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT Report ECW-01-2023 Engineering and Capital Works 2022 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

M. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 11

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Stam

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council convene in a meeting at 11:05 a.m. closed to the public, to discuss:

labour relations or employee negotiations

- 1 HRD-04-2023 Ratification of OPSEU Memorandum of Settlement

CARRIED

Recommendation 12

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT this closed meeting now adjourn at 11:16 a.m. and reconvene in open session.

CARRIED

N. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 13

Moved By: Councillor Stam

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report HRD-04-2023 Ratification of OPSEU Memorandum of Settlement be received and remain confidential;
2. AND THAT the Memorandum of Settlement between the Corporation of Haldimand County and the Ontario Public Service Employees on behalf of its Local 2102, as outlined in Report HRD-04-2023, be ratified;
3. AND THAT the members of the County negotiating team be authorized to sign the collective agreement on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

I. DELEGATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS (1:00 P.M.)

- 1 History of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (Orientation presentation rescheduled from the February 7, 2023 Council in Committee meeting)

1.1 Darin P. Wybenga, Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator

Mr. Wybenga provided an overview of the history of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, going back hundreds of years, illustrating migration of the first nation over that time, and citing treaties and land claims related to that history.

Recommendation 14

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the presentation material from Darin P. Wybenga, Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator Re: History of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, be received.

CARRIED

2 Michael Godelie, Board Chair, Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice Re: Development Proposal for a Centre for Hospice Palliative Care

Mr. Godelie spoke to the need for hospice palliative care support for both Haldimand County and Norfolk County. As the Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice Board is aware of suitable land in Jarvis that could meet these needs, they are looking for the County's assistance in moving forward with securing the land.

Recommendation 15

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT the correspondence and presentation material from Michael Godelie, Board Chair, Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice Re: Development Proposal for a Centre for Hospice Palliative Care, dated January 26, 2023, be received;
2. AND THAT staff be directed to report back to Council regarding their request for property for the proposed hospice.

CARRIED

3 Rita-Marie Hadley, Executive Director/Media Contact, Lansdowne Children's Centre Re: Children's Treatment Centre

Ms. Hadley spoke to the services provided by the Centre for children and youth in a region serving Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant, Brantford, Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit. Due to an increased need for services, the City of Brantford has provided a building site and Lansdowne is pursuing approval through the Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services and is looking for continued support from Haldimand County in this regard.

Recommendation 16

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Stam

1. THAT the correspondence and presentation material from Rita-Marie Hadley, Executive Director, Lansdowne Children's Centre be received;
2. AND THAT Haldimand County Council confirms its November 22, 2021 support for Lansdowne Children's Centre in undertaking plans to pursue new premises for its specialized services for local children and youth.

CARRIED

4 CDP-04-2023 Community Partnership Program – Haldimand Youth Soccer Club Autonomous Line Painting System

4.1 Dave Elgin, President, Haldimand Youth Soccer

Through a video, Mr. Elgin illustrated the autonomous line painting system that the soccer club is hoping to purchase and is looking for County support through the Community Partnership Program.

Recommendation 17

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from Dave Elgin, President, Haldimand Youth Soccer Club Re: Autonomous Line Painting System be received.

CARRIED

Recommendation 18

Moved By: Councillor Stam

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report CDP-04-2023 Community Partnership Program – Haldimand Youth Soccer Club Autonomous Line Painting System be received;
2. AND THAT the request to purchase an autonomous field line painting system by the Haldimand Youth Soccer Club for use at both the Caledonia and Cayuga soccer complexes be approved;
3. AND THAT capital project funding to an upset amount of \$24,500 to support the purchase of an autonomous field line painting system, with related funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, be approved;
4. AND THAT project and funding approval is conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County standards, permits, and processes;

5. AND THAT the revised budget, as outlined in Report CDP-04-2023, be approved.

CARRIED

- 5 Motion Re: Public Consultation Re: Minister's Zoning Order (Notice submitted by Mayor Bentley at the February 13, 2023 Council meeting)

- 5.1 Trevor Harris, Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Paul Simon, General Counsel, Stelco

Mr. Harris provided an overview of Stelco and indicated their support of the motion. Stelco conducted some public research on the proposed development in late 2022 through an independent third party which indicated that there is opposition to the development.

- 5.2 Bobbi Ann Brady, M.P.P., Haldimand-Norfolk

MPP Brady spoke to provincial changes that may affect planning matters and indicated that she is in favour of public consultation.

- 5.3 Randy Graham, President, United Steel Workers, Local 8782

Mr. Graham indicated that he is in support of the motion, adding that consultation will provide insight on residents' views. Mr. Graham spoke to this decision affecting neighbouring municipalities as well as local residents.

- 5.4 Wesley DeVries

Mr. DeVries spoke in support of the motion for public consultation, noting that community members feel that they are not being heard.

- 5.5 James Kaspersetz

Mr. Kaspersetz indicated that public consultation will alleviate residents' concerns over the proposed development.

- 5.6 Correspondence from Imperial Nanticoke Refinery

Recommendation 19

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. WHEREAS the previous term of Council passed a resolution supporting a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) for a new community in Nanticoke in March, 2022;
2. AND WHEREAS subsequently a municipal election was held where this matter was one of the main issues under consideration;

3. AND WHEREAS the Province has passed new legislation (Bill 23) that has the potential to adversely impact municipal financing as it relates to growth and development;
4. AND WHEREAS the County has an approved growth strategy, servicing and financial strategies aligned with Provincial requirements to accommodate a population of 77,000 people and 29,000 jobs by 2051;
5. AND WHEREAS the proposed new Nanticoke community represents additional growth beyond that required under Places to Grow legislation;
6. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to organize public consultation on the matter including community meeting(s) to obtain input for Council's consideration to withdraw its current resolution requesting a MZO.

Amendment

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Stam

THAT the motion be amended by deleting "Council's consideration to withdraw its current resolution requesting a MZO" in clause 6 and replacing it with "Council relative to its current resolution requesting a MZO for a new community in Nanticoke".

CARRIED

Subsequently, the main motion was adopted as amended.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

K. NEW BUSINESS

None.

L. REPORTS, INQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCILLORS

None.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation 20

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK