

THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: November 7, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

COUNCIL PRESENT K. Hewitt, Mayor

S. Patterson, Councillor J. Metcalfe, Councillor D. Lawrence, Councillor T. Dalimonte, Councillor R. Shirton, Councillor B. Corbett, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT C. Manley, Chief Administrative Officer

C. Case, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services

M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations

E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division / Municipal Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hewitt called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY COORDINATED BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

C. ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance.

D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 Council Minutes - September 26, 2022

Resolution 113-22

Moved By: Councillor Dalimonte Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

F. PRESENTATIONS OF RECOGNITION

None.

G. DELEGATIONS

None.

H. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

1 Council in Committee Minutes - November 1, 2022

Resolution 114-22

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

THAT the minutes of the November 1, 2022 Council in Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Resolution stemming from CSS-02-2022 Bill 3 – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022

Resolution 115-22

Moved By: Mayor Hewitt

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT the resolution re: Report CSS-02-2022 Bill 3 - Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 be referred to the incoming Council for consideration.

DEFEATED

Resolution 116-22

Moved By: Councillor Corbett Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

- WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";
- 2. WHEREAS this Bill initially applies to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities;
- 3. WHEREAS this Bill will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;
- 4. WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;
- 5. WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;
- AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council,
- 7. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Haldimand County passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:
 - These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect Haldimand County;
 - b. If the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities and specifically, Bill 3 should not apply to the Corporation of Haldimand County;
 - c. The Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and

- d. If the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.
- 8. AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association, and, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

CARRIED

2 Grand River Conservation Authority Appointment Extension

Resolution 117-22

Moved By: Councillor Patterson Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT Councillor Lawrence's appointment to the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) be extended to November 30, 2022 so that Haldimand and Norfolk Counties' interests can be represented at the November 25, 2022 meeting of the GRCA Board, as Council appointments for the new term of Council will only be adopted on December 12, 2022.

CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS

1 LSS-M07-2022 Lease of Hagersville Satellite Office

Resolution 118-22

Moved By: Councillor Corbett Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT Memorandum LSS-M07-2022 Lease of Hagersville Satellite Office be received.

CARRIED

2 Council Information Package

None.

K. BY-LAWS

- 1 By-law 1329-HC/22 to amend Zoning By-law HC 1-2020, as amended, for property described in the name of Riverside Walk Inc.
- 2 By-law 2389/22 to levy the actual cost of construction of the Little Marsh and Seneca Greens Municipal Drains on the assessed lands
- 3 By-law 2390/22 to levy the actual cost of maintenance of municipal drains on the assessed lands
- By-law 2391/22 to amend the Procedure By-law in order to incorporate the inclusion of the reading of a land acknowledgement statement as part of the regular order of business for Council and Committee meetings
- 5 By-law 2392/22 to authorize the stopping up, closure and sale of part of Military Road, Dunnville
- By-law 2393/22 to authorize the lease of space at the property located at the Hagersville Satellite Office, 1 Main Street South, Hagersville to the Hagersville & District Chamber of Commerce

Resolution 119-22

Moved By: Councillor Patterson Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT By-laws 1 to 6, as listed, be hereby introduced and given a first and second reading.

CARRIED

Resolution 120-22

Moved By: Councillor Corbett Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT By-laws 1 to 6, as listed, be hereby introduced and given a third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and numbered.

CARRIED

L. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

M. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS FROM COUNCIL APPOINTEES TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The following items were highlighted:

- C. Manley made comments thanking those members of Council who will not be returning.
- Comments were made by the Mayor and Council members commending staff, family, friends and Council members for their support, highlighting accomplishments achieved during their term on Council and providing best wishes to the former Council and new Council members.

N. CLOSED SESSION

None.

O. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

P. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution 121-22

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

THAT the Confirming By-law be hereby introduced and given a first and second reading.

CARRIED

Resolution 122-22

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

THAT the Confirming By-law be hereby introduced and given a third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and numbered.

CARRIED

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 123-22

Moved By: Councillor Shirton Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED	
MAYOR	
CLERK	