



Haldimand
County

**THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

Date: April 19, 2023
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

COUNCIL PRESENT S. Bentley, Mayor
S. Patterson, Councillor
J. Metcalfe, Councillor
D. Lawrence, Councillor
R. Shirton, Councillor
P. O'Neill, 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
P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations
E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division / Municipal Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bentley called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 3:00 p.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.

D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Minister's Zoning Order Public Consultation - Registered Virtual Participation

Mayor Bentley provided some opening remarks regarding the Nanticoke Minister's Zoning Order (MZO).

C. Coats spoke to provincial policies that support development and noted the former MPP's support for MZOs to aid with municipal housing projects. She spoke to the extended timeline to complete a large development like the one

proposed for Nanticoke. She spoke to Stelco's potential environmental initiatives and to future school capacity needs. She also expressed concern regarding misinformation being distributed about the MZO request and concluded by expressing support for the Nanticoke MZO.

T. Barrett noted he lives in Norfolk County, a few miles west of Stelco. He expressed concern about the decision to support the MZO without consulting the public. As MPP in the spring of 2022, he initiated public consultation on the matter and received 300 written submissions, 82% of which opposed the development. He mentioned residents being opposed to the development and noted cancer rates related to dirty, heavy industry. He also spoke to Stelco commenting that they can't continue to guarantee that they will be here 20 years from now, and spoke to Stelco's benefit to the local industry.

B. Tucci is a resident of Dunnville and stated that he wasn't taking a particular position on the MZO process, rather felt compelled to speak due to what he's seen and heard through election campaigns and recent flyers. He noted that while he doesn't like MZOs, the conditions attached to the Nanticoke MZO mitigate his concerns about MZOs in general. He went on to reference specific details of Council's conditions on the MZO support.

L. Lesse from Turtle Island News asked about whether indigenous engagement has taken place yet. She mentioned provincial awareness of treaties being under federal law.

K. Mallon spoke to concerns related to bringing 40,000 residents to the Nanticoke area and how that would affect health issues in the area. She spoke to concerns about high rates of cancer, notably in the Nanticoke area. She would like to see more testing done prior to any approvals, specifically ground water and soil testing. She spoke to concerns about current school capacity and lack of teachers, as well as future increased needs for police. She concluded by saying we need to know how this can present itself as a successful project versus what it looks like now.

R. Broekstra spoke to a school being torn down decades ago because it was too close to industry and noted that building homes in the same area doesn't seem right. He anticipates that once homes are built close to industry, complaints about the effects of the industry will come forward.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation 1

Moved by: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK