



Haldimand
County

**THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY
COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date: June 20, 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
R. Shirton, Councillor
P. O'Neill, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT C. Case, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
M. Jamieson, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services
M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations
D. Pressey, Director, Roads Operations
S. Skidmore, Senior Planner
S. Van Dalen, Manager, Planning & Development
T. Cassidy, Council Services Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Patterson read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

C. ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance.

D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Patterson declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report CDP-07-2023 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation as he is a member of the Jarvis Lions Club.

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 June 26, 2023 Council meeting.

1 PDD-13-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment to Permit 16 Townhouses - 154, 168 and 170 Caithness Street West, Caledonia

1.1 Correspondence from Brian Duxbury

S. Skidmore presented the report.

S. Mirtitsch, Registered Professional Planner, MHBC Planning was present on behalf of the proponent. Ms. Mirtitsch provided an overview of the subject lands, policy framework, and proposed concepts. The changes made to the development based on public feedback were also highlighted.

B. Duxbury, Duxbury Law, Counsel for Melanie Carpenter who lives adjacent to the proposed development, was also present. It was noted that the majority of his client's initial concerns have been addressed by the proponent.

M. Ligtenberg, who lives on Queen Avenue, spoke to concerns related to parking in the area.

S. Pukala, who lives on Queen Avenue, spoke to safety concerns related to traffic.

J. Ligtenberg, who lives on Queen Avenue, noted that he is opposed to the proposed development and expressed concerns related to privacy, loss of property value, noise, garbage, and location.

M. Trainer expressed that she is in favour of the proposal, noting that all issues from public feedback have been addressed.

P. Ballaro, who lives on Queen Avenue, noted concerns related to safety, parking, and visibility. It was suggested that the location of the underground parking entrance be re-examined.

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 Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from Brian Duxbury Re: Planning Application PLZ-HA-2022-134, dated June 12 and June 19, 2023, be received.

CARRIED

Recommendation 2

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report PDD-13-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment to Permit 16 Townhouses - 154, 168 and 170 Caithness Street West, Caledonia be received;
2. AND THAT application PLZ-HA-2022-134 to amend the Haldimand County Zoning By-law HC 1-2020 to rezone the subject lands from the "Urban Residential Type 2 (R2)" Zone to the "Urban Residential Type 4 – Holding (R4 (H))" Zone with Special Exception R4.5 be approved for the reasons outlined in Report PDD-13-2023;
3. AND THAT the General Manager of Community & Development Services be authorized to remove the Holding (H) provision on all lands when all conditions have been satisfied;
4. AND THAT the application is considered to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, conforms to A Place to Grow: Growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020 and the Haldimand County Official Plan, and has sufficient regard for matters of Provincial interest under the *Planning Act*;
5. AND THAT the by-laws attached to Report PDD-13-2023 be presented for enactment.

CARRIED

F. MOTIONS OF CONSENT

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

Recommendation 3

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the following motions be approved:

- 1 ENG-13-2023 Renaming of a Portion of Haldimand Highway 54 to Caithness Street East
 1. THAT Report ENG-13-2023 Renaming of a Portion of Haldimand Highway 54 to Caithness Street East be received;
 2. AND THAT a by-law be presented for enactment to rename Haldimand Highway 54 to Caithness Street East from 110 metres east of McClung Road to 530 metres east of McClung Road.
- 2 ENG-15-2023 Haldimand Road 50 and Rainham Road Speed Limit Reductions
 1. THAT Report ENG-15-2023 Haldimand Road 50 and Rainham Road Speed Limit Reductions be received;
 2. AND THAT the Rate of Speed by-law be amended to create 60 km/h speed limit zones on Haldimand Road 50 and Rainham Road as outlined in this report.
- 3 LSS-14-2023 Purchasing Activity July to December, 2022

THAT Report LSS-14-2023 Purchasing Activity July to December 2022, be received.

CARRIED

Report ENG-12-2023 All Way Stop Request – Cedar Street and Alder Street, Dunnville was removed for separate discussion under Departmental Staff Reports, Engineering & Capital Works.

G. 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-07-2023 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation

Councillor Patterson left the meeting for this item.

Recommendation 4

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report CDP-07-2023 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation be received;
2. AND THAT the request to undertake renovation of the pavilion at Jarvis Lions Park, be approved;
3. AND THAT capital project funding to an upset amount of \$17,460 to support the renovation of the pavilion at Jarvis Lions Park, with related funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, be approved;
4. AND THAT project and funding approval are conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County installation standards, permits and processes;
5. AND THAT the revised budget as outlined in Report CDP-07-2023 be approved.

CARRIED

1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

1.2 EMS-02-2023 Community Paramedic Program Staffing

Recommendation 5

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report EMS-02-2023 Community Paramedic Program Staffing be received;
2. AND THAT Option #2 as outlined in Report EMS-02-2023, be approved as a staffing model for the Community Paramedic Program;
3. AND THAT if funding for the Community Paramedic Program from the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care is terminated in the future, the Haldimand County Community Paramedic Program will cease, unless otherwise directed by Council.

CARRIED

1.3 Other Business

Update Re: Report CDS-05-2023 Hagersville Library and Active Living Centre - Updated Design and Budget – It was noted that this report will be going directly to the June 26, 2023 Council meeting so that the Ward 4 Councillor will have an opportunity to participate in the decision.

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 ENG-12-2023 All Way Stop Request – Cedar Street and Alder Street, Dunnville

Recommendation 6

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report ENG-12-2023 All Way Stop Request – Cedar Street and Alder Street, Dunnville be received;
2. AND THAT an all way stop condition be installed at the intersection of Cedar Street and Alder Street, Dunnville.

Deferral:

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT consideration of Report ENG-12-2023 be deferred pending additional information.

CARRIED

3.2 Other Business

None.

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

Mayor Bentley assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting

1 FIN-12-2023 Annual Tax Policy Report

M. Merritt provided an overview of the tax policy.

Recommendation 7

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report FIN-12-2023 Annual Tax Policy Report be received;
2. AND THAT the 2023 Tax Ratios be set at:

Property Class	Tax Ratio
Multi-Residential	2.0000
Multi-Residential (New Construction)	1.0000
Commercial	1.6929
Landfill	1.6929
Industrial	2.3274
Pipeline	1.4894
Farmland	0.2500
Managed Forest	0.2500

3. AND THAT tax rate reductions for vacant and excess land, within the commercial and industrial classes, be applied as follows for 2023:

Property Class	Tax Rate Reduction
Commercial/Landfill	0% (no reduction available)
Industrial	0% (no reduction available)

4. AND THAT Haldimand County adopt the optional subclasses for small-scale on-farm business for both the commercial and industrial subclasses and the prescribed tax reductions be applied as follows for 2023:

Property Class	Tax Rate Reduction
Commercial	75.00%
Industrial	75.00%

5. AND THAT tax rate reductions for farmland awaiting development be applied as follows:

Property Class Tax Reduction

Residential Farmland Awaiting Development – First Class 25.00%
Multi-Residential Farmland Awaiting Development – First Class 62.50%
Commercial Farmland Awaiting Development – First Class 55.70%
Industrial Farmland Awaiting Development – First Class 67.78%
All Classes Farmland Awaiting Development – Second Class 0%

6. AND THAT any amount, if any, required to fund the cap for the industrial tax class be funded from within the same property class, if sufficient funding is available within the class;

7. AND THAT if sufficient funds are not available within any property class to fund the cap, the shortfall be charged as an expense against the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget for capping adjustments;
8. AND THAT Haldimand County adopt the optional tax policy provisions for 2023 to exclude properties in the business tax class, which are at their Current Value Assessment (CVA) tax levels, from the capping and clawback program;
9. AND THAT Haldimand County adopt the optional tax policy provision for 2023 to exclude reassessment related increases from the capping calculation in order to expedite phase-out of the capping program;
10. AND THAT Haldimand County adopt the maximum limit for an assessment related tax increase at 10% and a maximum threshold limit at \$500;
11. AND THAT Haldimand County implement the technical adjustment for the notional tax rate calculation prescribed in the property tax related regulations made under the Municipal Act, 2001;
12. AND THAT the resulting 2023 tax rates, as identified in Attachment #1 to Report FIN-12-2023, be adopted;
13. AND THAT the appropriate by-laws be presented for enactment to give effect to the above.

CARRIED

2 FDS-01-2023 Financial & Data Services 2022 Annual Report

M. Merritt provided an overview of the Financial & Data Services department, noting 2022 highlights, budget figures, and 2023 priorities.

Recommendation 8

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT Report FDS-01-2023 Financial & Data Services 2022 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

I. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

4 CORPORATE & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

4.1 LSS-13-2023 Addendum to Report LSS-06-2023 Unsolicited Offer to Purchase a Portion of 739 Cross Street West, Dunnville

This item was deferred for consideration until after the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

J. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 9

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, Council convene in a meeting at 11:59 a.m. closed to the public, to discuss:

a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

1. LSS-13-2023 Addendum to Report LSS-06-2023 Unsolicited Offer to Purchase a Portion of 739 Cross Street West, Dunnville

CARRIED

Recommendation 10

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT this closed meeting now adjourn at 12:14 p.m. and reconvene in open session.

CARRIED

K. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

L. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

4 CORPORATE AND SOCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)

- 4.1 LSS-13-2023 Addendum to Report LSS-06-2023 Unsolicited Offer to Purchase a Portion of 739 Cross Street West, Dunnville (Continued)

Recommendation 11

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report LSS-13-2023 Addendum to Report LSS-06-2023 Unsolicited Offer to Purchase a Portion of 739 Cross Street West Dunnville be received;

2. AND THAT Report LSS-06-2023 Unsolicited Offer to Purchase a Portion of 739 Cross Street West Dunnville be received;
3. AND THAT the application from Dakota Thomas Deamude and Jodie Ann Deamude requesting to purchase part of 739 Cross Street West, Dunnville, as shown on Attachment 1 to Report LSS-13-2023 and legally described as part of PIN 38111-0240, Part Lot 3 Indian Reserve Plan 69 as in HC42958; Haldimand County, not be approved for the reasons outlined in Reports LSS-06-2023 and LSS-13-2023.

CARRIED

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

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

1 Robert Wightman Re: Change in Private Roads Policy

R. Wightman spoke to the private road that he owns, noting that it is well maintained and has all basic services. He would like to be permitted to sever his properties on this road to allow for seasonal dwellings.

Recommendation 12

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the correspondence and presentation material from Robert Wightman Re: Change in Private Roads Policy, dated June 14, 2023, be received.

CARRIED

N. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

5 FINANCIAL & DATA SERVICES

Councillor Shirton, Vice Chair of Financial & Data Services, resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

5.1 FIN-11-2023 Capital Status Report as at December 31, 2022

Recommendation 13

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report FIN-11-2023 Capital Project Update as at December 31, 2022, be received;
2. AND THAT the recommendations for individual capital projects, as outlined in Attachment #3 to Report FIN-11-2023, be approved.

CARRIED

5.2 FIN-13-2023 Application for Assessment & Tax Adjustments as of May 2023

Recommendation 14

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report FIN-13-2023 Applications for Assessment and Tax Adjustments, as of May 2023 be received;
2. AND THAT adjustments of taxes, in accordance with Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, be approved in the amount of \$12,849.86 as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report FIN-13-2023.

CARRIED

5.3. Other Business

None.

4 CORPORATE & SOCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)

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

4.2 CSS-02-2023 COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Review

Recommendation 15

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report CSS-02-2023 Vaccination Policies Review be received;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Paramedic Service Vaccination Policy be rescinded in its entirety;
3. AND THAT the Grandview Lodge COVID-19 Immunization Policy be rescinded in its entirety;
4. AND THAT staff be directed to continue to identify and mitigate the risk of infectious disease exposure in the workplace as part of regular and ongoing health and safety plans and in accordance with provincial guidance.

CARRIED

4.3 GVL-02-2023 Cast Drain and Wye Connection Replacement

Recommendation 16

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report GVL-02-2023 Cast Drain and Wye Connection Replacement be received;
2. AND THAT replacement costs outlined in Report GVL-02-2023 be approved as an unbudgeted 2023 operating expense, funded from the Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$19,000 plus non-refundable HST.

CARRIED

4.4 Other Business

None.

6 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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

6.1 Other Business

Update Re: AMO Conference Delegation Requests – C. Case highlighted the requests that have been submitted thus far, noting that the County is waiting to hear back from AMO on which ones will be accepted.

Update Re: Swearing in of new Ward 4 Councillor – This will take place at the June 26th Council meeting and orientation will occur over summer recess.

O. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

P. NEW BUSINESS

None.

Q. REPORTS, INQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCILLORS

1 Announcements

The following items were highlighted:

- All candidates who ran in the Ward 4 By-election were commended and a congratulations was extended to new Ward 4 Councillor, Marie Trainer;
- Inquiry Re: Construction of New Caledonia Fire/EMS Station – It was noted that, due to an unavoidable setback with the architect, construction has been delayed for one week.

2 Minutes of the Police Services Board - March 23, 2023

Recommendation 17

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Police Services Board meeting be received.

CARRIED

R. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation 18

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

DEPUTY CLERK