



**Haldimand**  
County

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

**Date:** November 21, 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
- M. Trainer, Councillor
- R. Shirton, Councillor
- P. O'Neill, Councillor

**STAFF PRESENT**

- C. Case, Chief Administrative Officer
- E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division/Municipal Clerk
- M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
- T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
- B. Hammond, Acting General Manager, Public Works Operations
- M. Jamieson, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services
- M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
- A. Cull, Supervisor, Planning & Development
- E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division/Municipal Clerk
- J. Gallagher, Manager, Emergency Services/Fire Chief
- M. Lloyd, Property Coordinator
- T. Cassidy, Council Services Coordinator/Deputy 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.

**D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor O'Neill declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report CDS-10-2023 Blue Line Club Expansion – Dunnville Aeros as he is the owner of the Dunnville Aeros.

## **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 November 27, 2023 Council meeting.

### **1 PDD-25-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment as a Condition of Consent in Cheapside**

A. Cull 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 Trainer

1. THAT Report PDD-25-2023 Zoning By-law Amendment as a Condition of Consent in Cheapside be received;
2. AND THAT application PLZ-HA-2023-163 to amend Haldimand County Zoning By-law HC 1-2020 to rezone the subject lands from Agricultural (A) to Hamlet Residential (RH) be approved for reasons outlined in Report PDD-25-2023;
3. AND THAT the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2020;
4. AND THAT the by-law attached to Report PDD-25-2023 be presented for enactment.

**CARRIED**

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

## **F. MOTIONS OF CONSENT**

None.

## **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 PDD-23-2023 Application to Remove a Holding Provision in Caledonia

**Recommendation 2**

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report PDD-23-2023 Application to Remove a Holding Provision in Caledonia be received;
2. AND THAT the request to remove a Holding (H) provision from the zoning of the subject lands to allow for an addition to an existing building be approved for reasons outlined in Report PDD-23-2023;
3. AND THAT the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and conforms to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020), Haldimand County Official Plan, and Haldimand County Zoning By-law HC 1-2020;
4. AND THAT the Holding (H) provision removal by-law attached to Report PDD-23-2023 be presented for enactment.

**CARRIED**

1.2 PDD-26-2023 Information Report for Telecommunication Tower Installation at 121 Concession 8 Walpole

**Recommendation 3**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report PDD-26-2023 Information Report for Telecommunication Tower Installation at 121 Concession 8 Walpole be received;
2. AND THAT the proposed location request for a Communications Antenna Facility by Xplore at the property identified as Walpole Concession 9, Part Lot 8, Registered Plan 18R4568 Parts 1 and 2, Haldimand County, roll number 332005068000000 be supported for reasons outlined in Report PDD-26-2023;
3. AND THAT the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, Provincial Growth Plan 2020 and other matters of national and provincial interest, including Industry Canada – Procedure for Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems.

**CARRIED**

1.3 PDD-27-2023 Information Report for Telecommunication Tower  
Installation at 844 4th Line

**Recommendation 4**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report PDD-27-2023 Information Report for Telecommunication Tower Installation at 844 4<sup>th</sup> Line be received;
2. AND THAT the proposed location request for a Communications Antenna Facility by Xplore at the property described as Concession 4, Part Lot 23, Geographic Township of Oneida, Haldimand County, roll number 153003040000000 be supported for reasons outlined in Report PDD-27-2023;
3. AND THAT the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, Provincial Growth Plan 2020 and other matters of national and provincial interest, including Industry Canada – Procedure for Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems.

**CARRIED**

1.4 CDS-10-2023 Blue Line Club Expansion – Dunnville Aeros

Councillor O'Neill left the meeting for this item.

**Recommendation 5**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report CDS-10-2023 Blue Line Club Expansion – Dunnville Aeros be received;
2. AND THAT the location parameters and event conditions set out in Report CDS-10-2023 be approved and incorporated into all permits associated with game events.

**CARRIED**

**1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

1.5 EMS-04-2023 Fire Dispatch Agreement

**Recommendation 6**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

1. THAT Report EMS-04-2023 Fire Dispatch Agreement be received;

2. AND THAT staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines for Fire Dispatch Services for a term of fourteen (14) years ending December 31, 2037, in the annual amount of \$120,243 for 2024, with annual increases calculated in accordance with Schedule A of the Fire Dispatch Agreement as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report EMS-04-2023;
3. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

**CARRIED**

1.6 Other Business

Update on Housing Target and Pledge – A letter was recently received from the province acknowledging receipt of the County's response to the Minister's request for a letter of commitment regarding the housing target and encouraging the County to reconsider their position on the housing pledge.

2 PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Councillor Trainer, 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-26-2023 Speed Limit Reduction – Reeds Road, Cayuga

**Recommendation 7**

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report ENG-26-2023 Speed Limit Reduction – Reeds Road, Cayuga be received;

2. AND THAT the Rate of Speed By-law be amended to create the 60 km/h speed limit zone on Reeds Road as follows:

Street	From	To	Speed Limit
Reeds Road	Highway 3	Townline Road West	60 km/h

**CARRIED**

- 3.2 ENG-27-2023 Modified Short Term Parking Restrictions on Caithness Street East - Caledonia

**Recommendation 8**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report ENG-27-2023 Modified Short Term Parking Restrictions on Caithness Street East – Caledonia be received;
2. AND THAT Schedule “B” No Stopping – Caledonia and Schedule “D” Restricted Parking – Caledonia of Haldimand County Parking Control By-law 307/02 be amended as outlined in Report ENG-27-2023.

**CARRIED**

- 3.3 Other Business

None.

**4 FINANCIAL & DATA SERVICES**

Councillor O'Neill, Chair of Financial & Data Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

- 4.1 FIN-20-2023 Application for Assessment and Tax Adjustments as of October 2023

**Recommendation 9**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report FIN-20-2023 Applications for Assessment and Tax Adjustments as of October 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 \$12,177.28 as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report FIN-20-2023.

**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 HRD-M01-2023 OMERS By-law Review

##### **Recommendation 10**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT Memorandum HRD-M01-2023 OMERS By-law Review be received.

**CARRIED**

#### 5.2 LSS-21-2023 Easement Agreement with Rogers Communications Canada Inc. – Grand Vista Bridge and Trail, Cayuga

##### **Recommendation 11**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report LSS-21-2023 Easement Agreement with Rogers Communications Canada Inc. – Grand Vista Bridge and Trail, Cayuga, be received;
2. AND THAT staff be authorized to finalize an Easement Agreement with Rogers Communications Canada Inc. over the lands and bridge shown in red on Attachment 1 to Report LSS-21-2023, for the provision of installing equipment to supply internet services at a cost of \$8,437.50 plus all associated costs, subject to a survey being provided by Rogers Communications Canada Inc. with legal description of the easement lands, and pending all necessary permits;
3. AND THAT a by-law be presented for enactment to authorize the easement;

4. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

**CARRIED**

5.3 Other Business

None.

6 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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

6.1 CAO-05-2023 O.P.P. Detachment Board

**Recommendation 12**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report CAO-05-2023 O.P.P. Detachment Board be received;
2. AND THAT a response be provided to the Ministry of the Solicitor General advising of Haldimand County's support to include a Council appointment from Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation on the new O.P.P. Detachment Board and requesting that consideration be given to an additional dedicated Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation community appointment.

**CARRIED**

6.2 CLE-13-2023 Delegated Authority Update

**Recommendation 13**

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT Report CLE-13-2023 Delegated Authority Update be received;
2. AND THAT the revised Delegated Authority By-law included as Attachment 1 to Report CLE-13-2023 be presented for enactment;
3. AND THAT an amendment to By-law 2156/20 be presented for enactment as outlined in Report CLE-13-2023.

**CARRIED**

6.3 Other Business

None.



## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1 Motion Re: Options for a County-Wide, Urban Area Basement Flooding Assistance Program (Notice submitted by Councillor Lawrence at the November 6, 2023 Council meeting)

### **Recommendation 14**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council in Committee meeting regarding options for a county-wide, urban area Basement Flooding Assistance Program.

**CARRIED**

## **J. REPORTS, INQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCILLORS**

The following items were highlighted:

- Request for information regarding the Dunnville Revitalization Project;
- Inquiry regarding disposal of carbon capture in Nanticoke.

## **K. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **L. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None.

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

- 1 EMS-05-2023 Fire Master Plan

J. Gallagher introduced the report, noting that the plan acts as a guideline for future service delivery and any modifications required for the Fire Department.

L. Quan, Fire Service Consultant/VP of Operations (Project Lead), Emergency Management Group provided an overview of the Fire Master Plan, highlighting the fire protection model, standards, call types and locations, station responses, and operational and strategic recommendations.

**Recommendation 15**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report EMS-05-2023 Fire Master Plan be received;
2. AND THAT the Fire Master Plan, included as Attachment 1 to Report EMS-05-2023, be received and serve as a guideline for future service delivery modifications and studies, and to inform future capital and operating budget proposals.

**CARRIED**

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

1 CLE-14-2023 Additional Information Re: Procedure By-law

1.1 Gordon Cameron, President and Interim Executive Director, Ontario Community Newspaper Association

G. Cameron spoke against the proposed changes to the procedure by-law related to recording restrictions. It was noted that reporters use multiple sources to ensure accuracy and the proposed amendment places an unnecessary barrier to report information in an efficient and timely manner. It was requested that the County not approve the proposed changes.

**Recommendation 16**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT the correspondence from Gordon Cameron, President and Interim Executive Director, Ontario Community Newspaper Association Re: CLE-14-2023 Additional Information Re: Procedure By-law, dated November 13, 2023, be received.

**CARRIED**

1.2 Tara Lindemann

**Recommendation 17**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

THAT, in accordance with Section 19.3.5 of the Procedure By-law, Tara Lindemann be permitted to appear as a delegation regarding CLE-14-2023.

**CARRIED**

T. Lindemann expressed that she is opposed to the proposed wording in the revised procedure by-law related to recording restrictions. T. Lindemann also spoke to decorum restrictions.

**Recommendation 18**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from Tara Lindemann Re: CLE-14-2023 Additional Information Re: Procedure By-law, dated November 21, 2023, be received.

**CARRIED**

**Recommendation 19**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT Report CLE-14-2023 Additional Information re Procedure By-law be received;
2. AND THAT notwithstanding the October 16, 2023 adopted recommendation to present the Procedure By-law included in Report CLE-11-2023 for enactment, alternatively, the revised Procedure By-law, included as Attachment 1 to Report CLE-14-2023 be presented for enactment.

**CARRIED**

**2 Jesse Little Re: Fee for Filing a Formal Integrity Commissioner Complaint**

J. Little spoke to section 224 of the Municipal Act, the County's Accountability and Transparency Policy 2007-05, Council Code of Conduct Policy 2008-02, Report CLS-08-2019, the affidavit of complainant, and correspondence and tips from Ombudsman Ontario as it relates to the formal complaint filing fee. J. Little requested that this fee be removed.

**Recommendation 20**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

THAT the correspondence from Jesse Little Re: Fee for Filing a Formal Integrity Commissioner Complaint, dated November 14, 2023, be received.

**CARRIED**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommendation 21**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK