



Haldimand
County

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

Date: February 6, 2024
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

Council Present

- S. Bentley, Mayor
- S. Patterson, Councillor
- D. Lawrence, Councillor
- M. Trainer, Councillor
- R. Shirton, Councillor
- P. O'Neill, Councillor

Staff Present

- C. Case, Chief Administrative Officer
- M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
- T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
- M. Jamieson, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services
- D. McKinnon, General Manager, Public Works Operations
- M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
- K. Meyer, Manager, Human Resources
- T. Cassidy, Council Services Coordinator/Deputy Clerk
- C. Curtis, 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 Lawrence read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

C. Roll Call

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance except Councillor Metcalfe.

D. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

E. Public Meeting for Planning Applications

None.

F. Motions of Consent

None.

G. Departmental Staff Reports

1 Community and Development Services

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

1.1 CDS-M01-2024 Jarvis Community Hospice Update

Recommendation 1

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

THAT Memorandum CDS-M01-2024 Jarvis Community Hospice Update be received.

CARRIED

1.2 Other Business

None.

2 Public Works Operations

Councillor Trainer, Chair of Public Works Operations, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

2.1 FPC-02-2024 Port Maitland Pier Lease Renewal

Recommendation 2

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT Report FPC-02-2024 Port Maitland Pier Lease Renewal be received;
2. AND THAT the Corporation of Haldimand County enters into a Lease Agreement with Fisheries and Oceans, Small Craft Harbours Branch for use of the lands described as All Water lot Location DT-136 located in the Grand River and in Lake Erie Opposite Lots 25 and 26, Concession 4, south of Dover Road in the geographic Township of Dunn and opposite the Naval Reserve in the geographic Township of Sherbrooke and Part of Maitland Esplanade, Registered Plan 2695 in the geographic Township of Sherbrooke, now in Haldimand County, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 18R-5758, at an annual rental rate of \$500 plus \$65 HST for a total of \$565 for a term of five years;

3. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents to give effect to the intention therein.

CARRIED

2.2 Other Business

None.

3 Engineering and Capital Works

Councillor Lawrence, Vice-Chair of Engineering and Capital Works, resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

3.1 Other Business

None.

4 Financial and Data Services

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

4.1 FIN-01-2024 Analysis of Assessment Update

Recommendation 3

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT Report FIN-01-2024 Analysis of Assessment Update be received.

CARRIED

4.2 FIN-02-2024 Interim Tax Levy and Temporary Borrowing for the Year 2024

Recommendation 4

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report FIN-02-2024 Interim Tax Levy and Temporary Borrowing for the Year 2024 be received;
2. AND THAT the 2024 combined interim tax rates, as identified in Attachment 1 to Report FIN-02-2024, be adopted;
3. AND THAT the 2024 Interim Tax Levy be due and payable in two equal installments, on March 28th, 2024 and May 31st, 2024;

4. AND THAT the rate of penalty and interest for 2024 be set at 1.25% per month (15% per annum);
5. AND THAT a by-law be presented for enactment to authorize an Interim Tax Levy for 2024 based on the tax rates set out in Report FIN-02-2024;
6. AND THAT the Treasurer be authorized to adjust an individual property owner's interim taxes for 2024, if required, in the event that the taxes would be too low or too high in relation to the estimated total annual taxes for 2024, in accordance with Section 317(9) of the *Municipal Act*;
7. AND THAT a Temporary Borrowing By-law be presented for enactment to set the limit for borrowing certain sums, until revenues are received, to meet current expenditures for the year.

CARRIED

4.3 Other Business

None.

5 Corporate and Social Services

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

5.1 HRD-01-2024 Health and Safety Policy and Program

Recommendation 5

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report HRD-01-2024 Health and Safety Policy and Program Report be received;
2. AND THAT the 2024 Occupational Health and Safety Program be approved, as outlined in Report HRD-01-2024;
3. AND THAT Policy No. 2023-01 be rescinded and replaced with the 2024 Occupational Health and Safety Policy, as outlined in Attachment 5 to Report HRD-01-2024.

CARRIED

5.2 LSS-01-2024 Road Closure and Conveyance of Road Allowance Between First and Second Range from the Grand River, Dunnville

Recommendation 6

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT Report LSS-01-2024 Road Closure and Conveyance of Road Allowance Between First and Second Range from the Grand River, Dunnville be received;
2. AND THAT the subject road allowance, as shown in yellow hashtags on Attachment 1 to LSS-01-2024 and legally described as PIN 38108-0129 Part Road Allowance Between First and Second Range from Grand River Moulton; being Part 2 to 4 on Plan 18R-3969; Haldimand County, be stopped up, closed and declared surplus to all County needs;
3. AND THAT the subject road allowance, as noted above, be sold to the abutting land owners, Kelly Creek Acres Ltd., John Kenneth Kelly, and Sietske Kelly for a purchase price of \$11,250 plus HST plus costs of conveyance inclusive of all Haldimand County's legal fees;
4. AND THAT public notice of the proposed closure and conveyance be given;
5. AND THAT a by-law be presented for enactment to authorize the closure and conveyance;
6. 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-M01-2024 Term of Council Priorities Update

Recommendation 7

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT Memorandum CAO-M01-2024 Term of Council Priorities Update be received.

CARRIED

6.2 CLE-01-2024 Council Appointment to Health and Social Services Advisory Committee

Mayor Bentley nominated Councillor Lawrence to serve as alternate.

Recommendation 8

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT Report CLE-01-2024 Council Appointment to Health and Social Services Advisory Committee be received;
2. AND THAT Councillor Lawrence be appointed to the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee as an alternate for the term ending November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

6.3 Other Business

None.

H. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports (1 p.m.)

None.

I. Unfinished Business

None.

J. New Business

- 1 Motion Re: Permitting Seven Day Gun Hunting During Gun Hunting Season (Notice submitted by Councillor O'Neill at the January 24, 2024 Council meeting)

Recommendation 9

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council in Committee meeting to consider permitting seven day gun hunting in Haldimand County during the gun hunting season.

CARRIED

K. Reports, Inquiries, Announcements and Concerns of Councillors

- 1 Minutes of the Police Services Board - November 23, 2023

Recommendation 10

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

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

CARRIED

- 2 Announcements

The following items were highlighted:

- Inquiries regarding the timeline for the province to approve the Haldimand County Official Plan;
- Inquiry on residents utilizing the online Citizen Self Reporting tool provided by the OPP.

L. Presentations and Consideration of Related Reports (11 a.m.)

- 1 FDS-M01-2024 BMA Municipal Study Results 2023

- 1.1 Jim Bruzzese, President, BMA Management Consulting Inc.

Council asked and received answers from J. Bruzzese, President, BMA Management Consulting Inc. and Staff on the following:

- Methods to encourage residents to use pre-authorized payments;
- Opportunity to sell water to neighbouring municipalities to improve reserves;
- The promotion of industrial and commercial zoning to reduce tax burden on residents.

Recommendation 11

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT Memorandum FDS-M01-2024 BMA Municipal Study Results 2023 be received.

CARRIED

M. Closed Session

None.

N. Motions Arising from Closed Session

None.

O. Motion of Receipt

None.

P. Adjournment

Recommendation 12

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK