



**Haldimand**  
County

## THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** March 19, 2024  
**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
- 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
- B. Brown, Senior Economic Development Officer
- L. Romanuk, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
- S. Sawyer, Senior Community Partnership Liaison
- C. Curtis, Municipal Clerk
- 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 Patterson read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

### **C. Roll Call**

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

### **D. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **E. Public Meeting for Planning Applications**

None.

## **F. Motions of Consent**

### **Recommendation 1**

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT consent motions 1 and 2, as listed, be approved.

1. CDP-M01-2024 Community Halls – 2023 Emergency Expenditures

THAT Memorandum CDP-M01-2024 Community Halls - 2023 Emergency Expenditures be received.

2. CEC-M02-2024 Amendment to Hired Vehicle Licensing By-Law

THAT Memorandum CEC-M02-2024 Amendment to Hired Vehicle Licensing By-law be received.

**CARRIED**

## **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 CDP-02-2024 CPP Capital Grant Program - Dunnville Soccer Park Lights

This item was deferred for consideration until staff were available to speak to the matter.

- 1.2 EDT-02-2024 Caledonia Business Improvement Area Board of Management Appointments

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

- 1.3 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 Other Business

None.

3. Engineering and Capital Works

Councillor Metcalfe, Chair of Engineering and Capital Works, assumed 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-03-2024 Application for Assessment & Tax Adjustments – Sections 357, 358, 359 Municipal Act as of February 2024

**Recommendation 2**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report FIN-03-2024 Applications for Assessment and Tax Adjustments, as of February 2024, 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 \$2,671.70.

**CARRIED**

4.2 FIN-04-2024 Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Board Appointees for 2023

**Recommendation 3**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

THAT Report FIN-04-2024 Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Board Appointees for 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

4.3 Other Business

None.

5. Corporate and Social Services

Councillor O'Neill, Vice Chair of Corporate and Social Services, remained the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

5.1 LSS-06-2024 4th Quarter Insurance Activity - 2023 and Claims in Litigation as at 2023

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

5.2 Other Business

None.

6. Corporate Affairs

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

6.1 Other Business

None.

**H. Closed Session**

**Recommendation 4**

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

THAT pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b), (d) and (e) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, Council convene in a meeting at 9:37 a.m. closed to the public to discuss:

1. EDT-M01-2024 Addendum to Report EDT-02-2024 Caledonia Business Improvement Areas Board of Management Appointments

**Section 239 (2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees**

2. HRD-02-2024 Ratification of UFCW Memorandum of Settlement

**Section 239 (2)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations**

3. LSS-M04-2024 Claims in Litigation as at 2023

**Section 239 (2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality**

**CARRIED**

### **Recommendation 5**

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT this closed meeting now adjourn at 9:52 a.m. and reconvene in open session.

**CARRIED**

## **I. Motions Arising from Closed Session**

### **Recommendation 6**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT Report HRD-02-2024 Ratification of UFCW Memorandum of Settlement be received and remain confidential; AND THAT the Memorandum of Settlement between the Corporation of Haldimand County, and United Food and Commercial Workers' Local 175, included as Attachment 1 to Report HRD-02-2024, be ratified;
2. AND THAT the members of the Haldimand County Negotiating Team be authorized to sign the collective agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Bentley called a recess at 9:53 a.m.

Committee resumed at 10:48 a.m.

## **J. Departmental Staff Reports (Continued)**

### **1. Community and Development Services (Continued)**

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

#### **1.1 CDP-02-2024 CPP Capital Grant Program – Dunnville Soccer Park Lights (Continued)**

S. Sawyer, Senior Community Partnership Liaison, spoke to report and responded to questions regarding straightening of the poles.

### **Recommendation 7**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report CDP-02-2024 CPP Capital Grant Program – Dunnville Soccer Park Field Lights be received;

2. AND THAT the request from the Dunnville Soccer Park Corporation to undertake the proposed repairs be approved conditional upon the Dunnville Soccer Park Corporation entering into a Fields and Parks Management Agreement with the County and the current operating lease with the County being terminated;
3. AND THAT capital funding to an upset amount of \$58,800, representing 35% of the \$168,000 project budget, with related funding from the Community Partnership Program Capital Reserve, be approved conditional upon the Dunnville Soccer Park Corporation entering into a Fields and Parks Management Agreement with the County and the current operating lease with the County being terminated;
4. AND THAT County funds from the Community Partnership Program Capital Reserve shall only be expensed for the project described in Report CDP-02-2024 upon the full execution of a Fields and Parks Management Agreement and the formal termination of the operating lease with the County;
5. AND THAT the Dunnville Soccer Park Corporation be authorized as the community fund-raising agent for the project in compliance with Haldimand County's guidelines associated with the acceptance of donations for a Council-approved capital project;
6. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Letter of Understanding and License Agreement between Haldimand County and the Dunnville Soccer Park Corporation;
7. AND THAT project and funding approval is conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County standards, permits, and processes;
8. AND THAT the revised budget, as outlined in Report CDP-02-2024 CPP Capital Grant Program – Dunnville Soccer Field Lights, be approved.

**CARRIED**

1.2 EDT-02-2024 Caledonia Business Improvement Area Board of Management Appointments (Continued)

**Recommendation 8**

Moved By: Mayor Bentley

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report EDT-02-2024 Caledonia Business Improvement Area Board of Management Appointments be received;
2. AND THAT Memorandum EDT-M01-2024 Addendum to Report EDT-02-2024 Caledonia Business Improvement Area Board of Management Appointments be received and remain confidential;

3. AND THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Caledonia Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the Council term ending November 14, 2026, or until their successors are appointed: **Celina Dixon and Anita Samadian.**

**CARRIED**

5. Corporate and Social Services (Continued)

Councillor O'Neill, Vice Chair of Corporate and Social Services, resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

5.1 LSS-06-2024 4th Quarter Insurance Activity - 2023 and Claims in Litigation as at 2023 (Continued)

**Recommendation 9**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Mayor Bentley

1. THAT Report LSS-06-2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Insurance Activity - 2023 and Claims in Litigation as at 2023 be received;
2. AND THAT Memorandum LSS-M04-2024 Claims in Litigation as at 2023 be received and remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Bentley resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

1. CLE-03-2024 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report

E. Fry, ADR Chambers, attended virtually to discuss the Integrity Commissioner Annual Report. The appointed Haldimand County Integrity Commissioner Mr. Charles Harnick delegated duties to Ms. Fry due to a conflict of interest in September of 2023.

E. Fry spoke to the report, noting that three complaints were investigated during this reporting period.

Staff responded to a question regarding how fees are funded, noting that it is budgeted through the tax levy.

### **Recommendation 10**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT Report CLE-03-2024 Integrity Commissioner Annual Report be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **2. Carbon Capture and Storage, Enbridge Gas Inc.**

Wayne Passmore, Technical Manager Execution & Special Projects, Jeff Cadotte, Manager S&T Low Carbon Business Development from Enbridge Gas Inc., and Bryan Healey, Director, CCS Business Development from Imperial Oil provided an overview of carbon capture and storage. The potential to develop carbon capture wells in Haldimand County was discussed, including possible economic benefits and safety concerns. No timelines for project development were provided.

Mayor Bentley called a recess at 11:49 a.m.

Committee resumed at 1:00 p.m.

### **L. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports (1 p.m.)**

#### **1. Annual BIA Presentations**

B. Brown, Senior Economic Development Officer introduced the BIA members.

K. Marshall, Caledonia BIA, M. Anderson, Dunnville BIA, and R. Phillips, Hagersville BIA, each provided an overview of their respective board compositions, 2023-2024 activities, major expenditures, and 2024 budgets.

L. Romanuk, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism clarified that the BIA budgets have already been passed by Council, but are being presented for information purposes. She spoke to the significant impact the BIAs make to the local communities.

#### **2. Jesse Little Re: Resolution from the City of Cambridge Re: Catch and Release Laws**

Mr. J. Little noted concerns related to the resolution from the City of Cambridge, adding that he reached out to the City of Cambridge Clerk for additional information.

### **M. Unfinished Business**

None.



## **N. New Business**

### **1. Resolution from the City of Cambridge Re: Catch and Release Laws**

Council requested information regarding potential costs of the changes requested in the resolution.

#### **Recommendation 11**

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Haldimand County Council supports the resolution from the City of Cambridge, dated February 14, 2024, Re: Catch and Release Laws;
2. AND THAT a letter of support be circulated to MP Leslyn Lewis, MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, and Chief Superintendent Dwight Thib (Commander, OPP West Region).

**CARRIED**

#### **Amendment:**

#### **Recommendation 12**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT this motion be referred to a future Council in Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **2. Resolution from the City of Clarence-Rockwell Re: The 9-8-8 National Suicide and Crisis Hotline**

#### **Recommendation 13**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Trainer

1. THAT Haldimand County Council supports the resolution from the City of Clarence-Rockwell, dated February 14, 2024, Re: The 9-8-8 National Suicide and Crisis Hotline;
2. AND THAT staff be directed to include information pertaining to the 9-8-8 National Suicide and Crisis Hotline in the Haldimand County 2024 Communications Plan;
3. AND THAT a letter of support be circulated to MP Leslyn Lewis.

**CARRIED**

3. Resolution from the Township of Perry Re: Request to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources

**Recommendation 14**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Haldimand County Council supports the resolution from the Township of Perry, dated February 26, 2024, Re: Request to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources;
2. AND THAT a letter of support be circulated to MP Leslyn Lewis and MPP Bobbi Ann Brady.

**CARRIED**

**O. Reports, Inquiries, Announcements and Concerns of Councillors**

None.

**P. Motion of Receipt**

**Recommendation 15**

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the following items be received:

- Carbon Capture and Storage presentation and correspondence from Enbridge Gas Inc.;
- Annual presentations from the Caledonia, Dunnville and Hagersville BIAs; and
- Correspondence from Mr. J. Little dated March 18, 2024 regarding resolution from the City of Cambridge re: catch and release laws.

**CARRIED**

**Q. Adjournment**

**Recommendation 16**

Moved By: Councillor Trainer

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK