

Corporation of the Township of Selwyn

**Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

Virtual Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Selwyn was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Council Present (Virtual):

Mayor Andy Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis
Councillor Donna Ballantyne
Councillor Gerry Herron
Councillor Anita Locke

Staff Present (Virtual):

Janice Lavalley, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services /Clerk
R. Lane Vance, Manager of Finance/Treasurer
Robert Lamarre, Manager of Building and Planning
Jeannette Thompson, Planner
Mike Richardson, Manager of Recreation
Rick Dunford, Manager of Public Works
Gord Jopling, Fire Chief
Michelle Thornton, Deputy Treasurer/I. T. Coordinator
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

The Council meeting commenced at 5:00 PM with Mayor Mitchell in the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Minutes

Resolution No. 2021 – 026 – Minutes

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 19, 2021 and the special Council meetings of January 29, 2021 (Dashboard Review) and January 29, 2021 (2021 Draft Operations Budget) be adopted.

Carried.

Deputations and/or Invited Persons and/or Public Meeting

Board Chair Fred Bennett and CEO Sarah Budd from Habitat for Humanity - Peterborough & Kawartha Region made a presentation to Council regarding their property at 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield. Mr. Bennett and Ms. Budd addressed the impacts to Habitat for Humanity should Council proceed with an Intent to Designate 44 Bridge Street.

Michael Chappell and Jackie Ouellette of "Friends of the Old Stone Mill House" made a presentation to Council regarding the heritage value of 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield.

Sabrina Hall, a supporter of Habitat for Humanity - Peterborough & Kawartha Region, made a presentation to Council regarding her personal experience with Habitat for Humanity and the impact that it has had on her life and the lives of her family members.

Resolution No. 2021 – 027 – 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield - Various Deputations and staff report

Councillor Anita Locke – Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis –

That the presentation from Habitat for Humanity - Peterborough & Kawartha Region Board Chair Fred Bennett and CEO Sarah Budd regarding 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield; and

That the presentation from Michael Chappell and Jackie Ouellette of “Friends of the Old Stone Mill House” regarding 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield; and

That the presentation from Sabrina Hall, a supporter of Habitat for Humanity - Peterborough & Kawartha Region regarding her personal experience with Habitat for Humanity; and

That the report prepared by the Manager of Building and Planning regarding 44 Bridge Street – Heritage Designation be received information.

Carried.

Question Period

Council entertained questions from the public from 5:36 PM to 5:53 PM.

Municipal Officers & Staff Reports – Direction

Resolution No. 2021 – 028 – PSAB Budget 2021 Compliance Report

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Donna Ballantyne –

That the report of the Manager of Financial Services entitled PSAB Budget 2021 Compliance Report be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn adopt the Budget Compliance Report for expenses excluded from the 2021 budgets as outlined in and as a requirement of Ontario Regulation 284/09; and

That the 2021 Taxation Budget be adopted as presented and discussed on January 29, 2021.

Carried.

Consent

Resolution No. 2021 – 029 – Municipal Officer’s and Staff Reports – Information/Housekeeping/Non-Controversial

Councillor Anita Locke – Councillor Donna Ballantyne –

That the report of the Manager of Community & Corporate Services/Clerk outlining the insurance claims history for the past ten years be received for information; and

Correspondence for Direction

That the following items of correspondence be received for information and that staff proceed with the recommended direction therein:

1. 2021 Census

That the letter from Geoff Bowlby, Director General, Census Management Office Statistics Canada / Government of Canada regarding the 2021 Census be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca; and

2. The Canada Pharmacare Act

That the letter from Peter Julian, MP regarding Private Member's Bill C-213, an Act to Enact the Canada Pharmacare Act be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports Bill C-213, which seeks to establish a universal, publicly administered pharmacare program based on the same principles as Canada's universal health care program; and

3. Asphodel Norwood – Support – Extend Deadline – Community Well Being Plan Preparation

That the letter from Candice White, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer with the Township of Asphodel Norwood regarding an extension request for a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's deadline extension request to adopt and complete a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges faced by individual regions during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Correspondence for Information

That the following items of correspondence be received for information:

4. AMO Update – Community Safety, Policing Grants, Broadband in Northern Ontario
5. AMO Update – 2021 OCIP Funding, 2nd Intake of Municipal Modernization Program and Provincial Emergency Extension
6. AMO Update – Library Broadband and Response to Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission
7. Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism – Winter Newsletter and 2021 Annual General Meeting Invitation and Details
8. Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism - NewsFlash! January 19th , January 26th and February 2nd, 2021
9. Board of Health Meeting Summary – January 13, 2021
10. Peterborough Public Health - Thanking Community Health Care Workers
11. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Municipal Modernization Program (2nd Intake)
12. MPAC Update - Municipal Partnership Agreement
13. Trent Lands & Nature Areas Plan - The Final Plan
14. Selwyn Library – Newsletter – February 2021
15. Town of Augusta, Lake of Bays, Township of Baldwin, Terrace Bay and Letter from Save OFC – Closure of Ontario Fire College
16. Perth County and Plympton-Wyoming - Extension of Deadlines
17. Plympton-Wyoming and West Nipissing - Municipal Drainage Matters and Coordination for National Railways
18. Mississippi Mills and Lake of Bays - Request for Revisions to the Municipal Act
19. Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, North Glengarry and South Stormont – Re-opening of Small Businesses
20. Township of South-West Oxford - Automatic Speed Enforcement
21. West Grey and Lake of Bays - Bill 229 Protect, Support & Recover from COVID-19 Act
22. City of Port Colborne - Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores, Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act , Drainage Matters on CNR Lands and Unlicensed and Unmonitored Cannabis Grow Operations
23. Perth County - Negative Impacts of Current Value Assessments
24. Grey Highlands and Town of Gore Bay - Insurance Premiums
25. Bracebridge and Lake of Bays - Infrastructure Funding Protect
26. West Nipissing - Emergency Operational Funding

27. Lakefield Farmers Market - Letter of Thanks; and

County Correspondence for Information

That the following items of correspondence from the County of Peterborough be received for information:

1. Letter from Peterborough County Warden Re: CAO Update
2. 2021 Draft Budget Report
 - Preliminary Report
 - Summary
 - Change in Tax Requirements by Department
 - Reserves
 - Questions from County Council
3. County Road 20 (Selwyn Road) Speed Limit Evaluation Report and Public Comments
4. Consolidated Municipal Service Management Report and Agreement
5. County Official Plan Project: Focus on Waterfront Development Report
6. Organizational and Service Delivery Review Working Group – Recommendations to Council Report
7. Waste Management Committee – Considerations Report
8. County Council Minutes – Regular Meeting January 13, 2021 and Special Meeting January 21, 2021
9. Letter to Premier Ford Re: Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan; and

Committee Reports

That the minutes of the Library Board of December 15, 2020; and

That the minutes of the Peterborough Police Services Board of December 22, 2020; and

That the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee January 13, 2021; and

That the minutes of the Heritage Committee January 13th and 28th, 2021 be received for information.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021 – 030 – Support for Frontline Workers

Councillor Donna Ballantyne – Councillor Anita Locke –

That the Township of Selwyn support the resolution passed by the Peterborough Health Unit thanking Community Health Care Workers for their extraordinary efforts during the COVID19 pandemic.

Carried.

Petitions

None.

Council Portfolio Updates

Verbal updates were provided by Council members regarding the following Council Portfolios:

- Community Services, Transportation and Housing – Councillor Donna Ballantyne
- Economic Development, Business Retention and Attraction, Planning and Building Client Services – Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis
- Public Works and Recreation – Councillor Gerry Herron
- Sustainability, Culture and Senior Services – Councillor Anita Locke

- Governance and Inter-Governmental Relations – Mayor Andy Mitchell

Other, New & Unfinished Business

Resolution No. 2021 – 031 – Notice of Motion - Cannabis Cultivation

Councillor Donna Ballantyne – Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis –

Whereas the Township of Selwyn has a potential cannabis agriculture crop operation that is very close to residential areas being considered in Selwyn; and

Whereas this is the first such operation that the Township has considered; and

Whereas the proposal has resulted in many quality of life concerns being expressed by residents and although this proposal must move forward under the Township's current cannabis regulations, it has raised the need to consider a review of best practices and the Township's current regulation; and

Whereas there was a session at the 2021 ROMA Convention entitled, "Cannabis a Growing Concern!" indicating that there are other communities that also have concerns about the impacts of cannabis cultivation and production in their communities;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be authorized to contact Meridian Planning Consultants, the firm that provided the original report to regulate cannabis in the Township to determine their interest in being engaged to review the Township's current regulations and that the review be funded using funds from the OCLIF Reserve and that the review also examine best practices in the Province of Ontario related to the ability of the Municipality to have the greatest control possible over crop growth and/or production within close proximity to residential properties; including reviewing minimum distance setbacks, requirements for light pollution, vegetative buffers and the removal of the waste cannabis by-product with a view to changing our current By-law as it relates to growing Cannabis outdoors on agriculture and rural zoned lands; and that a report be brought back to Council by April 27th, 2021 providing an update for Council's consideration on the possible recommendations.

Councillor Donna Ballantyne - yes

Councillor Gerry Herron - yes

Councillor Anita Locke - yes

Mayor Andy Mitchell - yes

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – yes

Carried.

By-laws

Resolution No. 2021 – 032 – By-laws First, Second & Third Reading

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

That By-law 2021-004, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between W.S. Morgan Construction Limited and the Township of Selwyn for renovations to the former Scout Building

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021 – 033 – Closed Session

Councillor Anita Locke - Councillor Donna Ballantyne

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 239. (2) (b) - Personal Matters Regarding Identifiable Individuals; Section 239.(2) (e) - Litigation matters, potential litigation matters affecting the Municipality and Section 239. (2) (a) - Security of the Property of the Municipality (7:07 PM).

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021 – 034 – Rise Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

That Council now rise from closed session (9:00 PM).

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021 – 035 – Trail Committee Resignation and Appointments

Councillor Anita Locke - Councillor Donna Ballantyne

That the Township of Selwyn accept the resignation of Bruce Bellchambers as a member of the Trail Advisory Committee with regret and that Mr. Bellchambers be thanked for his service to the Committee; and

That Michele Kadwell-Chalmers and James Nelson be appointed to the Trail Advisory Committee and further that a By-law formalizing the appointments and resignation be brought forward at a future Council meeting.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2021 – 036 – Confirming By-law

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

That By-law 2021-008, a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 9, 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021 – 037 – Adjournment

Councillor Gerry Herron - Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis

That the meeting be adjourned. (9:05 PM)

Carried.