

Corporation of the Township of Selwyn

**Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

Council Chambers, 1310 Centre Line

A regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Selwyn was held on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at the Council Chambers, 1310 Centre Line.

Present: Mayor Sherry Senis
Deputy Mayor Ron Black
Councillor John Boyko
Councillor Mary Coulas
Councillor Brian Henry

Staff Present: Janice Lavalley, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services /Clerk
R. Lane Vance, Manager of Finance/Treasurer
Mike Richardson, Manager of Recreation Services (arrived at 1:28 PM)
Adam Tobin, Manager of Public Works (arrived at 1:28 PM)
Per Lundberg, Planner
Robert Kelly, Manager of Building and Planning
Gord Jopling, Fire Chief (left at 1:28 PM)
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

The Council meeting commenced at 1:07 pm with Mayor Senis in the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Minutes

Resolution No. 2024 – 071 – Minutes

Councillor Mary Coulas – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –
That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 9, 2024 be adopted.
Carried.

Deputations and/or Invited Persons and/or Public Meeting

Chief of Paramedics Patricia Bromfield made a presentation to Council to provide an update on the Peterborough City and County Paramedic Service.

Resolution No. 2024 – 072 – Peterborough City and County Paramedic Service

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –
That the presentation from Chief of Paramedics Patricia Bromfield to provide an update on the Peterborough City and County Paramedic Service be received for information.

Carried.

Kerri Snoddy with the County of Peterborough Waste Management Department and Betsy Varghese from Dillon Consulting made a presentation regarding a garbage collection upload analysis.

Resolution No. 2024 – 073 - Garbage Upload Analysis

Deputy Mayor Ron Black – Councillor John Boyko –
That the presentation from Kerri Snoddy from the County of Peterborough and Betsy Varghese from Dillon Consulting regarding a garbage collection upload analysis be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports its inclusion for further consideration of the implementation and costing process related to the upload of garbage collection

services to the County of Peterborough, with the understanding that this does not commit the Township to participating in the upload of these services at this time.

Carried.

Kerri Snoddy with the County of Peterborough Waste Management Department made a presentation to Council regarding options for a County Organics Collection program.

Resolution No. 2024 – 074 - County Organic Collection

Deputy Mayor Ron Black – Councillor John Boyko –

That the presentation from Kerri Snoddy from the County of Peterborough regarding options for a County organic collection program be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports the County of Peterborough continuing to investigate options for a County Wide Organics Collection Program, preferably as a co-collection system with garbage, in order to maximize efficiencies and cost savings, with the understanding that this does not commit the Township to participating in the organics collection program at this time.

Carried.

Question Period

None.

Municipal Officers & Staff Reports – Direction

Resolution No. 2024 – 075 – Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 & Bill 185

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor Mary Coulas –

That the report regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024 and Bill 185 be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to submit comments, as noted in the staff report, through the Environmental Registry of Ontario website and our local MPP as the Township of Selwyn's formal response on the PPS, 2024; and further that Township staff review the PPS analysis being prepared by the County of Peterborough and that the Township include support of the County's comments in the Township ERO submission, subject to the comments being in alignment with the Township's position, and that Council be provided with a copy of the Township's submission related to the County's comments.

Carried.

Consent Items

Resolution No. 2024 – 076 – Municipal Officer's and Staff Reports – Information/Housekeeping/Non-Controversial

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

That the report of the Manager of Financial Services regarding the 2024 Consolidated Tax Rates be received for information; and that By-law 2024-021, being a By-law to establish the rates of taxation for the year 2024, be forwarded to the By-law section of the agenda for consideration; and

That the report of the Manager of Public Works with respect to two new pick-up trucks be received for information; and that the tender from Scott Drummond Motors Ltd., in the amount of \$61,514.75 for Truck #1 GMC (HST excluded) and \$60,958.87 for Truck #2 Chevrolet (HST excluded) be approved; and that \$16,500 (HST excluded) be included to outfit the vehicles with traffic safety and operational features and further that the 2024 Water and Sewer Budget include expenses and funding for these components; and

That the report from the HR Coordinator regarding the staffing update for the position of Water & Wastewater Supervisor be received for information; and

That the report of the Manager of Building and Planning regarding cash-in-lieu of parking for 18 Bridge Street, Lakefield be received for information; and that By-law 2024-020 be brought forward to the By-laws section of the agenda to authorize the Manager of Building and Planning to execute an agreement, on the Township's behalf, to permit cash-in-lieu of parking with respect to 18 Bridge Street, Lakefield subject to a complete cash-in-lieu of parking application being submitted to the Township of Selwyn's satisfaction which includes a site plan and required payment; and

Correspondence for Direction:

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

1. Letter from Jim Carson – Dedication Plaque

That the correspondence from Jim Carson related to the recognition of the Wilford Family be received for information; and that Council authorize staff to design and install a plaque to be installed on the concession booth at the Douglas Sports Centre to recognize the Wilford family's outstanding commitment to youth sports in the community; and

2. Bird Friendly Declaration – May 11th

That the correspondence from Bird Friendly Selwyn, asking to declare May 11th World Migratory Bird Day in Selwyn Township be received for information; and that the Township of Selwyn declare May 11th as World Migratory Bird Day in Selwyn Township and that information be shared on the Township's various communication platforms; and

Correspondence for Information

That the following items of correspondence be received for information:

3. Premier's Office - Ontario Building New Medical School at York University Focused on Primary Care Doctors
4. Ministry of Education - Ontario More than Doubling Funding to Build New Schools
5. Ministry of Energy - Ontario Launches Grid Innovation Fund
6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Ontario Expanding Mass Timber Construction Up to 18 Storeys
7. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Proposed Regulation Regarding Minister's Permit and Review Powers Under the Conservation Authorities Act
8. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024
9. Association of Municipalities of Ontario – New Federal Infrastructure & Housing Items in Upcoming 2024 Budget
10. City of Sault Ste. Marie - Intimate Partner Violence Motion
11. Town of Fort Erie - Ford-Amend Ontario Heritage Act-Subsection 27
12. Town of Goderich Resolution - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct
13. Town of Goderich Resolution - OW and ODSP Rates
14. Town of Goderich Resolution - Phase-Out of Water Well Testing
15. Town of Lincoln - Extension of Bill 23 Timelines for Heritage Registry Lists
16. Township of Terrace Bay - Development of a Municipal Equipment Operator Course
17. Armour Hill Energy Storage - Update Letter
18. Lakefield Campground – Various Items of Correspondence
 - Blair Elliott
 - Susan Chan
 - Lynda Gadd
 - Patti and Tom McAllister
 - Stephanie Ford Forrester

- Guy Hanchet
- Norm Sultmanis and Marianne Urke
- Susan Twist; and

County Correspondence for Information:

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

1. Report – Watershed Plan Comparisons
2. Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2024; and

Committee Reports

That the minutes from the Peterborough Police Services Board meeting of March 12 2024; and the 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan be received for information; and

That the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 28, 2024 be received for information; and

Whereas the 4th Review of AODA legislation completed by Reviewer Rich Donovan noted that he had “no choice but to declare a crisis” with respect to the state of Ontario’s accessibility; and

Whereas the report outlines three categories of recommendations:

- Immediate crisis
- Strategic recommendations intended to shift accessibility to new partners
- Tactical recommendations to improve accessibility; and

That the Township of Selwyn supports the implementation of a Crisis Committee to be chaired by the Premier and co-chaired by the Secretary of Cabinet to address the immediate crisis recommendations; and

That the Province implement the Plan’s recommendations that includes the creation of the Accessibility Agency to ensure there is accountability and action; and

That this recommendation be circulated to the other seven townships in the County of Peterborough for support; and

That the minutes from the Municipal Heritage Committee meeting of March 28, 2024 be received for information; and

Whereas subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the Council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

Whereas since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the Municipal Heritage Committee in the Township of Selwyn have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; contact owners of such properties; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas the above-noted work involving 107 listed properties in the Township of Selwyn will consume many valuable staff hours and has proved to be a time-consuming and costly project and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024; and

Whereas the Heritage Register is an important tool for preserving and identifying heritage properties and provides municipalities with a means to protect non-designated listed properties while designation is being considered;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Township of Selwyn send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with copies to Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030 and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

Carried.

Petitions

None.

Other, New & Unfinished Business

Mayor Sherry Senis advised that the Library is hosting a Fundraising Golf Tournament on August 8th at 4 PM at the Quarry Golf Club.

By-laws

Resolution No. 2024 – 077 – By-laws First, & Third Reading

Councillor John Boyko – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –

That By-law 2024-020, being a By-law to authorize the Manager of Building and Planning to execute an agreement to permit cash-in-lieu of parking for 18 Bridge Street, Lakefield; and

That By-law 2024-021, being a By-law to establish the rate of taxations for the year 2024, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024 – 078 – Confirming By-law

Councillor Mary Coulas – Councillor Brian Henry –

That By-law 2024-022, being a By-law to Confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on the 23rd day of April, 2024, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024 – 079 – Adjournment

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor Mary Coulas –

That the meeting be adjourned. (2:42 PM)

Carried.