

Corporation of the Township of Selwyn

**Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 26th, 2024**

Council Chambers, 1310 Centre Line

A regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Selwyn was held on Tuesday, November 26th, 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, CAO
Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services /Clerk
R. Lane Vance, Manager of Financial Services
Robert Kelly, Manager of Building and Planning
P. Mike Richardson, Manager of Recreation Services
Adam Tobin, Manager of Public Works
Bryden Erdmann, Emergency & Risk Management Advisor
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk
Parys Carr, Sustainability Coordinator (Acting)

The Council meeting commenced at 1:22 PM with Mayor Senis in the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Minutes

Resolution No. 2024 – 198 – Minutes

Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Mary Coulas –
That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 12, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

Deputations and/or Invited Persons and/or Public Meeting

Council welcomed new staff member Water & Wastewater Operator - Nicholas Teeuwsen.

Peter Simisko from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd made a presentation to Council to provide an update on amending various Development Charges By-laws to include of growth-related studies as per Bill 185.

Resolution No. 2024 – 199 – Watson & Associates Economists Ltd - Development Charges

Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Brian Henry –
That the presentation from Peter Simisko of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd be received for information; and

That the memo from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. dated November 15, 2024 regarding the Township of Selwyn – Development Charges By-law Amendments and impacts of Bill 185 be received for information; and

That growth-related studies be included as an eligible cost to be funded through Development Charges as set-out in the memo referred to above; and

That the amending By-laws to effect this change be forwarded to the By-law section of the agenda for Council consideration.

Carried.

Anand Desai from Monteith Brown made a presentation regarding the final Strategic Plan and Recreation Services Plan for the Township of Selwyn.

Resolution No. 2024 – 200 – Monteith Brown – Strategic Plan and Recreation Services Plan

Councillor John Boyko – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –

That the 2024 Township of Selwyn Corporate Strategic Plan and 2024 Recreation Services Plan, dated November 26, 2024 be approved.

Carried.

David Forsey from Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc. Made a presentation regarding the Link services delivery review.

Resolution No. 2024 – 201 – Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc. – The Link – Service Delivery Review

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor Mary Coulas –

That the presentation and Service Delivery Review (SDR) of The Link Public Transit system dated November 26, 2024 prepared by Arcadis be received for information; and

Whereas the SDR recommends Option 3, described as Trunk & Branch, as the preferred option as it serves the areas with highest-demand generally described below:

- maintain two transit routes - Route 31 (Lakefield/CLFN) and Route 32 (Bridgenorth/Ennismore)
- add Woodland Acres to Route 31 (Lakefield/CLFN) to provide more service to the highest demand areas of Woodland Acres and Lakefield
- add Lakefield to Route 32 to provide a connection between Route 31 and 32; and

That staff be directed to collaborate with Peterborough Transit, and other Link partners, to develop a proposed implementation plan using Option 3 as outlined above as the basis for route planning for The Link; and

That a report be provided to Council on the proposed implementation plan in Q2 of 2025 in order for Council to consider the continuation of The Link transit service following the end of the pilot in March of 2026.

Councillor John Boyko – no

Councillor Mary Coulas – yes

Councillor Brian Henry – yes

Mayor Sherry Senis – yes

Deputy Mayor Ron Black – yes

Carried.

Question Period

None.

Municipal Officers & Staff Reports – Direction

Resolution No. 2024 – 202 – Ward Adjustment

Councillor Mary Coulas – Councillor John Boyko –

That the report of the Deputy Clerk with regard to a ward adjustment of five lots located within the Lakefield South Development area be received for information; and

That By-law 2024-067, being a By-law to provide for a ward adjustment of five (5) lots currently located in the Lakefield Ward to the Smith Ward in the Township of Selwyn be forwarded to the By-law section of the agenda for consideration.

Carried

Consent Items

Resolution No. 2024 – 203 – Municipal Officer's and Staff Reports – Information/Housekeeping/Non-Controversial

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –

That the report of the Emergency & Risk Management Advisor regarding the insurance program 2025 be received for information; and that the Township of Selwyn renew its insurance policy for the year 2025 with Intact Public Entities (IPE); and

That the report of the Deputy Clerk regarding various By-laws be received for information; and that By-law 2024-068, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a merger agreement and associated documents between the Corporation of the Township of Selwyn, Maria Tekla Bak and Joseph George Bak for lands legally described as PT S1/2 LT 24 Con 7 (Smith) be forwarded to the By-laws section of the agenda for consideration; and

Correspondence for Direction

1. Ministry of Transportation (MTO) - Community Transportation Grant

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) advising that the Community Transportation Grant has been extended to March 2026 be received for information; and

That By-law 2024-069, to execute a funding agreement with the MTO to extend the Township of Selwyn's Community Transportation grant funding to March of 2026 be brought forward to the By-laws section of the agenda for consideration; and

2. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) – Impacts of Rising OPP Costs

That the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus addressing the impacts of rising OPP costs to municipalities and the need for transparency be received for information; and

That correspondence be forwarded to the Solicitor General advising that the Township of Selwyn supports the position of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus requesting that there be a more transparent and proactive approach to addressing OPP service costs; and further that there is a need for clearer communication on the factors driving these increases, advanced notice of changes to billing, and more support to help municipalities manage OPP costs effectively in partnership with the Ontario Government; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Ontario Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson and MPP Dave Smith; and

3. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) – Infrastructure Funding

That the Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus addressing infrastructure funding be received for information; and

That the Township of Selwyn joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

That the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; MP Michelle Ferreri; MPP Dave Smith; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus; and

Correspondence for Information

That the following items of correspondence be received for information:

1. Ministry of Solicitor General – Ontario Expanding Mental Health Support or Public Safety Personnel
2. Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism – New Initiative to Transform Ontario's Heritage Framework
3. Ministry of Health – Ontario Building New Emergency Department in Kawartha Lakes
4. AMO – Policy Update Encampments and Opioid Crisis
5. The Corporation of the Town of Midland – Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities
6. King Township – Requesting the Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
7. Township of Russell – Redistribution of the Provincial Land Tax and GST to Municipalities for Infrastructure Funding
8. Township of Southgate – OPP Billing and the Call for Provincial Funding Support
9. Township of North Glengarry - Motion Changes to the MEA
10. City of Cambridge – Lithium-Ion Importation and Safe Use
11. City of Cambridge – Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis
12. Town of Perry Sound – Implement a Rural Road Safety Program to Reduce Fatalities and Injuries
13. Township of Terrace Bay – Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues
14. EOWC Letter – EOWC Support for Licensing Framework for Rideshare - Oct 24, 2024; and

County Correspondence for Information

1. 2025 Budget Update – November 20, 2024
 - Appendix A – Amended 2025 Capital and Projects Budget
2. Report - County DC By-law Indexing
3. Report - County ROMA Delegation Requests
4. Quarterly Report - 3rd Quarter Report
5. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2024; and

Committee Reports

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of October 24, 2024 be received for information.

Carried.

Petitions

None.

Other, New & Unfinished Business

Resolution No. 2024 – 204 – ROMA Delegation Request

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –
That Council's request for delegations at the 2025 ROMA Conference with the Ministry of Health and the Solicitor General as requested at the November 12, 2024 Council meeting be withdrawn.

Carried.

By-laws

Resolution No. 2024 – 205 – By-laws First, & Third Reading

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –
That By-law 2024-067, being a By-law to provide for the adjustment of five (5) parcels from Lakefield Ward to the Smith Ward in the Township of Selyn; and

That By-law 2024-068, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a merger agreement and associated documents between the Corporation of the Township of Selwyn, Maria Tekla Bak and Joseph George Bak for lands legally described as PT S1/2 LT 24 Con 7 (Smith); and

That By-law 2024-069, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Selwyn and MTO Community Transportation Grant Extension; and

That By-law 2024-070, being a By-law to amend Development Charges By-law 2023-053 (Roads and Related); and

That By-law 2024-071, being a By-law to amend Development Charges By-law 2023-054 (Fire Services); and

That By-law 2024-072, being a By-law to amend Development Charges By-law 2023-055 (Parks and Recreation Services); and

That By-law 2024-073, being a By-law to amend Development Charges By-law 2023-056 (Library Services); and

That By-law 2024-074, being a By-law to amend Development Charges By-law 2023-058 (Lakefield South Development Area – Wastewater Services) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2024 – 206 – Confirming By-law

Councillor Mary Coulas – Councillor Brian Henry –
That By-law 2024-075, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting held on the 26th day of November 2024, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024 – 207 – Adjournment

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –
That the meeting be adjourned. (2:48 PM)

Carried.