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Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford

Council Minutes

A Council meeting of the Municipality of Meaford was held at 1:00 p.m. at Meaford Hall on February 27, 2023.

Members:

Mayor Ross Kentner
Deputy Mayor Shirley Keaveney
Councillor Steve Bartley
Councillor Tony Bell
Councillor Brandon Forder
Councillor Harley Greenfield
Councillor Rob Uhrig

Staff:

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Armstrong
Clerk/Director of Community Services, M. Smith
Treasurer/Director of Financial Services, V. Manning
Director of Development Services, R. Voigt
Director of Infrastructure Services, J. Wiley
Director of Engineering Services, T. Perejmybida
Deputy Clerk, M. Wilton-Siegel

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kentner called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with quorum noted.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Keaveney read the municipal Land Acknowledgement.

3. Moment of Reflection

Council paused for a moment of silent reflection.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Announcements

- CAO Rob Armstrong announced nominations are being received for the Community Builder Award until March 17, 2023.
- Deputy Mayor Keaveney announced nominations are being received for the Meaford Community Awards through the Chamber of Commerce until April 6, 2023.

6. Public Participation

- a) Presentations
- Alison FitzGerald, Executive Director - My Friend's House

Alison FitzGerald, Executive Director at My Friend's House presented about the programs and services the organization offers, and about the demand for services in the Municipality of Meaford.

- b) Deputations on Agenda Items

Moved by: Councillor Bell
Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby waive section 28.2 (h) of the procedural by-law to allow for additional pre-registered deputations.

Carried

The following members of the public provided Council with their comments relating to item 10.2 TC Energy Pumped Storage Project:

- Joseph Leung
- Nancy Primak
- Allan Johnson
- Kellie Haslam
- Amanda Greenfield
- John Mikkelsen
- John Peevers
- Clair Belfour
- Chad Richards
- Bob Peel
- Paul Vickers
- Mark Pietrowski
- Sue Johnston
- Linnea Nelson
- Teresa Sorska-Rybarczyk
- Louise Buccella
- Jeanette Walter

Paul Vickers provided additional comments relating to item 8.2
b) Pre-budget Approval - BR-045 Rehabilitation (TS-2023-07).

c) Public Questions

- None

10.2 Motions for Decision

a) Deputy Mayor Keaveney - TC Energy Pumped Storage Project

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby waives section 21.1 of the procedural by-law regarding the order of business, and moves item 10.2 (a) prior to item 7 on the agenda for immediate consideration.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Keaveney provided additional information about the main motion, including background on previous Council resolutions and perceived benefits to the community that may be supported by the current motion. Deputy Mayor Keaveney

also noted that advice has been received by the Municipal lawyer with regard to amended wording.

Resident Joseph Leung expressed concern about the change to the motion.

Councillor Bartley asked about the feasibility of consulting the Municipal lawyer about the proposed motion and amendment.

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford does now go into a closed session in the Boardroom with the CAO and Clerk in attendance and legal counsel participating virtually to receive advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, specifically relating to the TC Energy Pumped Storage Project motion currently being considered.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-01

Council paused at 3:15 p.m. to convene a closed session meeting. Council returned to open session at 4:04 p.m.

Mayor Kentner reported out from the closed session that Council received solicitor advice regarding the motion currently being considered.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That the motion be amended to replace the words "and planning" in clause 4 of the enacting clauses with "energy, and land use", and to add an additional enacting clause prior to the final clause, to read "That the Community Benefits Agreement shall include both community benefits and mitigation for project related community impacts."

Carried

Deputy Mayor Keaveney spoke to the motion as amended in detail, providing additional context to the proposed wording.

Each members of Council made comments on the motion and the proposed pumped storage project.

Councillor Bell raised a point of privilege noting that he took issue with a comment made by Councillor Greenfield and asked for clarification on his phrasing. Mayor Kentner requested that Councillor Greenfield clarify and apologize for the remark. Councillor Greenfield offered a short explanation of the comment and concluded with an apology.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Greenfield.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Whereas, in 2019, TC Energy made public its plan to construct and operate a major 1,000 MW hydroelectric generating facility, centred on zero emission electricity generation technology known as Pumped Storage, related works and undertakings on lands within the Municipality of Meaford;

Whereas, in 2020, the Council of the Municipality received and reviewed Report CAO2020-03 and unanimously declared support for the Proposed facility proceeding to the applicable approval processes, led by environmental assessments and impact assessments, including impact assessment under the federal Impact Assessment Act;

Whereas in 2021, the Department of National Defence determined that the proposed facility could be located on a portion of land within the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, subject to conditions;

Whereas, in 2022, the Council of the Municipality discussed the offer by TC Energy to provide community benefits to the Municipality in relation to the proposed facility, including Council review of Report CAO2022-33 that included a draft framework for a Community Benefits Agreement;

Whereas, in 2022, the Council of the Municipality completed the 10-year review of its Official Plan and

related community engagement resulting in adoption of Amendment 34 to its Official Plan to guide physical change and development across the Municipality for the next 25 years, continuing the Municipality's Environment First Planning Policy, and prioritizing infrastructure that addresses sustainability and climate adaptation;

Whereas, in 2023, TC Energy advised the Municipality that it will reimburse the Municipality for the costs of technical peer reviewers of all potential impacts of the proposed facility, legal counsel on all relevant matters, and costs related to the development of a community benefits agreement between the Municipality and TC Energy, including a Council-approved negotiator; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby provides conditional support for the construction and operation of a 1,000 MW Pumped Storage Facility to the Provincial Minister of Energy, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Written confirmation from TC Energy of complete cost recovery for all costs reasonably incurred by the Municipality in relation to the proposed facility and that the aforementioned costs will be expeditiously reimbursed by TC Energy;**
- 2. Development of a regulatory plan and related information gathering and disclosure requirements to address the central role and future actions of the Municipality regarding the Proposed facility over its life-cycle from planning to decommissioning;**
- 3. Formal agreement between the Municipality and TC Energy on Community Benefits covering short-, medium- and long-term benefits, including ultimate ratification of the agreement by Council;**
- 4. Approval of the proposed facility by all relevant jurisdictions under all applicable environmental energy, and land use processes, including any applicable environmental and/or impact assessments, and all applicable regulatory approvals, authorizations, licenses, and permits.**

That the Community Benefits Agreement shall include both community benefits and mitigation for project related community impacts; and

That Mayor Kentner is hereby directed to send a letter to the Provincial Minister of Energy on behalf of the Municipality of Meaford, indicating conditional support for the Pumped Storage Project.

	For	Against
Mayor Kentner	x	
Deputy Mayor Keaveney	x	
Councillor Bartley	x	
Councillor Bell	x	
Councillor Forder		x
Councillor Greenfield		x
Councillor Uhrig	x	
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Carried As Amended - Resolution #2023-09-02

7. Council Inquiries

- None.

8. Motions and By-laws for Decision

8.1. Consent Agenda

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney
Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

a) By-law 2023-14 - Alcohol Licencing Policy

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-14, being a by-law to adopt an Alcohol Licencing Policy, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

b) By-law 2023-15 - Zoning By-law Amendment Z07-2022 (143610 Sideroad 15)

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-15, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 60-2009 of the Municipality of Meaford pertaining to 143610 Sideroad 15, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-03

8.2. Items for Consideration

a) DEV2023-03 & By-law 2023-16 - Zoning By-Law Amendment Z11-2022 (123312 Story Book Park Road)

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-16, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 60-2009 of the Municipality of Meaford pertaining to 123312 Story Book Park Road, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-04

b) FIN2023-04 - Pre-Budget Approval - BR-045 Rehabilitation (TS-2023-07)

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford:

- 1. Provide pre-budget approval for project TS-2023-10 Rehabilitation of Bridge 045 in the amount of \$817,000.**
- 2. Approve the Award of Tender TS-2023-07 Rehabilitation of Bridge 045 to McPherson-Andrews Contracting Limited for \$583,257.38, including the Municipality's non-refundable allocation of HST; and**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the necessary Agreement.**

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-05

- c) FIN2023-05 - Pre-Budget Approval - Chiller and Brine Pump Replacement

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford:

1. **Provide pre-budget approval for project PF-2023-11 Arena Chiller and Brine Pump Replacement in the amount of \$150,000.**
2. **Approve the Single Source Award to CIMCO Refrigeration for \$151,515.55, including the Municipality's non-refundable allocation of HST;**
3. **Authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$1,515.55 from the Facilities Reserve Fund to fund the portion over the approved budget; and**
4. **Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the necessary Agreement.**

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-06

9. Committee of the Whole

Motion to Move into Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 5:04 p.m.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-07

Community Services

- a) COM2023-08 - Fire Annual Report

Council asked about anticipated increase to call volume, particularly for ambulance response time and the impact on the Meaford Fire Department, asked about the impact of COVID during the reporting period, the types of calls categorized under miscellaneous and status of training for

firefighters. Chief Allen provided follow up information in response to questions from members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That Committee of the Whole receive Report COM2023-08 – Fire Annual Report for information purposes.

Carried - Received

Financial Services

- b) FIN2023-06 - Council Remuneration (2022)

Moved by: Councillor Bartley

Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That Committee of the Whole receive Report FIN2023-06 – Council Remuneration (2022) for information purposes.

Carried - Received

Updates from members appointed to County Council, Committees & Local Boards

- c) County Council

Deputy Mayor Keaveney provided an update from recent Grey County Council meetings including a summary of presentations, delegations and reports received and considered. Councillor Greenfield inquired about challenges to ordering ambulances in Ontario.

- d) Other Boards and Committees

Councillor Greenfield provided an update from the recent Meaford Public Library Board including welcoming new members and training received. The 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets were also passed at the February meeting.

Councillor Uhrig provided an update from the recent Grey Sauble Conservation Authority AGM, including adoption of the budget, committee membership and a tour of the facility. Also noted that Councillor Greenfield was appointed as the representative for Municipal Grouping 4 to the Source Protection Committee.

Councillor Bartley provided an update from the recent Inter Township Fire Department meeting, noting an increase for training requirements, and a discussion on the 10 year capital plan.

Motion to Move out of Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby move out of Committee of the Whole at 5:23 p.m.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-08

10. Councillor Motions

10.1. Notice of Motion

None.

11. Adoption of Minutes

- a) Council Meetings - February 8, 2023 and February 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Forder

Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on February 8, 2023 and February 13, 2023.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-09

12. Communications

- a) Minutes - Meaford Public Library Board (January 25, 2023)
- b) Correspondence List

All items noted and filed.

13. Confirming By-law

- a) Confirming By-law

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-17, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Meaford at its regular and special meetings held in the month of February, 2023, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-09-10

14. Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Ross Kentner, Mayor

Matthew Smith, Clerk