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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 Council Chambers on November 13, 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:

Interim CAO/Clerk/Director of Community Services, M. Smith
Treasurer/Director of Financial Services, V. Manning
Director of Operations, 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 12:59 p.m. with quorum noted.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Uhrig 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

- Councillor Uhrig noted upcoming events including Christmas on the Bay, the Meaford Culture Foundation Online Auction, and the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay Housing Forum.
- Deputy Mayor Keaveney offered comments of appreciation on a Meaford Dragon's Den event.
- Councillor Greenfield noted details on upcoming events at the Meaford Public Library inline with the Christmas on the Bay and a concert, Acapella Sound, at the Bognor Community Centre.
- Mayor Kentner provided highlights from a celebration of business owner, Gord Harris for 50 years in business and offered appreciation to Councillor Bell for his efforts in the Remembrance Day observance.
- Interim CAO Matt Smith noted the annual Well-being survey is open until November 30 and introduced a new staff member.

6. Public Participation

- a) Presentations
- Sonya Reichel, Georgian Triangle Humane Society - Amended Request for Support

Sonya Reichel, Executive Director, of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society provided information on the current services being offered and overviewed the new proposed facility including a summary of what the new facility will offer. Ms. Reichel highlighted the amended request for support.

Council asked for additional information related to the statistics presented, about the current fee model, about feedback from other municipalities, alternatives to the proposed funding request, about the feasibility of fundraising the other 90%, about access to pet care in the Grey Bruce region and about youth programming at Georgian Triangle Humane Society.

b) Deputations on Agenda Items

- Dave Wilcox offered comments related to item 8.2 b) DEV2023-24 & By-law 2023-70 – Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment Z10-2023 (245690 Sideroad 22).

c) Public Questions

- None.

7. Council Inquiries

- None.

8. Motions and By-laws for Decision

8.1. Consent Agenda

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney
Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

c) By-law 2023-66 - Customer Service Standards Policy

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-66, being a by-law to adopt a Customer Service Standards Policy, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

d) COM2023-29 & By-law 2023-67 - Integrity Commissioner Re-Appointment

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford:

- 1. Approve a Single Source Award to Principles Integrity for the provision of Integrity Commissioner services; and**
- 2. Enact a by-law to appoint Principles Integrity as the Municipality's Integrity Commissioner.**

e) By-law 2023-68 - Significant Weather Event Policy

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-68, being a by-law to adopt a Significant Weather Event Policy, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

f) ENG2023-04 - 2024/2025 MTO Connecting Links Program Application

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford approve the submission of the 2024/25 MTO Connecting Links Program Application for the Sykes Street Road Resurfacing project.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-01

a) Addendum to CAO2023-14 - Council Priorities Update

Councillor Uhrig requested that this item be considered separately.

Council discussed the scope of Project Charter 2.4 Rural Telecommunications Conduit Framework.

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

That the Project Charter – 2.4 Rural Telecommunications Conduit Framework be amended by removing the word 'rural' and other references to rural scope from Project Charter 2.4.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig
Seconded by: Councillor Forder

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford adopt the 2022-2026 Council Priorities.

Carried - As Amended - Resolution #2023-44-02

b) CAO2023-21 – TCE Project Update – Fall 2023

Councillor Uhrig requested that this item be considered separately.

Council asked for clarification about the proposed roles, about the involvement of economic development in the project, for clarification on how Redbrick fits into the project next steps, level of current commitment from TCE and process to secure funding, recruitment process for the new position, about the Community Steering Committee terms of reference and about managing requests for serviced land.

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford:

1. **Authorize the execution of an agreement with Ainley Group to perform an enhanced project management role for the TCE Pumped Storage project;**
2. **Direct staff to draft a Terms of Reference for a Community Steering Committee for Council's consideration;**
3. **Direct staff to establish an internal working group consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, (Interim) CAO, Director of Engineering and Director of Development Services, plus a County of Grey representative and any other staff deemed necessary by the CAO, to lead the Municipality's work on this project;**
4. **Direct staff to work with representatives from Ainley Group, StrategyCorp and TCE to develop a comprehensive project plan, clearly identifying roles and responsibilities; and**
5. **Authorize the recruitment of a Project Administrator (Pumped Storage) municipal staff position, on a contract basis, to coordinate the proposed Community Steering Committee and support the CAO in relation to the Pumped Storage project.**

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-03

8.2. Items for Consideration

- a) 2023-69 - Infrastructure Ontario Borrowing By-law

Council inquired about the timing of the loan, about the use of development charges and estimate cost of the loans, and about upcoming 2024 anticipated debt. Council asked for details related to the Nelson Street booster station project and about the length of loan term and any alternatives.

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-69, being a by-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of the Municipality of Meaford (The "Municipality"); and to authorize the entering into of a rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the Municipality will issue debentures to OILC, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-04

- b) DEV2023-24 & By-law 2023-70 – Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment Z10-2023 (245690 Sideroad 22)

Council inquired about environmental impacts and monitoring relating to the temporary zoning, about clarification on definitions related to the amendment, and if there is an approximation of the timeline to restore the original 'Johnny B's' business.

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-70, being a by-law to rezone a portion of the lands known as 245690 22nd Sideroad, to allow a temporary use for a motor vehicle repair facility for up to three years, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-05

Council paused for a short recess at 2:57 p.m. and resumed at 3:11 p.m.

9. Committee of the Whole

Motion to Move into Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 3:11 p.m.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-06

Development Services

- a) DEV2023-25 - Additional Residential Units Zoning Update

Council asked about opportunities for promotion and incentives that other communities are providing and about water and wastewater allocations and corresponding billing arrangements.

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

That Committee of the Whole receive report DEV2023-25 Additional Residential Units Zoning Update for information purposes.

Carried - Received

Memos

- b) Building Report - October 2023

Councillor Greenfield provided an overview of the report. Councillor Bell inquired about the accumulated values.

- c) Council Meeting Calendar - 2024

Received.

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

d) 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.

e) Other Boards and Committees

Councillor Greenfield asked Deputy Mayor Keaveney a clarifying question related to housing affordability at the Grey County Council meeting.

Councillor Greenfield provided an update from the recent Meaford Public Library Board meeting including a renewed agreement with the Owen Sound North Grey Union Public Library.

Motion to Move out of Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby move out of Committee of the Whole at 3:40 p.m.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-07

10. Councillor Motions

10.1. Notice of Motion

Councillor Uhrig provided notice regarding a motion related to the installation of event signs.

10.2. Motions for Decision

a) Councillor Greenfield - Sesquicentennial Events

Council discussed the recent meeting on the Sesquicentennial Events and discussed alternate funding available.

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield
Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Meaford has decided to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Meaford through Sesquicentennial events and celebrations; and

Whereas Council has reached out to organizations and individuals to bring forward ideas for activities, and the response has been positive; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford, during its 2024 budget deliberations, dedicate funding of \$25,000 to assist with the anniversary recognition.

Superseded

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney
Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That the wording in clause three be deleted and the following be added, "Whereas it will be necessary for the municipality to receipt sponsorships and assist with some events during the sesquicentennial; Therefore, be it resolved that a member of our events and/or communications staff be available to book steering committee meetings and provide minutes; and That during its 2024 budget deliberations, Council dedicate funding of \$25,000 to assist with the anniversary recognition.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Bartley
Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

That the amending motion be amended by deleting "That during its 2024 budget deliberations, Council dedicate funding of \$25,000 to assist with the anniversary recognition" and inserting "That Council of the Municipality of Meaford allocate an upset limit of

\$25 000 from the Recreation Reserve to fund the Sesquicentennial events".

Carried

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

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Whereas it will be necessary for the municipality to receipt sponsorships and assist with some events during the sesquicentennial.

Therefore, be it resolved that a member of our events and/or communications staff be available to book steering committee meetings and provide minutes; and

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford allocate an upset limit of \$25 000 from the Recreation Reserve to fund the Sesquicentennial events.

Carried As Amended - Resolution #2023-44-08

b) Councillor Bell - Intersection of William and Cook Street

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Forder

Whereas, Council of the Municipality of Meaford has received complaints about the safety of the intersection at William St. & Cook St.;

Whereas, the intersection is currently a two-way stop, with the stop signs on William St.; and

Whereas, Council is committed to ensuring safety of pedestrians and vehicle users on all municipal roads.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby direct staff to bring forward a report considering options to improve safety at the William St. and Cook. St. intersection; and

That the options considered should include, but not be limited to, changing the direction of the stop signs, a four-way stop, no parking restrictions around the intersection, and a flashing light above the intersection.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-09

11. Adoption of Minutes

- a) Council Meetings - October 30, 2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford hereby adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on October 30, 2023 and the closed meeting held on October 30, 2023.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-10

12. Communications

- a) Minutes - Meaford Public Library Board (September 20, 2023)
- b) Minutes - Grey County Council and Committee of the Whole (October 26, 2023)
- c) Minutes - Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
- d) Grey Sauble Conservation Authority - 2024 Draft Budget

Councillor Bell asked to pull this item and offered some additional comments.

- e) Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board - 2024 Draft Budget
- f) Letter - 2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Delegation Form

Deputy Mayor Keaveney asked to pull this item. Interim CAO Matt Smith provided a recommendation on a deputation about the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project to both Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Housing. Council discussed the County of Grey's deputation request relating to the Aiken Street Track Property and the opportunity to support the request.

- g) Letter - City of Owen Sound, Regional Climate Change Mitigation (November 6, 2023)
- h) Correspondence List

All items noted and filed.

13. Closed Session

- a) ITFD Fire Board Appointments

Moved by: Councillor Forder
Seconded by: Councillor Bell

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford does now go into a closed session in the Council Chambers at 4:16 p.m. with the Interim CAO and Deputy Clerk in attendance to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals, specifically candidates for appointment to the Inter Township Fire Department Fire Board.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-10

Mayor Kentner will report out that Council met in closed session to provide direction to staff on the Inter-Township Fire Department Board of Management.

- b) 2023-71 - Appointment of citizen member of the Inter-Township Fire Department Board of Management

Moved by: Councillor Greenfield
Seconded by: Councillor Uhrig

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-71, being a by-law to appoint a citizen member of the Inter-Township Fire Department Board of Management, be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried - Resolution #2023-44-11

14. Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Ross Kentner, Mayor

Matthew Smith, Clerk