

## MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wearn, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Cowan and Peterson

Staff: Crandall, Harmer, Krug, Mordue, Richardson and Wood

Mayor Wearn in the Chair

1. **Welcome**

2. **Call to Order**

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

RESOLUTION #1

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the May 3, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council be approved with the addition of item 8 a, d.

.Carried

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

5. **Adoption of Minutes**

RESOLUTION #2

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #3

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Closed Session meeting of Council be approved.

.Carried

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

**7. Delegations/Presentations**

None.

**8. Correspondence**

**a. General**

- a. County of Oxford – Farmland Tax Rate
- b. County of Oxford – Princeton wastewater
- c. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – 2017/2018 Tile Loan Program
- d. Princeton Legacy Park Committee – Update from their April 18, 2017 meeting

RESOLUTION #4

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence be received and that the noted action be approved.

.Carried

**b. Specific**

None

**9. Staff Reports**

**a. Gary Crandall, Director of Public Works**

- i. PW-17-14, Monthly report

RESOLUTION #5

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded By – Councillor Balzer

That report PW-17-14 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. PW-17-15, Bridge 51 tender results

RESOLUTION #6

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded By – Councillor Balzer

That report PW-17-15 be received for information; and,

That Council not accept the single tender received for the replacement of Bridge 51 on Blenheim Road.

.Carried

b. **Jim Harmer, Drainage Superintendent**

- i. DS-17-09, Monthly report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved By – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded By – Councillor Peterson

That report DS-17-09 be received as information

.Carried

- ii. DS-17-10, Petition for drainage – south Princeton

RESOLUTION #8

Moved By – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded By – Councillor Peterson

That Report DS-17-10 be received as Information; and,

That Council accepts the petition for drainage works from County of Oxford Manger of Engineering Services Melissa Abercrombie; and,

That the Clerk notify the Grand River Conservation Authority that it has received a petition for drainage work and that they intend to proceed with this petition.

.Carried

10. **Reports from Council Members**

Councillor Balzer reported on the upcoming town wide garage sales and the Volunteer Fire Fighter bake sale happening in Plattsville on May 13, 2017

Councillor Peterson reported that the Plattsville Lions Club is hosting a supper on May 6, 2017 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Plattsville Missionary Church with proceeds going to the skate park.

Councillor Cowan advised of a public information meeting on wastewater servicing being held at the Princeton Centennial Hall on May 11, 2017.

Councillor Banbury noted that some municipalities have a municipal hall of fame and wondered if that would be something that Blandford-Blenheim should explore.

**11. Unfinished Business**

None

**12. Motions and Notices of Motion**

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved By – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded By – Councillor Peterson

That whereas at the March 22, 2017 meeting of Oxford County Council report No. CS 2017-09 - Sustainable Community Servicing Plan, was considered; and,

Whereas within that report there is a statement which specifically suggests that the County of Oxford no longer consider wastewater servicing for the community of Princeton,

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim takes exception to the specific reference to the community of Princeton in the report and urges the County of Oxford to protect the aquifer and to continue working towards a solution to the wastewater situation in Princeton; and further,

That the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim suggests to the County that the development of a sustainable community servicing plan as outlined in Report No. CS 2017-09 is unnecessary as the concerns identified through this review would be raised through the mandatory Environmental Assessment process which is already in place.

.Carried

**13. New Business**

None

**14. Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION # 10**

Moved By – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded By – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Council moves into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 4:42 p.m. to discuss;

- a. Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employee.

.Carried

RESOLUTION # 11

Moved By – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded By – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:41 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION # 12

Moved By – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded By – Councillor Balzer

Whereas the review of fire services for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim conducted by APEXPRO Consultants contained recommendations related to the human resources dedicated to the fire department,

Be it resolved that the administrative support hours to the fire department be increase to 20 hours per week; and,

That staff be directed to advertise for a full time Customer Service/Finance Clerk; and,

That the APEXPRO recommendation for the addition of a temporary part time Deputy Fire Chief not be supported.

.Carried

15. **By-laws**

RESOLUTION # 13

Moved By – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded By – Councillor Banbury

That first and second reading be given to the following by-law:

- By-law 2015-2017 Being a By-law to stop up and close part of unopened Elgin Street (Plattsville)
- By-law 2016-2017 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

.Carried

RESOLUTION # 14

Moved By – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded By – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that a third and final reading be given to the following By-laws:

- By-law 2009-2017 Being a By-law to provide for drainage works (Kamview)
- By-law 2015-2017 Being a By-law to stop up and close part of unopened Elgin Street (Plattsville)
- By-law 2016-2017 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

16. **Other**

None

17. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

RESOLUTION #15

Moved By – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:55 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

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Marion Wearn, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim