

## MINUTES

Council met at 2:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Baer, Borton, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, Mordue and Richardson.

Others: Rebecca Smith, Planner, Oxford County

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 November 15, 2017 Meeting of Council, be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

### 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Balzer declared pecuniary interest regarding Agenda Item 11. a. ii., FC-17-22, Tiered Response Agreement as he is a member of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Plattsville Fire Department.

### 5. Adoption of Minutes

#### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the November 1, 2017 Regular Session of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Presentations

- a. Draft 2018 Capital Budget and 2018 to 2027 Long Term Capital Plan

Draft 2018 Capital Budgets were presented with questions asked and answered.

- a. Director of Finance
  - i. Municipal Office
  - ii. Cemeteries
- b. Director of Protective Services and Director of Finance
  - i. Fire Department
- c. Director of Finance
  - i. Building / Drainage Department
- d. Director of Public Works and Director of Finance
  - i. Public Works Department
- e. Facility Operations Lead and Director of Finance
  - i. Community Services Department
- f. Director of Finance
  - i. Reserves

### RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Presentations of the 2018 Capital Budget and 2019-2027 Long Term Capital Plan be received as information.

.Carried

## 8. Delegations

- a. Bryan Smith, OPAL – Proposed Motion for Municipalities to Call on Province for the Right to Approve Landfill Developments

### RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

AND WHEREAS this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them;

AND WHEREAS proposed Ontario legislation (Bill 139) will grant municipalities additional authority and autonomy to make decisions for their communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities, AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

AND UNLESS significant efforts are made to increase recycling and diversion rates, a new home for this Toronto garbage will need to be found, as landfill space is filling up quickly;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites for future Toronto garbage by private landfill operators;

AND WHEREAS other communities should not be forced to take Toronto waste, as landfills can contaminate local watersheds, air quality, dramatically increase heavy truck traffic on community roads, and reduce the quality of life for local residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have the exclusive right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Blandford-Blenheim calls upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities, prior to June 2018;

AND THAT in the case of a two-tier municipality, the approval be required at both the upper-tier and affected lower-tier municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Blandford-Blenheim encourage all other municipalities in Ontario to consider this motion calling for immediate provincial action.

.Carried

## 9. Public Meeting

### a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act

#### **RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that council rise and go into a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider applications for zone change ZN-17-09 – Borzas as well as ZN-17-11 – Claysam Custom Homes Ltd. and that Mayor Wearn Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the report regarding application for zone change ZN-17-09 – Borzas and answered questions. Linda & Ken Swartz, agents of the registered owner, were in attendance and spoke in favour of the application. No persons spoke against the application.

The Planner presented the report regarding application for zone change ZN-17-11 – Claysam Custom Homes Ltd. Sam Scicluna, agent of the registered owner, was in attendance.

#### **RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

### i. Application for Zone Change – ZN-17-09, Ethel Borzas

#### **RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Council approve in principle the zone change application submitted by Ethel Borzas, whereby the lands described as Part Lot

24, Concession 10 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'Limited Agricultural Zone (A1)' to 'Residential Type 1 Zone (R1)' to recognize the change in land use as a result of the proposed severance.

.Carried

ii. Application for Zone Change - ZN-17-11, Claysam Custom Homes Ltd.

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council approve the zone change application submitted by Claysam Custom Homes Ltd., whereby the zoning of lands described as Blocks 41, 42 & 43 – 46, 41M-319, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, is amended to increase the maximum driveway coverage of the interior townhouse lots from 50% to 70% of the front yard, to facilitate the construction of street-fronting townhouses.

.Carried

**10. Correspondence**

**a. General**

- i. County of Oxford - Ontario's 2017 Next Edition Building Code Consultation
- ii. County of Oxford – Addressing the Proposed Green Commercial Vehicle Program

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence be received.

.Carried

**11. Staff Reports**

**a. Rick Richardson, Director of Protective Services**

- i. FC-17-21, October Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report FC-17-21 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. FC-17-22, Tiered Response Agreement

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report FC-17-22 be received as information;

And that staff be directed to prepare a By-law for Council consideration to enter into an agreement with the County of Oxford (Oxford County Paramedic Services) to provide medical tiered response by the Blandford Blenheim Fire Department to assist in the provision of patient care in instances of potential life threatening medical conditions when requested by Oxford County Paramedic Services.

.Carried

**b. John Scherer, CBO/ Manager of Building Services**

- i. CBO-17-13, Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report CBO-17-13 be received as information.

.Carried

**c. Sarah Matheson, Deputy Clerk**

- i. DC-17-01, Dog and Kennel Licensing

**RESOLUTION #13**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-17-01 be received as information and,

That Council approve the issuance of an annual dog tag with updated fees.

.Carried

- ii. DC-17-02, Social Media/Online Communications

**RESOLUTION #14**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-17-02 be received as information; and,

That Council adopt the Online Communications Policy.

.Carried

- iii. DC-17-03, 2018 Municipal Election Vote-counting Procedures

**RESOLUTION #15**

Moved by – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-17-03 be received as information; and,

That Council approve the Policies and Procedures for the use of vote-counting equipment for the 2018 Municipal Election.

.Carried

**d. Community Services Department**

- i. CAO-17-22, Princeton Park Sports Pad

**RESOLUTION #16**

Moved by – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

The Report CAO-17-22 be received, and,

That Council award the tender to JB Construction for the construction of a multi-use recreation sports pad at the Princeton Park in the amount of \$68,200

exclusive of applicable taxes subject to a favorable recommendation for the Township's Engineering consultant, J. H. Cohoon Engineering Limited.

.Carried

## **12. Reports from Council Members**

Councillor Peterson shared the following community events: Lunch with Santa this Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Drumbo, Bright Parade is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m., Plattsville Parade is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Breakfast with Santa 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Plattsville, and Breakfast with Santa December 9<sup>th</sup> at Princeton Hall.

Councillor Banbury noted the dilapidated condition of the rail tracks crossing on Main St. N. in Princeton.

## **13. Unfinished Business**

## **14. Motions and Notices of Motion**

## **15. New Business**

## **16. Closed Session**

## **17. By-laws**

### **RESOLUTION #17**

Moved by – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

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

- By-law 2040-2017 Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Claysam Custom Homes Ltd.)
- By-law 2041-2017 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #18**

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 2040-2017 Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Claysam Custom Homes Ltd.)
- By-law 2041-2017 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

## **18. Other Business**

Township Staff Appreciation Night is Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

## **19. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

### **RESOLUTION #19**

Moved by – Councillor Cowan  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:16 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 6, 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