

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their first regular meeting of the month.

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

Staff: Baer, Borton, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, Mordue, Scherer 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 February 7, 2018 Meeting of Council, be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the January 24, 2018 Session of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations/Presentations

- a. Craig VanWees presented an invitation to tour the Talbotville New Terra Sewer Treatment Installation.

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That the delegation from Craig VanWees regarding wastewater servicing in Princeton be received.

.Carried

8. Public Meeting

- a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act
 - i. Application for Zone Change ZN -17-02, Kurt Fried & Buehlow Farms

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that council rise and go into a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider application for zone change ZN 1-17-02 – Kurt Fried & Buehlow Farms and that Mayor Wearn Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the report. Councillor Cowan asked a question regarding the MDS setback and the classification of the property. The Planner responded to the question. Councillor Peterson noted plate 4, asking the question regarding the percentage of areas that will no longer be used for agricultural production. The Planner responded to the question. Agent of the applicant, Victor Labreche and Alisha Monteith of Labreche Patterson & Associates Inc. presented a power point slide deck. Mr. Labreche touched on context of the property in question, proposed amendments, Provincial Policy Statement and the Oxford County Official Plan. No one in the gallery spoke for or against the application. Councillor Peterson provided comments in favour of the application. Councillor Banbury further provided comments in favour. Councillor Cowan spoke in favour of the application. Mayor Wearn voiced concern that the operation not interfere with other farm operations in the area.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

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

.Carried

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Council approve the Zone Change application ZN 1-17-02, submitted by Kurt Fried & Buehlow Farms, for lands legally described as Part Lot 11, Concession 12 (Blenheim) & Part 2, 41R-4842, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, to amend the existing 'Special 'General Agricultural Zone (A2-15)' that applies to the property to permit special event facility within the existing barn on the property, and remove the existing on-farm diversified use that is permitted; and,

That the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the application to amend the Oxford County Official Plan (File No. OP 17-09-1), submitted by Kurt Fried & Buehlow Farms, for lands legally described as Part Lot 11, Concession 12 (Blenheim) & Part 2, 41R-4842, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, to implement a site specific policy to permit a special events facility within the existing barn on the property.

.Carried

9. Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Committee of Adjustment at 4:53 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Meeting of the Committee of Adjustment be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

Minutes of the Committee Adjustment Meeting can be found in the February 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment.

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that Council move out of the Committee of Adjustment at 5:02 p.m.

.Carried

10. Correspondence

a. General

- i. Oxford County – Proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework, MOECC EBR Registry No. 013-1814

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence be received.

.Carried

b. Specific

- i. Ontario Good Roads Association – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that whereas a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act); and,

Whereas impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence; and,

Whereas the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions; and,

Whereas analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500; and,

Whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process; and,

Whereas in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken; and,

Whereas local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

Therefore be it resolved that Township of Blandford-Blenheim requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs; and

That the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*; and

That the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

.Carried

11. Staff Reports

a. Jim Harmer, Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-18-02, Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-18-02 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Borton, Director of Public Works

- i. PW-18-02, Bridge Inspection Results and Recommendations

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-18-02 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. PW-18-03, Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-18-03 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Community Services Department

- i. CS-18-01, Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-18-01 be received as information.

.Carried

d. John Scherer, CBO

- i. CBO-18-01, Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-18-01 be received.

.Carried

e. Denise Krug, Director of Finance/Treasurer

- i. TR-18-02, Council Grant and Subsidy Requests

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-18-02 be received as information; and,

That Council authorize the following allocations for 2018 under the Township's Grant and Subsidy program:

Drumbo & District Heritage Society: \$1,000

Drumbo Agricultural Society: \$1,000

Drumbo Lions Club: \$1,000

Plattsville & District Heritage Society: \$1,000

Plattsville Evangelical Missionary Church: \$1,000

Princeton & District Museum/Library Association: \$1,000

Wounded Warriors: \$1,000

.Carried

i. TR-18-03, Appointment of Auditor

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report TR-18-03 be received as information.

.Carried

iii. 2018 Budget Summary

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Cowan

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the 2018 Budget be received; and

That staff be directed to draft a by-law for Council's consideration at a future meeting to adopt the estimates of all sums required for 2018 for Township purposes.

.Carried

f. **Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk**

i. CAO-18-01, Police Reserve Account

RESOLUTION #22

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-18-01 be received; and,

That the balance of \$79,918 currently in the Police Reserve account be transferred to the Tax Stabilization Reserve account.

.Carried

12. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Peterson pointed to a meeting between Oxford County and their Engineering Consultant regarding Princeton Wastewater. The Township has not been made aware of the results or content of such meeting.

13. Unfinished Business

14. Motions and Notices of Motion

15. New Business

16. Closed Session

None.

17. By-laws

RESOLUTION #23

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 2051-2018 Being a By-law to amend the Procedural By-law; and,
- By-law 2052-2018 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #24

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 2051-2018 Being a By-law to amend the Procedural By-law; and,
- By-law 2052-2018 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

18. Other Business

19. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #25

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:13 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

Marion Wearn, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim