



Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 2:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present:

Mayor Dave Turton
Councillor Judy Dirksen
Deputy Mayor Jean Anderson
Councillor Ron Elliott
Councillor Geoff Gunson
Councillor Ed Podniewicz
Councillor Paul Zimmerman

Staff Present:

Annilene McRobb, Clerk
Chris Harrow, Interim CAO - Operations/Director of Fire Services
Mark Potter, Interim CAO - Administration/Deputy Treasurer
Terry Kuipers, Director of Building and Planning Services
Belinda Wick-Graham, Director of Economic and Community Development
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Matt Lubbers, Director of Community Services
Mike McIsaac, Roads & Drainage Manager
Mark Robertson, Wastewater Services Manager
Todd Rogers, Water Services Manager
Quinn Foerter, Deputy Clerk/Coordinator, Legislative & Human Resource Services
Ashley Sawyer, Planning Coordinator

1. **Call to Order at 2:30 p.m.**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**
3. **Motion to Convene into Closed Session**

RESOLUTION: 2024-001

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto conduct a meeting Closed to the public to consider the following:

- a. Closed Session Minutes of December 19, 2023
- b. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal
- c. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees

Carried

4. Motion to Convene into Open Session

RESOLUTION: 2024-002

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto resume into open Council.

Carried

5. Reporting Out of Closed

RESOLUTION: 2024-003

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council receives the Closed Session reports regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and personal matters about an identifiable individual;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the confidential direction given to staff.

Carried

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Council Minutes of December 19, 2023
- b. Closed Session Minutes of December 19, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2024-004

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto December 19, 2023 Closed Session meeting and December 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Carried

7. Resolution Moving Council into Committee of the Whole to Consider Public Meetings, Delegations, Public Question Period, Correspondence, Reports, Motions for Which Notice Has Been Previously Given and Other Business

RESOLUTION: 2024-005

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT the Town of Minto Council convenes into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

8. Public Meeting- None

9. Delegations

- a. Luke Hartung, Minto Farmers' Market Year in Review

Hartung provide the 2023 year in review for the Farmers Market and highlighted important 2024 dates. Mayor Turton thanked Hartung for his work.

10. Public Question Period – None.

11. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. Crime Stoppers Guelph-Wellington, Winter 2023/24 Newsletter
- b. Town of Aurora, Community Safety and Inciteful Speech
- c. Town of Aurora, Homelessness Crisis
- d. Township of Asphodel-Norwood, Rising Municipal Insurance Costs
- e. Mapleton Seniors Centre for Excellence, January 2024 Newsletter

MOTION: COW 2024-001

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council receives the correspondence as information.

Carried

12. Reports of Committees and Town Staff, Matters Tabled and Motions for Which Notice Has Been Previously Given

- a. Committee Minutes for Approval- None
- b. Staff Reports
- 1. EC DEV 2023-001, Johnny Garth Wilson and Sarah Viola - Agreement of Purchase and Sale, 340 Minto Road, Palmerston Industrial Park

MOTION: COW 2024-002

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report EC DEV 2024-001 regarding the sale of land in the Palmerston Industrial Park to Johnny Garth Wilson and Sarah Viola;

AND FURTHER that Council considers a By-law in open session authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

Carried

Councillor Gunson assumed the Chair.

2. PW 2024-001, 2023 DWQMS External Audit Outcome

MOTION: COW 2024-003

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Anderson; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report PW 2024-001 regarding the 2023 DWQMS External Audit Outcome;

AND FURTHER that all Council members review, approve and endorse the 2023 DWQMS External Audit Outcome report.

Carried

3. PW 2024-002, 2023 DWQMS Management Review

MOTION: COW 2024-004

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report PW2024-002 regarding the 2023 DWQMS Management Review and the Management Review Meeting Outcome report;

AND FURTHER that all Council members review, approve and endorse the 2023 DWQMS Management Review and the Management Review Meeting Outcome reports.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

4. FIN 2024-001, Interim Tax Levy By-law

MOTION: COW 2024-005

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report FIN 2024-001 regarding the 2024 Interim Tax Levy By-law; and

THAT Council of the Town of Minto considers passing the related By-law in open session.

Carried

5. FIN 2024-002, 2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law

MOTION: COW 2024-006

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report FIN 2024-002 regarding the 2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law; and
THAT Council of the Town of Minto considers passing the related By-law in open session.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

c. Announcements

Councillor Dirksen noted that the Fire and Ice New Years' event was very successful and thanked the staff for their work.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that 400 people were fed at the annual Christmas dinner and thanked all the volunteers. Funds will be donated to the Foodbanks.

Mayor Turton noted the success of the Fire and Ice event, thanking staff. Turton stated the 2023 County of Wellington Budget and 10-year plan book are available at the office for the public to review. Mayor Turton asked for Treasurer Duff to speak to Farm Tax. Treasurer Duff reviewed the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programs history.

Councillor Gunson stated the Palmerston Firefighters vs OPP Hockey game will take place in Palmerston Saturday January 27. Admission is by donation.

13. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2024-006

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT the Committee of the Whole convenes into Regular Council.

Carried

14. Notices of Motion-None

15. Resolution Adopting Proceedings of Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION: 2024-007

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto ratifies the motions made in the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

16. By-laws

a. 2024-001, Interim Tax Levy

- b. 2024-002, Temporary Borrowing of Funds
- c. 2024-003, Sale of 340 Minto Road

RESOLUTION: 2024-008

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT By-laws 2024-001, 2024-002 and 2024-003 be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

- d. 2024-004, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2024-009

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT By-law 2024-004, To confirm the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held January 9, 2024; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

17. Adjournment at 3:43 p.m.

RESOLUTION: 2024-010

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT The Council of the Town of Minto adjourns to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

Mayor Dave Turton

Clerk Annilene McRobb