



Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:00 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

1. Call to Order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act-None

RESOLUTION: 2024-037

Moved by: Councillor Gunson; Seconded by: Councillor Dirksen

That Council of the Town of Minto amend the order of agenda and consider Item 9 b) 5) CL 2024-002, Sunday Gun Hunting prior to Item 6 a) Intact Insurance, Insurance Program Renewal Delegation.

Carried

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Minutes of February 20, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-038

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto February 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Carried

4. 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: 2024-039

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

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

Carried

5. Public Meeting

- a. ZBA 2024-01, Lavolit Ltd - 5113 Wellington Road 87

Mayor Turton acted as the Chair of the Public Meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. asking any member of the public present is recorded on the attendance record. Chair Turton stated if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Minto before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Minto to the Ontario Land Tribunal and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal before the Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Clerk McRobb stated the property subject to the proposed amendment is located at Concession 8 Part Lot 42 Concession 9 Part; Gore Lot 42 and municipally known as 5113 Wellington Rd 87 in the Town of Minto. The subject property is approximately 41 ha (101.31 ac) in size. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to rezone the subject lands to prohibit future residential development on the retained agricultural portion of property. This rezoning is a condition of severance application B81/23, which has been granted provisional consent by the Wellington County Land Division Committee. The consent will sever a 0.63 ha (1.6 ac) parcel with an existing dwelling. A 40 ha (98.84 ac) agricultural parcel would be retained. Additional relief may be considered at this meeting. The notices

were mailed to the property owners within 400 feet or 120 meters of the subject property as well as the applicable agencies and posted on the subject property on February 20th, 2024.

Reports/comments were received from Curtis Marshall, Manager of Development Planning; Wellington County and Terry Kuipers, Director of Building & Planning Services; Town of Minto

Chair Turton called on the County Planner to provide comments regarding the proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 01-86. Jessica Rahim reviewed the County report noting the County has no concerns.

Chair Turton called on the Town of Minto's Director of Building & Planning Services, Terry Kuipers, to provide comments regarding the proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 01-86. Jessica Rahim reviewed the Town report on behalf of Mr. Kuipers noting no concerns.

Chair Turton called on the owner/applicant to provide comments regarding the proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 01-86.

Chelsea Major, Applicant was in attendance and had no further information to add.

Chair Turton requested any persons wishing to speak to the application to come forward. Brad Hall was in attendance and noted that questions he had were answered with the reports.

Chair Turton gave members of Council an opportunity to ask questions. No questions.

Chair Turton stated if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Town of Minto in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Minto at 5941 Highway 89, Harriston, NOG 1Z0 or by email at annilene@town.minto.on.ca With no further comments, Chair Turton adjourned the Public Meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Having previously passed Resolution 2024-037, Item 9 b) 5) CL 2024-002, Sunday Gun Hunting was considered. (See Item 9 b) 5))

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

6. Delegations

a. Intact Insurance, Insurance Program Renewal

MOTION: COW 2024-027

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report FIN 2024-004 regarding the 2024 Insurance Program Renewal and approves the renewal.

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

7. **Public Question Period no one came forward**
8. **Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council**
 - a. Letter with concerns for Sunday Gun Hunting
 - b. Letters in support of Sunday Gun Hunting
 - c. Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, Letter in Response to ROMA Delegation
 - d. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Changes to Sections 28 and 29 Effect April 1, 2024
 - e. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan Adjustments Act 2023 - Legislation to Reinstate Municipally Requested Modifications to Official Plans (Bill 162)
 - f. Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region, Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report
 - g. Mapleton Seniors Centre for Excellence, March 2024 Newsletter
 - h. Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, Saugeen Economy Newsletter July - December 2023
 - i. Lambton County, Uploading of Municipal Highway Infrastructure to the Province of Ontario

Councillor Dirksen pulled item f) Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region, Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report for consideration.

MOTION: COW 2024-028

Moved by: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded by: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT Council of the Town of Minto supports the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee's Motion requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario.

MOTION: COW 2024-029

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

THAT Council receives the correspondence as information.

Carried

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

a. Committee Minutes for Approval

1. Cultural Roundtable Minutes of February 26, 2024

MOTION: COW 2024-030

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT Council receives the Cultural Roundtable minutes of February 26, 2024 for information and approves any recommendations contained therein.

Carried

b. Staff Reports

Councillor Elliott assumed the Chair.

1. CS 2024-001, Ice Resurfacer Tender

MOTION: COW 2024-031

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report CS 2024-001 regarding Ice Resurfacer Tender Results; and

THAT Council of the Town of Minto approves the purchase of one Olympia Millennium H Series ice resurfacer from Resurface Corp. for the total price of \$117,944.00 excluding HST.

Carried

2. CS 2024-002, Harriston Fairgrounds Plan

MOTION: COW 2024-032

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

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report CS 2024-002 regarding the Harriston Fairgrounds Plan; and

THAT Council of the Town of Minto accepts the concept in principal and plan as information.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Anderson assumed the Chair.

3. FIRE 2024-001, Shared Fire Management Team Agreement

MOTION: COW 2024-033

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Mayor Turton

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receive report FIRE 2024-001 regarding Shared Fire Services Management Agreement and Budget Amendment;

THAT Council of the Town of Minto approve the addition of three (3) full-time positions for Fire and Emergency Services;

THAT Council of the Town of Minto approve an amendment to the Fire and Emergency Services 2024 Operating Budget with expenditure increases of \$416,700 and revenue increases of (\$438,800) for a net impact of (\$22,100);

THAT Council of the Town of Minto approve an amendment to the Fire and Emergency Services 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$70,000 with funding provided from the Fire and Emergency Services Reserve (\$28,000) and a recovery from Wellington North and Mapleton (\$42,000); and

THAT Council of the Town of Minto authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Shared Fire Service Management Team agreement with Wellington North and Mapleton.

Carried

4. FIRE 2024-002, 2023 Year in Review

MOTION: COW 2024-034

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT Council receives report FIRE 2024-002 regarding the 2023 Year in Review as information.

Carried

5. CL 2024-002, Sunday Gun Hunting

Per Resolution 2024-037, the above report was considered previous to Item 6.

MOTION: COW 2024-026

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receive report CL 2024-02 regarding Sunday Gun Hunting.

AND WHEREAS hunting in Ontario is regulated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

AND WHEREAS individual municipalities may decide whether to permit Sunday gun hunting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry be notified that the Town of Minto supports and authorizes Sunday gun hunting in the Town of Minto in accordance with the provincial legislation.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff requests the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to amend the appropriate regulation to include the Town of Minto in the list of municipalities that authorize Sunday gun hunting in Ontario.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

6. FIN 2024-003, 2023 Council Remuneration

MOTION: COW 2024-035

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives report FIN 2024-003 regarding 2023 Council Remuneration for information.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Anderson assumed the Chair.

c. Announcements

Councillor Dirksen noted that the Wellington Farm Home Safety Association held a Safety Day on Saturday in Alma with over 400 in attendance.

Councillor Gunson noted the Chilli Cook-off on Friday with Mayor Dave and Pam Turton as the winners with Eric Cox as runners up...

Deputy Mayor Anderson stated that the Harriston Horticultural Society is selling Think Minto First cards.

Mayor Turton noted the AGM for the Minto Chamber of Commerce was held with many awards to the businesses. Mayor Turton stated he received correspondence from Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society regarding World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday, March 21st and challenged Council to wear their colourful socks that day.

10. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2024-040

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Committee of the Whole convenes into Regular Council.

Carried

11. Notices of Motion – None.

12. Resolution Adopting Proceedings of Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION: 2024-041

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

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

Carried

13. By-laws

- a. 2024-011, Fire Management Services Agreement
- b. 2024-012, Amend Zoning for 5113 Wellington Road 87

RESOLUTION: 2024-042

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT By-laws 2024-011 and 2024-012 be read a first, second, third time and passed in Open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

- c. 2024-013, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2024-043

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT By-law 2024-013, To confirm the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held March 5, 2024; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

14. Adjournment 4:27 p.m.

RESOLUTION: 2024-044

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

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