



Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:00 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
Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Harrow, Director of Fire Services
Terry Kuipers, Director of Building and Planning Services
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Mark Potter, Deputy Treasurer
Ryan Binkle, Development Technician & Drainage Superintendent
Quinn Foerter, Deputy Clerk/Coordinator, Legislative & Human Resource Services

- 1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.**
- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Councillor Dirksen declared a pecuniary interest for Item 8 a) Notice of Engineers Report on Municipal Drain 104 and Item 16 a) Provisional By-law for Drain 104 as the landowner is their family farm employee.

- 3. Motion to Convene into Closed Session**

RESOLUTION: 2024-114

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

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

the following:

- a. Closed Session Minutes of May 21, 2024
- b. Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege - Policy

Carried

4. Motion to Convene into Open Session

RESOLUTION: 2024-115

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

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

Carried

5. Reporting Out of Closed

RESOLUTION: 2024-116

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council receives the Closed Session report regarding Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege for information.

Carried

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Minutes of June 4, 2024
- b. Closed Session Minutes of May 21, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-117

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

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto May 21, 2024 Closed Session meeting and June 4, 2024 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: 2024-118

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

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

Having previously declaring a pecuniary conflict, Councillor Dirksen removed herself from her seat for the public meeting.

8. Public Meeting

a. Notice of Engineers Report or Municipal Drain 104

Mayor Turton acted as the Chair of the Public Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Clerk McRobb outlined the purpose of the meeting is to consider the Engineering report prepared by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited dated May 28, 2024 for Drain No. 104-2024 Notices of the meeting were sent to 1 Landowner along with the report. As well, copies of the report were circulated to Town Staff and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Clerk McRobb advised no speakers registered to participate in the Public Meeting.

Chair Turton called on the Engineer to provide a summary of the report Eddison Peel provide information and noted that the cost estimate of \$63,000 with 100% of the costs to be paid for by the Landowner.

Chair Turton to call on Town staff to provide any additional comments No further comments came from Town staff came forward.

Chair Turton called any speakers registered to participate and. wishing to provide information that might influence Council's decision on the matter, no one came forward.

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

Chair Turton stated Council must decide whether or not to proceed with the project by provisionally adopting the engineer's report by by-law or referring the report back to the engineer for modifications. There is no right to appeal assessments or other aspects of the engineer's report at this meeting; these appeal rights will be made available later in the procedure.

Clerk McRobb noted a by-law, will be presented during open Council.

Chair Turton officially adjourned the meeting considering the engineer's report Drain No. 104-2024 at 7:16 p.m.

9. Delegations

a. Palmerston Curling Club, The Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship

Chrissie Schneider and Tori Zemelink provided information on the Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship requesting an in-kind donation from the Town of Minto.

MOTION: COW 2024-088

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

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receive the delegation from the Palmerston Curling Club and further that a staff report come forward on the request for sponsorship-in-kind support from the Town of Minto for the use of the arena and community centre facilities during the duration of the event.

Carried

b. Minto Pride Committee, The Importance of Pride

Braydon Scott, Rosie Krul and Ivy Norris presented information on the importance of Pride.

c. Samantha Greer, Visibility and Symbolism in Minto and All Public Spaces Nationally
Samantha Greer provided information as an Educator and Parental Perspective on Visibility and Symbolism in Minto.

10. Public Question Period

Michelle MacDonald stated she sent a letter last week to the By-law officer and asked if he received it and what would be done about the complaint?

Debra Dennison wanted to know how many people know about a little girl that came home from Minto Clifford and stated why can't I just be a little girl?

Bonnie Hollinger asked if 900 signatures are sufficient and does Council requires more numbers? Holliger stated she spoke on Neutrality and asked if there are they any questions on this?

Ashley Fox asked if the Anti-Hate event will be held each year and will Council attend?

Tony Andrade asked why the Towns are graffitied (Pride decorations) and can anyone do it? Why do we not fly the Portugal flag in June?

Buzz Beyer made a statement and did not ask a question.

Dan Sinclair asked if Council and staff support the DEI, why were you not in attendance at Pride in the Park or have lawn signs? If the role of Council members is to represent the community and its constituents, why are you so afraid to have a community vote to decide what they want?

Glen Meyer stated at the May 21 Council meeting a member of Council stated that homosexuality has been around since the beginning of time and asked if that makes it right?

Inclusiveness was used during the May 21 meeting, why did I not feel included through Covid in my hometown and businesses?

Jim Dopfer asked when will Council approve a motion directing staff to prepare a report for a draft By-law that the 900 ratepayers have requested?

Ben Bartley asked about why religious groups may not apply for flags under the current flag policy? Why is this not applied to Pride?

Frank Andrade asked why does Council allow the bullying by these “Pride” people trying to push their rights on everyone and being shoved down our throat?

Gavin Brown asked is there an end date to the Pride decorations being up?

11. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. Town of Blue Mountain, Ridesharing Services Resolution
- b. Letters regarding Pride Decorations

MOTION: COW 2024-089

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

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. County of Wellington, Finoro Custom Homes Inc. – Plan 61M250 Block 48 & 52, Lots 4-45 Anne St W, Bean St, Thackeray Wy, Harriston, Town of Minto Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA 2024-05) Recommendation Report

MOTION: COW 2024-090

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives the County of Wellington planning report regarding Zoning By-law amendment for Block 48 & 52, Lots 4-45 Anne St W, Bean St, and Thackeray Way, Harriston;

AND FURTHER that the Council of the Town of Minto considers passing a By-law in open session.

Carried

2. PLN 2024-023, Site Servicing Agreement - 69 Allan Street West

MOTION: COW 2024-091

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report No. PLN 2024-023 Site Servicing Agreement – 69 Allan Street West, prepared by the Director of Building and Planning Services, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto considers passing a By-law in regular session authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Site Servicing Agreement.

Carried

Councillor Gunson assumed the Chair

3. PW 2024-017, Tender Results – Extension of Sanitary Sewer, Allan St. W, Clifford

MOTION: COW 2024-092

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

THAT Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report No. PW 2024-017 Tender Results – Extension of Sanitary Sewer, Allan St. W, Clifford, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto directs the Treasurer to amend the 2024 Capital Budget by \$242,717 to include additional expenditures and funding for the Extension of Sanitary Sewer, Allan St W, Clifford project with funding provided by a Capital Contribution from the Developer;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Minto awards Contract No. 6647-24 – Extension of Sanitary Sewer, Allan St. W, Clifford to the lowest bidder, Hanna and Hamilton Construction, for a total tender price of \$182,727.00 excluding HST.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Anderson assumed the Chair

4. FIRE 2024-004, Pick Up Truck Replacement

MOTION: COW 2024-093

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report #2024-04 Pick Up Truck Replacement, prepared by the Director of Fire Services, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the sole source purchase of a 2018 Ford F150 from Leslie Motors for the price of \$31,500 +HST;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Treasurer to make the appropriate budget amendment to the 2024 Fire Capital Budget of \$35,500 for this purchase.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair

5. FIN 2024-009, 2024 Asset Management Plan Adoption

MOTION: COW 2024-094

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receives report No. FIN 2024-009 Tangible Capital Assets, prepared by the Treasurer, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto endorses and adopts the attached 2024 Asset Management Plan.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair

6. CL 2024-007, Commemoration Policy

MOTION: COW 2024-095

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report No. CL 2024-007 Commemoration Policy, prepared by the Clerk, for information purposes;

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto provides direction on the fee to be associated with the Banner Program to be included in the Policy, Option: b) of \$60 per banner; AND

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves the Commemoration Policy as presented.

Carried

c. Announcements

Councillor Dirksen noted special events in Minto, Knox Calvin special service on June 30th, July 1st fireworks at Crossroads Church and Harriston Minto Fall Fair Ambassador of the Fair contest July 5th. Dirksen stated that between March 2023 and May 2024, Blessings to You donated \$146,000 back into community programs in Minto and the surrounding area.

Councillor Zimmerman noted the third annual Raleway Festival will be held this Saturday in Palmerston. Friday June 28th is the Annual Great Lakes Truck Show in Clifford with proceeds going to the Palmerston Hospital MRI Fund.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that all of the food cards from the Christmas dinner have all been spoken for.

Mayor Turton noted that June 27th is the MRI Golf tournament at Pike Lake. Turton stated that Mark Potter was hired as a Deputy Treasurer and was Acting CAO and thanked Mark for his work as he is retiring.

Councillor Ron Elliott clarified there is another Ron Elliott in Minto, and it was not his own signature on the petition.

13. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2024-119

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

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: 2024-120

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

16. By-laws

a. 2024-033, Drain 104 Provisional By-law

RESOLUTION: 2024-121

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT By-law 2024-003 be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted in open Council.

Carried

b. 2024-034, Finoro Custom Homes Inc. Rezoning

c. 2024-035, Site Servicing Agreement 69 Allan Street W

RESOLUTION: 2024-122

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

THAT By-laws 2024-034 and 2024-035 be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

d. 2024-036, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2024-123

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT By-law 2024-036, To confirm the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held June 18, 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 9:19 p.m.

RESOLUTION: 2024-124

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

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