



Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:00 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
Terry Kuipers, Director of Building and Planning Services
Belinda Wick-Graham, Director of Economic and Community Development
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Mike McIsaac, Roads & Drainage Manager
Tawnya Robertson, Deputy Treasurer
Quinn Gorecki, Deputy Clerk/Coordinator, Legislative & Human Resource Services

1. **Call to Order at 7:00 pm**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – None.**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Regular Minutes of October 1, 2024
 - b. Special Council Minutes of October 1, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-175

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

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto October 1, 2024 Regular Council meeting and Special 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: 2024-176

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

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

Carried

5. Public Meeting

a. Building Permit Fees and Charges

MOTION: COW 2024-142

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receives report BLDG 2024-002 regarding the Building Permit Fee Review for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council passes a By-law in open session to implement modifications to the Building Permit Fees.

Carried

6. Delegations

a. McQueen Galloway Associates, Town of Minto Cultural Plan

Jennifer Reynolds presented the Minto Cultural Plan for consideration.

MOTION: COW 2024-143

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report EC DEV 2024-018 regarding the Town of Minto Cultural Plan, prepared by the Director, Economic and Community Development, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto officially endorses and adopts the Cultural Plan as presented.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

b. 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Michelle Steele of RLB Chartered Professional Accountants presented the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

MOTION: COW 2024-144

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

**THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report FIN 2024-017 2023 Audited Financial Statements, prepared by the Treasurer, for information purposes;
AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and Financial Information Return as presented.**

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

7. Public Question Period

Stefan Von Muhlenen asked how the Town can borrow money, Treasurer Duff noted that the Town has the power of taxation allowing the Town to borrow.

Roger Hnatiuk asked about the Notice of Motion and the purpose of changing the times of the meeting. Hnatiuk asked if he would be able to speak during the Notice of Motion and what time they are wanting to change the meeting times to. Hnatiuk asked if the taxpayers get to vote on this asking for a survey of the taxpayers. Mayor Turton noted the elected officials make this decision.

Stefan Von Muhlenen was allowed to come forward to ask another question but instead made a statement.

8. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. Palmerston Big Dig 2026 Business and Public Information Sessions Invitations
- b. Town of Cobourg, Resolution re Regulations for the Importation of Sale of Use Lithium-ion Batteries
- c. City of Temiskaming Shores, Resolution - Alcohol Sales in Convenience Stores and Locations that Sell Fuel/ Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy
- d. Municipality of St. Charles, Recommendations for Government Regulations on Nicotine Pouches
- e. Municipality of St Charles, resolution to Support Plympton-Wyoming - Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Amount
- f. Township of Brock, Resolution re: Rideshare Services

- g. Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Municipal Newsletter
- h. Town of Cobourg, Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues
- i. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Endorsement of Ontario Deposit Return Program
- j. Victorian Order of Nurses, Celebrating 30 Years of SMART Exercise Classes
- k. Ontario Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
- l. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Wellington, Thank You for Mayor's Golf Tournament Donation

Deputy Mayor Anderson pulled Item 8 d) Municipality of St. Charles, Recommendations for Government Regulations on Nicotine Pouches

MOTION: COW 2024-145

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

THAT Council of the Town of Minto support the resolution made by the Municipality of St. Charles regarding Recommendations for Government Regulations on Nicotine Pouches.

Carried

MOTION: COW 2024-146

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

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 - None
- b. Staff Reports

Councillor Gunson assumed the Chair.

- 1. PW 2024-022 – Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Fund Application

MOTION: COW 2024-147

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2024-022 Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Fund, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information

purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the submission of a joint grant funding application with the County of Wellington for the Reconstruction of Wellington Rd 123 (Main St, Palmerston) project under the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Fund (HECS).

Carried

2. PW 2024-023 – Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Application

MOTION: COW 2024-148

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2024-023 Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Application, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the submission of a joint grant funding application with the County of Wellington for the Reconstruction of Wellington Rd 123 (Main St, Palmerston) project under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF).

Carried

3. PW 2024-024 – Connecting Links Funding

MOTION: COW 2024-149

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2024-024 Connecting Links Funding, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the submission of an application for the Highway 23 (Arthur Street West) project in Harriston under the 2025-2026 Connecting Links Program.

Carried

4. PW 2024-025 - Winter Maintenance Contract, County Road 2

MOTION: COW 2024-150

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2024-025 Winter Maintenance Contract for County Road 2, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto agrees to provide winter maintenance

services, on behalf of Wellington County, on Wellington County Road 2 for \$9,000/km for the 2024/2025 winter season.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair

c. Announcements

Councillor Dirksen stated that Treasurer Duff won the Suzanna Dieleman Award at the annual Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario conference and congratulated him on receiving this award.

Mayor Turton stated that Belinda Wick-Graham was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal during a ceremony with MP John Nater and congratulated her on receiving this award.

Councillor Gunson stated that Mike Mclsaac received a certified Road Supervisor-Senior designation and congratulated Mike for receiving this certification.

Councillor Elliott noted the Minto 81's will have their home opener this Saturday at 5:30 pm in Palmerston.

Councillor Gunson noted that the Wellington County "Rodeo" was held, with Town staff member Darren Merchant receiving second place and Mike McDougall tied for third place.

Councillor Dirksen stated the 23rd annual healthcare radiothon will be held this Saturday.

Councillor Zimmerman noted that on October 16 from 5:30-8:30 pm there will be a car seat clinic at the Clifford Firehall with no appointment necessary.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that the Wellington County Social Services will be hosting Affordable Housing Development Workshops for Elected Official in November and December.

Mayor Turton noted a thank-you letter received from Big Brothers and Big Sister and reminded all the Big Dig sessions coming up. Turton stated that Wellington County waste facility user fees will have a \$10 minimum charge starting on January 1, 2025.

Mayor Turton noted there are concerns with speeding, especially in safety zones. Wellington County will have some trial locations for automated speed enforcement cameras including Minto.

10. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2024-177

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Committee of the Whole convenes into Regular Council.

Carried

11. Notices of Motion

- a. Mayor Dave Turton, Notice of Motion to Consider a Change in the Start Times for Council Meetings

RESOLUTION 2024-178

Moved by: Mayor Turton; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto review the 2025 Council meeting schedule set on August 13, 2024, and consider changes to the starting time of the Council meetings.

Carried

RESOLUTION: 2024-179

Moved by: Councillor Elliott; Seconded by: Councillor Gunson

THAT Council of the Town of Minto amend the 2025 meeting schedule to host one 7 pm meeting during the months of February, April, June, October and December with the balance of the meetings to be held at 3 pm.

Carried

12. Resolution Adopting Proceedings of Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION: 2024-180

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; 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. 2024-044, Municipal Drain 14 Third Reading

RESOLUTION: 2024-181

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT By-law 2024-044 be read a third time and passed in Open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

- b. 2024-056, Amend Building Bylaw

RESOLUTION: 2024-182

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT By-law 2024-056 be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

c. 2024-057, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2024-183

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT By-law 2024-057, To confirm the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held October 15, 2024; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

14. Adjournment at 9:25 pm

RESOLUTION: 2024-184

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Anderson; 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