



Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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
Belinda Wick-Graham, Director of Economic and Community Development
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Matt Lubbers, Director of Community Services
Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer

1. **Call to Order at 3:00 p.m.**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – None.**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLUTION: 2025-001

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto December 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Carried

- a. **Regular Council Minutes of December 17, 2024**

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: 2025-002

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

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

Carried

5. Public Meeting - None

6. Delegations - None

7. Public Question Period

Roger Hnatiuk asked why the fees for the water the sewer charges are up so much. Treasurer Duff stated that the financial plan for the increases was set 5 years ago, and we were following the schedule. Cost recovery basis and these are the amounts needed. An updated study will be done in 2025 for 2026.

Laura Park stated everything is increasing how are young people supposed to afford this? Mayor Turton stated we have a report from County Councillor Anderson that may be able to speak to this.

8. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. Town of Cobalt, 'Catch and Release' Justice in Ontario
- b. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Extension of Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities Regarding Fee Changes Associated with Planning, Development, and Permitting Fees
- c. Crime Stoppers Guelph-Wellington, Winter 2024/25 Newsletter
- d. Minto-Mapleton Health Professional Recruitment, Request for Support and Funding for Community Physician Recruitment Initiatives
- e. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Introduction of Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024
- f. Municipality of West Grey, Resolution regarding Discontinued Winter Operations at the Durham Upper Dam
- g. Mapleton Seniors Centre for Excellence, January 2025 Newsletter
- h. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Minutes of November 20 2024 Members Meeting

- i. City of Toronto, Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma Free Zone
- j. Municipality of Kincardine, Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties
- k. City of Markham, Support of SOLVETHECRISIS.CA Campaign

Mayor Turton pulled Item d) Minto-Mapleton Health Professional Recruitment, Request for Support and Funding for Community Physician Recruitment Initiatives noting that funding is already set aside for the 2025 budget.

Mayor Turton pulled Item e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Introduction of Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 for discussion.

MOTION: COW 2025-001

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto request that the Clerk bring forward a report to Council regarding the Introduction of Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024

Carried

Councillor Podniewicz pulled Item h) Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Minutes of November 20, 2024, Members Meeting and noted that there are increase in fees for the Conservation Authorities.

Councillor Dirksen pulled Item a) Town of Cobalt, 'Catch and Release' Justice in Ontario for discussion.

MOTION: COW 2025-002

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto direct the Clerk to contact the OPP regarding support for the Catch and Release Justice in Ontario.

Carried

MOTION: COW 2025-003

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

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. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024

MOTION: COW 2025-004

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee minutes of December 12, 2024, for information and approves any recommendations contained therein.

Carried

b. Staff Reports

1. County Councillor David Anderson, Report on Homelessness and Low-Income Residents in the County of Wellington

MOTION: COW 2025-005

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives the County Councillors report regarding Homelessness and Low-Income Residents in the County of Wellington prepared by County Councillor David Anderson for information purposes.

Carried

Councillor Elliott assumed the Chair

2. CS 2025-001, Fees and Charges Amendment

MOTION: COW 2025-006

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CS 2025-001 Fees & Charges Amendments, prepared by the Director of Community Services and the Deputy Treasurer, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto directs the Treasurer to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw 2024-059 to include the Community Services and Treasury Department amendments.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

3. FIN 2025-001, 2025 Interim Tax Levy By-law

MOTION: COW 2025-007

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report FIN 2025-001 2025 Interim Tax Levy By-law, prepared by the Deputy Treasurer, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto considers passage of the related By-law in open session.

Carried

4. FIN 2025-002, 2025 Temporary Borrowing

MOTION: COW 2025-008

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report FIN 2025-002 – 2025 Temporary Borrowing Report, prepared by the Treasurer, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto considers passage of the related By-law in open session.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

5. CL 2025-001, Part Lot Control PLC 2024-01: Daniel Charles Sinclair 255 - 315 Henry Street South, Palmerston Update

MOTION: COW 2025-009

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CL 2025-001 regarding PLC 2024-01 – Daniel Charles Sinclair, for lands being Part of Lots 15 and 16 North Side of Victoria Street, Grain’s Survey Palmerston Parts 1 to 13 on 61R-22863; Town of Minto in the former Town of Palmerston; Town of Minto, County of Wellington, with a municipal address of 255 to 315 Henry Street South;

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

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto directs staff to repeal By-law 2024-065.

Carried

c. Announcements

Councillor Elliott stated this Saturday at 7 p.m. the 81’s are having an alumni game and invited everyone to attend. The 81’s will be playing Creemore.

Councillor Gunson wished everyone a success and Happy New Year

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted they feed 400 people and raised \$4,000 at the Community Christmas Dinner on December 25th. Anderson thanked the volunteers stating they will be donating the money back to the community.

Mayor Turton thanked the Andersons on behalf of Council and the community for the work that they have done over the past 9 years for the running the annual Christmas dinners.

County Councillor Anderson noted that a Church in Kenilworth ran the same dinner in Mount Forest and they feed 300 people. Councillor Anderson would like to see community dinners in all the communities in Wellington County for Christmas. Deputy Mayor Anderson stated that the volunteers enjoy helping as much as people enjoy having the meal.

Mayor Turton noted the Wellington North Big Brothers and Sisters Bowl-a-thon is happening on February 2nd at the Mount Forest bowling lanes at 2 pm.

February 22 is the Coldest Night of the Year event at 4 pm in Harriston. There are opportunities to sign up or donate to this event on the website. <https://cnoy.org/home>

10. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2025-003

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

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: 2025-004

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

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

Carried

13. By-laws

- a. 2025-001, Interim Tax Levy
- b. 2025-002, Temporary Borrowing
- c. 2025-003, Amend Fees and Charges By-law 2024-059
- d. 2025-004, Part Lot Control 235-255 Henry St., Sinclair

RESOLUTION: 2025-005

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT By-laws 2025-01 through 2025-004 be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

e. 2025-005, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2025-006

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT By-law 2025-005; To confirm actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held January 7, 2025; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

14. Adjournment at 4:15 pm

RESOLUTION: 2025-007

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Anderson; 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