



Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 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
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Matt Lubbers, Director of Community Services
Mike McIsaac, Roads & Drainage Manager
Todd Rogers, Water Services Manager
Quinn Gorecki, Deputy Clerk/Coordinator, Legislative & Human Resource 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**
 - a. Regular Minutes of January 7, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-008

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

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto January 7, 2025 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: 2025-009

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

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

Carried

5. Public Meeting – None.

6. Delegations – None.

7. Public Question Period – No-one came forward.

8. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

a. Town of Aylmer, Motion to Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes

b. Municipality of South Huron, Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act

RESOLUTION: 2025-010

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

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

b. Staff Reports

Councillor Gunson assumed the Chair.

1. PW 2025-001, 2024 DWQMS External Audit Outcome

MOTION: COW 2025-011

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2025-001 2024 DWQMS External Audit Outcome, prepared by the QMS Representative, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the 2024 DWQMS External Audit Outcome report.

Carried

2. PW 2025-002, 2024 Management Review

MOTION: COW 2025-012

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Mayor Turton

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives PW report 2025-002 DWQMS Management Review and the Management Review Meeting Outcome report, prepared by the QMS Representative, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the 2024 DWQMS Management Review and the Management Review Meeting Outcome reports.

Carried

3. PW 2025-003, 2024 Bulk Water Taking Annual Summary

MOTION: COW 2025-013

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2025-003 2024 Bulk Water Taking Annual Summary, prepared by the Water Services Manager, for information purposes.

Carried

Councillor Dirksen assumed the Chair.

4. FIN 2025-003, 2024 Section 357 Applications

MOTION: COW 2025-014

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report FIN 2025-003 2024 Section 357 Applications, prepared by the Deputy Treasurer, for information purposes.

Carried

5. FIN 2025-004, 2024 Minutes of Settlement and Assessment Adjustments

MOTION: COW 2025-015

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report FIN 2025-004 2024 Minutes of Settlement and Assessment Adjustments, prepared by the Deputy Treasurer, for information purposes.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

6. CL 2024-002, Proposed Municipal Accountability Act 2024

MOTION: COW 2025-016

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CL 2025-002 - Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024, prepared by the Clerk, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receive the correspondence as information.

Carried

7. CL 2025-003, Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

MOTION: COW 2025-017

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CL 2025-003 Catch and Release Justice in Ontario, prepared by the Clerk, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto endorses the Town of Colbalt's resolution on "catch and release" justice.

Carried

8. CAO 2025-001, Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) Partnership

MOTION: COW 2025-018

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CAO-2025-01 Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) Partnership, prepared by the CAO, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto authorizes staff to submit a request to join the SOIC Regional Collaboration Partnership; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto authorizes the Mayor and a staff delegate, chosen by the CAO, to attend meetings as representatives of the Town of Minto.

Carried

c. Announcements

Councillor Elliott noted the Lions Club are selling Valentine tickets this year for \$50 per ticket, this is their largest fundraiser each year. Please contact any member of the Palmerston Lions to buy your tickets.

Councillor Dirksen stated that it is important to stay active and well and healthy and engaged and if you need help you are encouraged to make a call, to 211.

Councillor Zimmerman stated we are under a severe cold warning at this time. The Wellington County Libraries are open during regular business hours to be used as a warming centre. If you need assistance in being sheltered, you can call 226-310-3315 for adults over 25 or families or 519-837-3892 for youth. Tonight at 6:45 pm is drop in at the Clifford arena to learn how to play Pickle Ball. January 24th at the Lions Club in Palmerston is the babysitting course, please register through the Town of Minto. Zimmerman noted that there are posting for Town summer jobs at this time on our website.

Deputy Mayor Anderson stated that ROMA was a good conference with homelessness, mental health and the healthcare systems were high on the list. Lisa Thompson gave a shoutout to the Town of Minto for our video created through Belinda Wick-Graham.

Mayor Turton stated Guelph Wellington Crime Stoppers had a Director retire and they are looking for a replacement to sit on the Board of Directors. The Big Brother and Big Sisters bowl-a-thon and the Coldest Night of the Year Walk will happen in February, and he encourage people put in a team or donate if you can.

10. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2025-010

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT the Committee of the Whole convenes into Regular Council.

Carried

11. Notices of Motion

12. Resolution Adopting Proceedings of Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION: 2025-011

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; 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. 2025-006, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2025-012

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

THAT By-law 2025-006; To confirm actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of

Minto respecting a meeting held January 21, 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 3:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION: 2025-013

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; 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