



Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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
Wes Graham, Deputy Chief Building Official
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Matt Lubbers, Director of Community Services
Mike McIsaac, Roads & Drainage Manager
Mark Robertson, Wastewater Services Manager
Quinn Gorecki, Deputy Clerk/Manager, People and Culture

1. **Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – None.**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Regular Minutes of April 8, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-049

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

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto April 8, 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: 2025-050

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

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

Carried

5. Public Meeting - None

6. Delegations

a. Recognition Night - Palmerston Farm Boys

Mayor Turton recognized the Palmerston Farm Boys: Hudson Dann, Reid Schnieder, Cameron Schill and Grayson Dann and coach Mike Dobson for winning the Elementary Curling Club Championship.

7. Public Question Period

Susanne Stewart asked when the roads to be done in our area specifically potholes, as she lives on School Road 7. CAO Furtney stated that this road is on the list over the next couple of years and will continue to patch.

8. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. City of Peterborough, Use of X by the City of Peterborough
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Letter from Minister Rob Flack to Heads of Council regarding Strong Mayor Powers
- c. County of Lennox and Addington, Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates
- d. Township of North Glengarry, Rural Roads Safety Program
- e. Town of Tillsonburg, Strong Mayor Powers
- f. Town of Saugeen Shores, Opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers
- g. Town of Amherstburg, Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers
- h. Township of Rideau Lakes, Strong Mayor Powers

Deputy Mayor Anderson pulled the correspondence regarding Strong Mayor Powers for discussion.

MOTION: COW 2025-055

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz;

THAT the staff bring a report back to Council on the Strong Mayor powers.

Carried

MOTION: COW 2025-056

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; 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

Deputy Mayor Anderson assumed the Chair.

1. Fire 2025-004, Fire Protection Grant Additional Funds

MOTION: COW 2025-057

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Podniewicz

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report Fire 2025-005 Fire Protection Grant Additional Funds, prepared by the Director of Fire Services/ Fire Chief and Treasurer, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto authorizes the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the related Transfer Payment Agreement to receive the funds.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

2. BLDG 2025-001, 2024 Building, Planning and By-Law Enforcement Year in Review

MOTION: COW 2025-058

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

THAT Council receives report BLDG 2025-001 regarding the 2024 Building, Planning, and By-Law Enforcement Year in Review, prepared by the Deputy Chief Building Official, as information.

Carried

3. CS 2025-002, 2024 Community Services Year in Review

MOTION: COW 2025-059

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council receives report CS 2025-002 regarding the 2024 Community Services Year in Review, prepared by the Director of Community Services, as information.

Carried

Councillor Gunson assumed the Chair

4. PW 2025-011, 2024 Sanitary and Storm CLI-ECA Annual Performance Reports

MOTION: COW 2025-060

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report PW 2025-011 2024 Sanitary and Storm CLI-ECA Annual Performance Report, prepared by the Wastewater Services Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto acknowledges and approves the compliance status and operational updates outlined in the attached reports, as is required by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP).

Carried

5. PW 2025-012, 2024 Public Works Year in Review

MOTION: COW 2025-061

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council receives report PW 2025-012 regarding the 2024 Public Works Year in Review, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, as information.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

6. CAO 2025-002, Committees of Council Review

MOTION: COW 2025-062

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report # CAO 2025-002 Committees of Council Review, prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and adopts the proposed changes to the Committees of Council as outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto directs staff to prepare a new Bylaw to be brought to Council at a subsequent Council meeting, that reflects the adopted changes and repeals Bylaw 2024-071.

Defeated

MOTION: COW 2025-063

Moved by: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded by: Councillor Zimmerman

THAT Report # CAO 2025-002 Committees of Council Review, prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer be sent back to staff for further review with a further report to come back to Council.

Carried

c. Announcements

Councillor Gunson stated that the Minto 81's played in the Allan cup challenge yesterday, and they are the first AA team to beat a AAA team. They are currently playing tonight if they win they go to the semi-finals on Friday night. The tournament is in Flamborough.

Councillor Dirksen stated that tomorrow is Administrative Professional Day. Dirksen stated that the Good Friday Service put on by the Palmerston Ministerial hosted by the Christian Reformed Church was well attended. Volunteer Appreciation is one week from tonight and is looking forward to honouring our wonderful volunteers. Councillor Dirksen noted that the Harriston History book will be reprinted with updates for Harriston's 150th anniversary in 2028. The Harriston Historical Society is looking for volunteers to assist, contact them to find out more about volunteering.

Mayor Turton stated the Mayors breakfast will be held this Friday at 7:30 am. and Clark Ag will be hosting a Grand Opening from 11 am-2 pm on Friday with a BBQ lunch. Mayor Turton noted that Monday is the Federal Election. Mayor Turton stated that beginning July 1, 2025, there will be changes to the blue box program in Wellington County changing the pick-up for the businesses as well the minimum charge of \$10 at the transfer stations is working with a reduction of 20-30% of garbage going to the transfer station.

10. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2025-051

Moved By: Councillor Podniewicz; 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: 2025-052

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Zimmerman

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

Carried

13. By-laws

a. 2025-020, Transfer Payment Agreement Fire

RESOLUTION: 2025-053

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

THAT By-law 2025-020 be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

b. 2025-021, Confirmatory

RESOLUTION: 2025-054

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

THAT By-law 2025-021; To confirm actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held April 22, 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 8:56 pm

RESOLUTION: 2025-055

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

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