



Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present:

Mayor Dave Turton
Councillor Judy Dirksen
Deputy Mayor Jean Anderson
Councillor Ron Elliott
Councillor Geoff Gunson
Councillor Paul Zimmerman

Council Regrets:

Councillor Ed Podniewicz

Staff Present:

Annilene McRobb, Clerk
Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer
Belinda Wick-Graham, Director of Economic and Community Development
Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Chris Harrow, Director of Fire Services
Nicole Clelland-Riff, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order 2:30 p.m.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act - None
3. Motion to Convene into Closed Session

RESOLUTION: 2025-078

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

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

- a. Minutes of May 20, 2025 Closed Session Minutes
- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees [s. 239(2)(b)], Community Services Structure

Carried

4. Motion to Convene into Open Session

RESOLUTION: 2025-079

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

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

Carried

5. Reporting Out of Closed

RESOLUTION: 2025-080

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council of the Town of Minto receives the Closed Session report regarding Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees- Community Services Structure for information.

Carried

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Regular Council Minutes of May 20, 2025

b. Closed Session Minutes of May 20, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-081

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT minutes of the Town of Minto May 20, 2025 Closed Session meeting and May 20, 2025 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: 2025-082

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

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

Carried

8. Public Meeting - None

9. Delegations -None

10. Public Question Period No one came forward

11. Correspondence Received for Information or Requiring Direction of Council

- a. Municipality of Kincardine, Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act
- b. Seniors Centre for Excellence June 2025 Newsletter

MOTION: COW 2025-078

Moved by: Councillor Elliott; Seconded by: Zimmerman

THAT Council of the Town of Minto supports the correspondence from the Municipality of Kincardine, Bill 5 Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, and that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, ; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Matthew Rae and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

MOTION: COW 2025-079

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

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
 - 1. Cultural Roundtable Minutes of May 26, 2025

MOTION: COW 2025-080

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Elliott

THAT Council receives the Cultural Roundtable Minutes of May 26, 2025 as information and approves any recommendations contained therein.

Carried

- 2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Minutes of May 15, 2025

MOTION: COW 2025-081

Moved By: Councillor Gunson; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

THAT Council receives the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Minutes of May 15, 2025 as information and approves any recommendations contained therein.

Carried

b. Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor Anderson assumed the Chair.

1. FIRE 2025-006, Tri-Fire Services Strategic Plan

MOTION: COW 2025-082

Moved By: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives Report Fire 2025-006 Tri Fire Service 2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan, prepared by the Director of Fire Services, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and adopts the 2025- 2028 Strategic Plan as presented.

Carried

Mayor Turton resumed the Chair.

2. CAO-2025-03, Wightman Municipal Access Agreement

MOTION: COW 2025-083

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CAO-2025-03 Wightman Municipal Access Agreement, prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer/ Deputy Clerk, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby approves the Wightman Municipal Access Agreement and provides direction to the Mayor and the Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk to bind the corporation by signing the agreement.

Carried

c. Announcements

Councillor Elliott noted that the SafeKids Day was held last weekend. Deputy Chief Callise Loos stated there were 640 kids that went to the event with 14 vendors.

Councillor Gunson stated on behalf of Southeast Surge Hockey executive he thanked Minto to allow the ice to remain in May for Try-outs and thanked the staff. Gunson noted this Saturday is the Harriston Firefighters breakfast at the Harriston arena from 7-11 am with entry by donation.

Councillor Dirksen thanked staff for lowering the flags last week to show our sympathy for the grieving families in Walkerton.

Councillor Zimmerman noted that as a part of the Palmerston 150th the Harriston Historical Society along with the Palmerston Railway Museum is sponsoring a special headstone and

plaque hunt starting tomorrow. Winners will be announced August 2. Zimmerman also noted that from June 11th – August 6th a headstone hunt will be held as well by the Harriston Historical Society.

Deputy Mayor Anderson stated that she and Councillor Zimmerman attended FCM where Prime Minister Carney spoke noting most municipalities have the same issues with funding required for infrastructure from upper government. Anderson stated Saturday is the opening of the Palmerston Farmers Market, Harriston Firefighters Breakfast and the Garden Festival with 24 vendors and children's events. Sunday is Pride in the Park in Palmerston. Anderson noted that a community pantry will be placed in the Harriston Library with the Andersons supporting it through funds that come from their annual Christmas dinner.

Mayor Turton noted that Well Initiatives in the Palmerston Industrial Park had a well attended open house. Turton state the Arthur Works garage had a grand opening. Minto Auto celebrated 20 years in business. Mayor Turton thanked the hospital Gala volunteers and welcomed medical students from Kingston who are working in our area. Turton provided a Media Release from the County of Wellington to allocate continuum of care funds to address affordable housing gaps.

CAO Furtney stated that the Mayors and CAO's of Wellington County went to Queens Park and thanked MPP Matthew Rae for pulling this together. The group had the opportunity to speak to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Minister Rob Flack), the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction (Minister Khanjin), the Ministry of Transportation (Minister Sakaria), the Ministry of Natural Resources (Minister Harris), and the Ministry of Finance (Parliamentary Assistant Smith). The group also attended Question Period at Queens Park.

13. Motion to Return To Regular Council

RESOLUTION: 2025-083

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

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: 2025-084

Moved By: Councillor Zimmerman; Seconded By: Councillor Dirksen

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

Carried

16. By-laws

- a. 2025-027, Municipal Access Agreement Wightman Communications Ltd.

RESOLUTION: 2025-085

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

THAT By-law 2025-027, be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

- b. 2025-028, Confirmatory By-law

RESOLUTION: 2025-086

Moved By: Councillor Elliott; Seconded By: Councillor Gunson

THAT By-law 2025-028, to confirm actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Minto respecting a meeting held June 3, 2025; be read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

17. Adjournment at 3:53 p.m.

RESOLUTION: 2025-087

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

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