



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Place: Council Chambers and conducted through Zoom and streamed live to Facebook

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Greg Henley

Councilors present: Carla Black, Paul Jones, Brenton Colborne, Chrystal McNutt, and Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald

Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney - CAO, and Stan McDougall – Administrative Assistant (recording secretary).

Also in attendance: Gallery: Jason Haughn, Municipal Advisor, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Zoom: Mark Rushton, Six Rivers News.

Announcements Prior to Call to Order

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Henley made the following announcements:

A vacancy existed on the Intermunicipal Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee that meets once a month on Thursdays either by Zoom or in-person in Amherst. Interested individuals are to contact the office for further information.

Pink Shirt Day for 2023 was February 22, 2023, to support Anti-Bullying Day. 1 in 5 kids are affected by bullying. Mayor Henley encouraged everyone to wear pink on February 22, 2023.

1. Call to Order

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Henley called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald that the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting for February 21, 2023, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings

3.1 Town Council Minutes – January 17, 2023

Approved by  _____
Mayor Greg Henley, on February 21, 2023

4. New Business

4.1 New Website – oxfordns.ca is now live – verbal presentation.

CAO, Linda Cloney announced that on February 14, 2023, the Town of Oxford launched the new website oxfordns.ca and it's now officially live and typing in the old address for now will redirect you to the new website. Everyone was invited to review the new website and bring forward any issues or concerns they may have with the new site. Linda thanked everyone for their hard work and input in developing the new website.

4.2 Sewer infrastructure and services on Sunset Avenue – recommendation from Public Works Committee

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Councillor McNutt to adopt the sewer infrastructure and services on Sunset Avenue regarding PID's 25513284, 25513292, and 25513330.

Motion Carried

- 4.3 **Water and sewer services and infrastructure on Meadow Lane – recommendation from Public Works Committee**

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Councillor McNutt to adopt the water and sewer infrastructure and services on Meadow Lane affecting the PID's 25512963, 25512971, 25512989, 25512997, 25513003, and 25513011

Motion Carried

- 4.4 **Canine Control Bylaw 2022-12-19 – Defer to next Council Meeting.**

CAO, Linda Cloney requested to defer this item to the next Council meeting as further research and editing is required.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald to defer the reading of the Canine Control Bylaw to the next Council meeting

Motion Carried

- 4.5 **Winter Snow and Ice Removal and Winter Parking Bylaw 2023-01-17 – Second Reading – included in package.**

CAO, Linda Cloney presented second reading of the bylaw to Council. As recommended by S/Sgt Craig Learning, this bylaw will allow for enforcement and safe and efficient street cleanup and to prevent overnight Winter parking on Town of Oxford Public Roads. Next step is to advertise in the paper and then creation of the official bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald to give second reading to the Winter Snow and Ice Removal and Winter Parking By-Law 2023-01-17.

Motion Carried

4.6 **Municipal Elections Deposit Bylaw 2022-12-19-2 – Second Reading**
included in package.

CAO, Linda Cloney discussed with Council that since the first attempt at the special election to fill the vacant Council seat garnered no interest, discussion about the deposit being a barrier was had and Council agreed to put together a Bylaw to reduce the deposit from \$200.00 to \$50.00 to become a candidate for the special election.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Jones to give second reading to the Municipal Elections Deposit Bylaw 2022-12-19-2.

Motion Carried

4.7 **Special Election – Plebiscite question regarding Transfer Site and Curbside Collection – verbal presentation**

CAO Linda Cloney reviewed with Council about having a plebiscite question for the special election. The question would need to be a yes or a no answer.

It was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt to keep a plebiscite question in the special election and allow voters to provide their preference between curbside and transfer site options.

Motion Carried

4.8 **Update General Duty Police Resource Model (GDPRM) with the Minister of Justice – verbal presentation**

CAO Linda Cloney presented to Council that out of the Policing Services Review committee, from the January 30, 2023, meeting with the Department of Justice and the RCMP Liaison, the GDPRM (General Duty Policing Resource Model) for Oxford was outdated and the cost for the policing services are based on the numbers from the latest GDPRM. It was suggested by the Department of Justice, through a formal request from Council to the Minister of Justice to update the GDPRM so that current data can be obtained and used to

allow for the Policing Services Review Committee to make an informed decision on the future policing services for the town of Oxford.

Moved by Councillor McNutt and seconded by Councillor Black to request an updated GDPRM from the Minister of Justice to assist the Policing Review Committee in the analysis of the Policing Services Review process.

Motion Carried

5. **Correspondence**

5.1 **Sponsorship – 2023 Woodland Conferences – hosted at the Oxford Regional Education Centre April 15 – included in package.**

CAO, Linda Cloney reviewed the correspondence with Council that on April 15, 2023, the 2023 Woodland Conferences would be held at the Oxford Regional Education Centre and were looking for contributions. Donations over \$100 would allow for an exhibitor space. This space would allow for town promotion, such as the Welcoming Committee, Recreation Committee, etc.

Moved by Councillor McNutt and seconded by Councillor Jones to donate \$101 to the 2023 Woodland Conferences.

Motion Carried

6. **In-Camera**

6.1 **Acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property**

At 6:14 PM it was moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Black to go in-camera to discuss Acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property.


Motion Carried

At 7:15 PM it was moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Jones to come out of in-camera and resume the Regular Council Meeting.

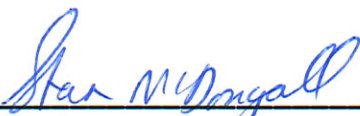
Motion Carried

7. **Adjournment**

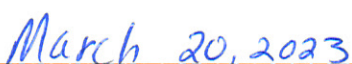
The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM



Mayor Greg Henley, Chair



Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant



Date Approved