



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Inaugural Council Meeting
Monday November 21, 2022
11:00 a.m. Council Chambers, Fingal/Via Video Link

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Grant Jones
Deputy Mayor Justin Pennings
Councillor John Adzija
Councillor Sarah Emons
Councillor Scott Fellows

COUNCIL ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Carswell, CAO/Clerk
Michele Lant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Peter Kavcic, Dir. of Infrastructure & Development Services
Corey Pemberton, Director of Building and Community Services
Paul Van Vaerenbergh, Public Works Superintendent
Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent
June McLarty, Corporate Services Clerk

CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK

Clerk Jeff Carswell called the meeting to order. The new Council was introduced. Mr. Carswell acknowledged the Councillors, guests, staff, members of the public and those that may be watching online, for coming out today for this very special occasion.

The Clerk administered the Oath and Declaration of Office for each member of Council.

Reverend Dianne Macpherson shared a few words with Council and guests.

Mary Lou Jones presented Mayor Jones with the Council Gavel. Mayor Jones assumed the Chair for the balance of the meeting.

Mayor Jones presented his inaugural address. He thanked the staff for all their hard work. He thanked his family and the citizens for their support. He welcomed the new members to Council. He noted that Council will work together as a team and have the best interests of the Township.

Deputy Mayor Pennings commented that we will also work together as a team and we have a lot of hard work ahead of us.

Councillor Emons commented that we have a lot of challenges coming down from the province that we will work through.

Councillor Adzija thanked his family and friends for their support. He also commented that we must navigate the challenges that Council may face.

Councillor Fellows thanked those who supported him. He commented that he is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:

9. Correspondence

- (a) Letters from Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and AMO RE: Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act

2022-307 Councillor Emons – Deputy Mayor Pennings
THAT the addendum to the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES: None were declared

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: None

DELEGATIONS: None

DRAINAGE: None

PLANNING: None

REPORTS:

Report CAO 2022-53 Proposed 2023 Council Meeting Dates

Jeff Carswell presented the report on 2023 Meeting Dates.

2022-308 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council approve the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule as set out in Schedule "A" attached to this report.

CARRIED

Report CAO 2022-54 Board and Committee Appointments

Jeff Carswell presented the report on Board and Committee Appointments

Committee of Adjustment

2022- 309 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija

That Council pass draft By-law 2022-89 to appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Southwold.

CARRIED

Board and Committee Appointments By-law

2022- 310 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Emons

That Council pass draft By-law 2022-90 to appoint Councillors, citizens and staff to various Boards and Committees.

CARRIED

Elgin County Land Division Committee Member

2022-311 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council recommend to the County of Elgin that John Andrews be appointed to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for the 2022-2026 Council Term.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and AMO re: Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act

2022- 312 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons

BE THAT IT RESOLVED The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold hereby endorses the comments made in the attached letters from the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and

FURTHER a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Elgin- Middlesex- London Rob Flack, KCCA and AMO.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

- By-law No. 2022-89, being a by-law to appoint a Committee of Adjustment and repeal By-law No. 2022-03
- By-law No. 2022-90, being a By-law to appoint members to Township Boards and Committees

2022-313 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons

THAT By-law Nos. 2022-89 and 2022-90 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 21st day of November 2022.

CARRIED

Council recessed from 11:32 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:**2022- 314 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings**

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now moves into a session of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at **1:25 p.m.** in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for discussion of the following matters;

- Education and Training Section 239(3.1) – Council Orientation on Current Issues

CARRIED

2022- 315 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold adjourns the Closed Session of the Inaugural Council meeting at **3:27 p.m.**

CARRIED

Confirming By-law**2022-316 Councillor Adzija and Councillor Fellows**

THAT By-law Nos. 2022-91 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 21st day of November 2022.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-317

Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Inaugural meeting of Council at **3:28 p.m.**

CARRIED



Mayor
Grant Jones

CAO/Clerk
Jeff Carswell