



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

### MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting  
Monday July 10, 2023  
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Fingal/Via Video Link

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Carswell, CAO/Clerk  
Michele Lant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
Aaron Van Oorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development  
Services  
Josh Mueller, Planner  
June McLarty, Corporate Services Clerk

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Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:** None

**DISCLOSURES:** None

#### **ADOPTION AND REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

##### **Council Minutes – Adopt**

**2023-231 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2023  
are hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **Committee Minutes – Review**

### **2023-232 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija**

**THAT** Council has reviewed the minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of August 17, 2021 and the draft minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting of June 28, 2023.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATION:**

**7:03 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.**

### **Mark Peacock and Valerie Towsley, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, Categories of Programs and Services Agreement**

Mr. Peacock outlined the categories of programs and the services agreement with LTVCA.

### **LTVCA Inventory of Programs and Categories of Programs and Services Agreement**

#### **2023-233 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows**

**THAT** Council of the Township of Southwold approves the LTVCA Inventory of Programs and Categories of Programs and Services Agreement; and,

**THAT** By-law No. 2023-40 be read a first and second time, considered third a time and finally passed this 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023.

**CARRIED**

## **PLANNING:**

### **PLA 2023-24 Information Pertaining to Proposed Provincial Planning Statement**

Josh Mueller presented this report.

## **STAFF DIRECTION**

Staff was directed by Council to provide a report for the next meeting detailing more details on new definitions that are being proposed in the Natural Heritage Policies.

## **REPORTS:**

### **ENG 2023-32 Activity Report – June 2023**

Aaron VanOorspronk presented this report.

### **ENG 2023-33 Rose Ave Illumination Warrant**

#### **2023-234 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija**

**THAT** Report ENG 2023-33 relating to Rose Ave Illumination, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **ENG 2023-34 Additional Bag Tags**

#### **2023-235 Councillor Emons – Councillor Fellows**

**THAT** Report ENG 2023-34 relating to Additional Bag Tags, be received for information; and,

**THAT** Council direct Staff to create and purchase additional garbage bag tags and amend the current user fee by-law for consideration at Council's next meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **ENG 2023-35 Sidewalk Construction Program**

#### **2023-236 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings**

**THAT** Report ENG 2023-35 relating to Sidewalk Construction Program, be received for information; and

**THAT** Council approve the relocation of sidewalk construction to Ferndale Park and Shedden.

**CARRIED**

**Break 7:44 p.m. – 7:49 p.m.**

**7:49 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.**

**Aileen Murray, Mellor Murray Consulting Inc. Strategic Plan – Strategic Priorities Workshop**



Ms. Murray reviewed the key findings from the Strategic Plan workshops. Council provided their thoughts on the key findings. Council narrowed the strategic priorities to three areas: Managing Growth, Cost Management/Accountability and Economic Development. Council provided strategic actions for these areas.

## **REPORTS:**

### **FIN 2023-10 Section 357/Tax Incentive Approval Applications**

#### **2023-237 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija**

**THAT** Council approves the total adjustment of taxes for the 2023 tax year resulting from Municipal Act, Sec.357/Tax Incentive Approval adjustments as presented, in the amount of \$118,591.38.

**CARRIED**

#### **CBO 2023-12 Activity Report – June 2023**

This report was presented to Council.

#### **CBO 2023-13 Office Renovation**

This report was presented to Council as information.

#### **CAO 2023-34 Activity Report – June 2023**

Jeff Carswell presented this report.

#### **Elgin County Highlights – June 27, 2023**

Mayor Jones presented this report.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Fee Waiver Request – Talbotville Optimist
- Resolution from the Municipality of North Perth RE: Vacant Building Official Positions
- Resolution from the Town of Petrolia RE: Increase in Licensed Child Care Spaces
- Resolution from the Township of Selwyn RE: Short-term Rentals

- Resolution from the Municipality of Chatham- Kent RE: Time for Change- Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

### **Talbotville Optimist Fee Waiver Request**

#### **2023-238 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons**

**THAT** Council approves the fee waiver request from the Talbotville Optimist for the use of the Talbotville Optimist Heritage Park during the months of July and August.

**CARRIED**

### **Town of Petrolia Resolution – Increase Spaces for Home-Based Childcare Operators**

#### **2023-239 Councillor Emons – Deputy Mayor Pennings**

**BE THAT IT BE RESOLVED** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold hereby supports the attached resolution that was sent to the Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education from The Town of Petrolia requesting that licensed home-based childcare operators be allowed to increase spaces; and

**FURTHER** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Rob Flack, MPP Elgin- Middlesex- London and the Town of Petrolia.

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution from the Municipality of Chatham- Kent RE: Time for Change- Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

#### **2023-240 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons**

**BE THAT IT BE RESOLVED** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold hereby supports the attached resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requesting a Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and,

**FURTHER** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Rob Flack, MPP Elgin- London- Middlesex and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW:**

- By-law No. 2023-41, being a By-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Council of the Township of Southwold, which were adopted on July 10th, 2023.

**By-law**

**2023-241 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings**

**THAT** By-law No. 2023-41 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

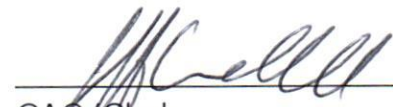
**2023-242 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons**

**THAT** Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at **9:39 p.m.**

**CARRIED**



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Mayor  
Grant Jones



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CAO/Clerk  
Jeff Carswell