



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Monday May 27, 2024
7:00 p.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

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Higgs, CAO/Clerk
Aaron VanOorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development
Services
June McLarty, Deputy Clerk

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

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

DISCLOSURES: No disclosures were made.

ADOPTION AND REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Council Minutes – Adopt

2024-168 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2024 are hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Committee Minutes – Review

2024-169 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons

THAT Council has reviewed the draft minutes of the War Memorial Committee Meeting of May 7, 2024, the draft minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of May 9, 2024 and the draft minutes of the Young at Heart Committee Meeting of May 21, 2024.

CARRIED

Young at Heart Committee Member

2024-170 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council approves the recommendation from the Young at Heart Committee to appoint Chris Stinson as a member of the committee.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

ENG 2024-34 Shedden WWTP Engineering Design Award

2024-171 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Emons

THAT Report ENG 2024-34 relating to Shedden Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Award, be received for information; and,

THAT Staff be directed to terminate design services previously award to MTE; and,

THAT the proposal submitted by WT Infrastructure in the amount of \$378,728.00 plus HST be accepted.

CARRIED

ENG 2024-35 Street Names and Civic Addresses

2024-172 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT the Council of the Township of Southwold approves the following street names:

Woodland Way Condominium – Thorngrove Road

Talbotville Meadows Condominium (Block 177) – Bon Accord Place

Talbotville Meadows Condominium (Block 178) – Balmoral Court; and,

THAT the Council of the Township of Southwold directs Staff to create a Civic Addressing and Street Naming Policy for Council's consideration.

PLANNING:

MV 2024-03 and MV 2024-04

In attendance: S. Congdon, Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd.

MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Sycamore Road BLK 173

2024-173 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT the regular Council meeting adjourn to sit as a Committee of Adjustment to hear minor variance applications MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Sycamore Road BLK 173 at **7:15 p.m.**

CARRIED

MV 2024-03 and MV 2024-04, Adjournment of Committee of Adjustment

2024-174 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows

THAT the meeting of the Committee of Adjustment to hear applications MV 2024-03, Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Optimist Drive BLK 183 and MV 2024-04 Farhi Holdings Corp. C/O Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd., Sycamore Road BLK 173 and the regular meeting of council reconvenes at **7:27p.m.**

CARRIED

REPORTS:

CAO 2024-33 Deeming By-law for 8934 Iona Road

2024-175 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold hereby received report CAO 2024-33 (Request to Deem Lots on Iona Road) as information; and,

THAT By-law No. 2024-31 be presented to Council for authorization and approval.

CARRIED

CAO 2024-34 July/August Council Meetings

2024-176 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council cancel the second regular Council meetings in July and August, 2024 (July 22, 2024 and August 26, 2024).

CARRIED

CAO 2024-35 Holiday Office Closure

2024-177 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council approve closure of the Municipal Office from 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24 2024 and re-opening at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025, with staff utilizing Vacation or Banked-Time for the days that are not statutory holidays during the closure (3.5 days required).

CARRIED

CAO 2024-36 Consent Application Deferral Resubmission Kikkert

2024-178 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council for the Township of Council recommends approval of Consent Application E23-24 to Elgin County Land Division Committee for the creation of a new residential lot from the property located at 8169 Union Road subject to the Lower Tier Municipal conditions provided in Schedule D of Report CAO 2024-36; and,

THAT the comments attached as Schedule E be provided to the Land Division Committee with respect to the fencing requirements recommended by staff.

CARRIED

CAO 2024-37 Southwold 175 Committee Terms of Reference

2024-179 Councillor Emons – Councillor Fellows

THAT the Council of the Township of Southwold approves the Terms of Reference for the Southwold 175 Planning Committee, attached as Schedule A to this report; and,

THAT Council directs staff initiate recruitment of the Committee and provide an appointment By-Law and By-Law to formally adopt the Terms of Reference at the next meeting.

CARRIED

CAO 2024-38 Sign Disposition

2024-180 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council receive the report on the Disposition of Southwold Signs on Former Branding as information.

CARRIED

STAFF DIRECTION

Staff was directed by Council to include a Talbotville sign in the group of signs that are being auctioned off online.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution/City of St. Catharines Resolution Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals.
- Invitation to the MP and MPP Luncheon
- Fee Waiver Request – Fingal – Shedden & District Optimist Club – Co-Ed Baseball Tournament
- City of Belleville Resolution RE: Support of Family Doctors

Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals

2024-181 Councillor Emons – Deputy Mayor Pennings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southwold supports the attached resolution that was passed by the City of St. Catharines regarding Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Honourable Premier Doug Ford,
The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
The Honourable Rob Flack, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO) and the City of St. Catharines.

CARRIED

Fee Waiver Request – Fingal – Shedden & District Optimist Club – Co-Ed Baseball Tournament

2024-182 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold approves the fee waiver request in the amount of \$1140.00 from the Fingal – Shedden & District Optimist Club for the Co-Ed Baseball Tournament on August 31st, 2024 and September 1st, 2024 at the Fingal Ball Park.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the other items under Correspondence.

BY-LAWS:

By-law No. 2024-031

2024-183 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows

THAT By-law No. 2024-31, be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 27th day of May, 2024.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility RE: June is Seniors Month
- Notice of Public Information – St. Thomas Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Master Plan
- Western Ontario Warden Caucus ERO Comments
- Watson & Associates Economists Ltd RE: Elgin/St. Thomas Education Development Charges

Council reviewed the item under Other Business

CLOSED SESSION:

2024-184 Councillor Emons – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now moves again into a session of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at **7:54 p.m.** in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for discussion of the following matters;

- Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Section 239 (2)(b)) – Infrastructure and Development Services Staffing
- Advise that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose Section 239 (2)(f)) – Ron McNeil Line Severance

CARRIED

Adjournment of Closed Session

2024-185 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold adjourns the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting at **9:08 p.m.**

CARRIED

STAFF DIRECTION

Staff were directed by Council to the 2 items that were discussed in the Closed Session.

Confirming By-law

- By-law No. 2024-32, being a By-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Council of the Township of Southwold, which were adopted on May 27th, 2024.

Confirming By-law

2024-186 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT By-law No. 2024-32 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 27th day of May, 2024.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2024-187 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at **9:09 p.m.**

CARRIED

Original signed by:

Mayor

Grant Jones

Original signed by:

CAO/Clerk

Lisa Higgs