



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Monday December 9, 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: Michele Lant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Aaron VanOorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development
Services
Jeff McArthur, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
June McLarty, Deputy Clerk

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

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

DISCLOSURES: Mayor Jones declared a conflict on item 4d, recommendation from Southwold Young at Heart Committee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Council Minutes – Adopt

2024-381 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 25, 2024 are hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Committee Minutes – Review

2024-382 Councillor Emons – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council had reviewed the Draft Minutes of the Family Day/Winterfest Committee Meeting of November 18, 2024, the Draft Minutes of the Southwold History Committee Meeting of November 25, 2024, and the Draft Minutes of the Southwold 175 Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024.

CARRIED

Mayor Jones vacated his seat and Deputy Mayor Pennings assumed the meeting chair.

2024-383 Councillor Emons – Councillor Fellows

THAT Council has reviewed the Draft Minutes of the Young at Heart Committee Meeting of November 28, 2024, and:

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold approves the recommendation that Mary-Lou Jones be appointed a member of the Southwold Young at Heart Committee.

CARRIED

Mayor Jones returned to his seat and assumed the meeting chair position.

PLANNING:

Committee of Adjustment

In attendance:

2024-384 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Adzija

THAT the regular Council meeting adjourn to sit as a Committee of Adjustment at **7:05 p.m.** to hear application MV 2024-07, J. DaSilva, 34 Talbot Grove Lane.

CARRIED

Adjournment of Committee of Adjustment

2024-385 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Fellows

THAT the meeting of the Committee of Adjustment to hear application MV 2024-07, J. DaSilva, 34 Talbot Grove Lane adjourns and the regular meeting of council reconvenes at **7:14 p.m.**

CARRIED

REPORTS:

FIR 2024-14 Activity Report – November 2024

Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief presented his report to Council.

ENG 2024-65 Activity Report – November 2024

Director of Infrastructure and Development Services Aaron VanOorspronk presented his report to Council.

ENG 2024- 66 Development Charges Update Award

2024-386 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Report ENG 2024-66 relating to the Development Charges Update Award, be received for information; and

THAT the proposal submitted by Watson and Associates in the amount \$38,800.00 plus HST be accepted.

CARRIED

ENG 2024-67 Talbotville Wastewater Facility Project Lead Award

2024-387 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Emons

THAT Report ENG 2024-67 relating to the Talbotville Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Lead Award, be received for information; and

THAT the proposal submitted by Colliers in the amount \$176,210.00 plus HST be accepted.

CARRIED

CBO 2024-17 Activity Report – November 2024

This report was presented to Council.

CAO 2024-93 Activity Report – November 2024

This report was presented to Council.

CAO 2024-94 Integrity Commissioner Oversight

2024-388 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons

THAT Council receive this report as information.

CARRIED

County Council Highlights – November 26, 2024

Mayor Jones presented this report to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Kettle Creek Conservation Authority – 2025 Municipal Apportionment and Budget
- Elgin OPP Detachment Board Request and Draft Meeting Minutes
- Township of Puslinch Resolution RE: Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices
- Township of Puslinch Resolution RE: Enabling Greater Beneficial Reuse Excess Soil
- Municipality of Tweed Resolution RE: Support of Town of Aurora Resolution – Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Contribution to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board During Inaugural Phase

2024-389 Councillor Emons – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold supports the request in the for a temporary loan amount of \$5000.00 to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board to cover essential operational costs, including insurance, legal fees and other professional services required to support the Board's activities, and;

THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk send a letter to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board asking for clarification on other options to appoint a public member or Council member from Southwold, West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich to the board, and;

THAT the member representing Southwold, West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich attend a future meeting to present a report on the Elgin OPP Detachment Board to Council.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the other items under Correspondence.

BY-LAWS:

2024-390 Councillor Emons – Councillor Fellow

THAT By-law No. 2024-63, being a by-law to execute an agreement with the Minister of Infrastructure – HEWSF Fund be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 9th day of December, 2024.

CARRIED

2024-391 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT By-law No. 2024-64, being a by-law to appoint a Committee of Adjustment and repeal By-law No. 2023-69, be read a first and second times, considered read a third time and finally passed this 9th day of December, 2024.

CARRIED

2024-392 Councillor Fellows – Councillor Emons

THAT By-law No. 2024-65, being a By-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Council of the Township of Southwold, which were adopted on December 9, 2024, be read first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 9th day of December, 2024.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- Housing-Enabling Water Infrastructure Loan Stream Details

The council reviewed the item under Other Business.

ADJOURNMENT:

2024-393 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at **7:52 p.m.**

CARRIED

Original signed by:

Mayor

Grant Jones

Original signed by:

Deputy Clerk

June McLarty