



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

October 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
West Elgin Community Complex
160 Main Street
West Lorne
Electronic Hybrid Meeting

Present:
Mayor D. McPhail
Deputy Mayor R. Leatham
Councillor T. Tellier
Councillor A. Cammaert
Councillor B. Rowe

Staff Present:
M. Badura, CAO/ Treasurer
J. Nethercott, Clerk
L. Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Robert Brown, Planner

This meeting was held in a hybrid format.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Duncan McPhail called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2022- 346

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the amended Agenda, with the removal of Item #12 Closed Session.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2022- 347

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That the Minutes of the Council meeting on September 22, 2022 be adopted with the amendment to item 9.5.1.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None

6. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022- 348

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives and files the Consent Agenda.

Carried

6.1 Communications from Other Municipalities

6.1.1 Elgin County Council Highlights - September 27

6.2 Other Items

6.2.1 Communication - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**6.2.2 Elgin Business Resource Centre - Information on Sponsoring
The Pitch**

6.2.3 Correspondence - Office of the Chief Veterinarian of Ontario

6.2.4 Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning

7.1.1 R. Brown, Planner Severance Application E72-22 – 22202Douglas Line (Planning Report 2022-36)

Resolution No. 2022- 349

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Robert Brown, Planner regarding consent application File E72-22 – Comments to the County of Elgin (Planning Report 2022-36);

And that West Elgin Council hereby recommends approval to the Land Division Committee of the County of Elgin for severance application, File E72-22, subject to the amended Lower-Tier Municipal conditions in Appendix Two of this report;

And further that West Elgin Council directs Administration to provide this report as Municipal comments to the County of Elgin.

Carried

7.1.2 R. Brown, Planner Severance Application E75-22 – 22100Downie Line (Planning Report 2022-37)

Resolution No. 2022- 350

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Robert Brown, Planner regarding consent application , E75-22 – Comments to Elgin County (Planning Report 2022-37);

And that West Elgin Council hereby recommends approval to the Land Division Committee of the County of Elgin for the consent application, File E75-22, subject to the Lower-Tier Municipal conditions in Appendix Two of this report;

And further that the West Elgin Council directs Administration to provide this report as Municipal Comments to the County of Elgin.

Carried

7.1.3 R. Brown, Planner Severance Application E76-22 – 22997Silver Clay Line (Planning Report 2022-38)

Resolution No. 2022- 351

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Rowe

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Robert Brown, Planner regarding consent application File E76-22 – Comments to the County of Elgin (Planning Report 2022-38)

And that West Elgin Council hereby recommends approval to the Land Division Committee of the County of Elgin for severance application E76-22, subject to the Lower-Tier Municipal conditions in Appendix Two of this report;

And further that West Elgin Council directs administration to provide this report as Municipal comments to the County of Elgin.

Carried

7.1.4 R. Brown, Planner - Severance Application E78-22 – 21991Queens Line Planning Report 2022-39)

Resolution No. 2022- 352

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Robert Brown, Planner regarding the consent application File E78-22 – Comments to County of Elgin (Planning Report 2022-039);

And that West Elgin Council hereby recommends approval to the Land Division Committee of the County of Elgin for severance application, File E78-22, subject to the Lower Tier Municipal conditions in Appendix Two of this report;

And further that West Elgin Council directs Administration to provide this report as Municipal comments to the County of Elgin.

Carried

7.2 Clerk's

7.2.1 J. Nethercott, Clerk - Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator and Municipal Ombudsman

Resolution No. 2022- 353

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Integrity Commissioner, Closed Meeting Investigator and Municipal Ombudsman; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves using Aird & Berlis for Integrity Commissioner Services and the use of Ontario Ombudsman Office for Closed Meeting Investigator and Municipal Ombudsman.

Carried

8. Committee and Board Report

8.1 Councillor Reports from Committees

Deputy Mayor Leatham reported that he attended the Lower Thames Valley District Conservation Authority hearings last week. He also reported that the Heritage Homes Annual General Meeting is October 24.

9. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

9.1 IESO Feedback

Resolution No. 2022- 354

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to submit the following comments to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) re Long-Term RFP Community Engagement:

Whereas in 2018, when the Green Energy Act was repealed by the current Provincial Government, the purpose of repealing the act was stated by then Energy Minister Rickford as “....restoring planning decisions to Municipalities, ensuring local voices have the final say on energy projects in their communities”.

And Whereas in follow-up to this change in the Green Energy act, as the Municipality of West Elgin revises its Official Plan, we are taking steps to clarify our stance on renewable energy installations within our community.

And Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin currently has an interim control bylaw in place to put a hold on any renewable energy projects, until our Official Plan research and revisions are complete.

Now Therefore it must be clear in the IESO guidance documents that a Support Resolution from the Municipality where the development is proposed, is a mandatory requirement to be awarded a contract.

And Furthermore local planning decisions must be adhered to, for any potential energy development to be successful. The guidance documents are not clear whether a Municipal Support Resolution is mandatory for a contract to be awarded.

And Furthermore Local Indigenous communities, that is those whose Treaty Lands a development is being proposed, must be consulted and must be in support of the development. Indigenous Financial Support from communities located hundreds of kilometers away, is not acceptable.

And that this resolution be sent to MP Rob Flack.

Carried

10. Waiver of Fee Requests

10.1 Rodney Horticultural Society

Resolution No. 2022- 355

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the request of Rodney Horticultural Society to waive the rental fees of \$120.00 plus applicable taxes for the use of the Rodney Recreation Centre Main room on October 19th, 2022.

Carried

11. Council Inquires/Announcements

11.1 Notice of Motion

None.

11.2 Statements/Inquires by Councillors

Councillor Cammaert reported that she had inquires about the Day Care Centre at the Catholic School in West Lorne and she looked at the Minutes from the Catholic School Board Minutes and it was reported that they are required to submit for more capital funding and that they are working on an agreement with the Municipality.

11. Council Inquires/Announcements

11.3 Matters of Urgency

None.

12. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2022- 356

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That By-law 2022-63 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 6, 2022, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

13. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022- 357

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 10:12 a.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on October 20, 2022 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Duncan McPhail, Mayor

Jana Nethercott, Clerk