



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

October 26, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

160 Main Street

West Lorne

Present: Mayor Leatham
Councillor Navackas
Councillor Denning
Councillor Statham
Deputy Mayor Tellier

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

Council Meetings are held in-person at 160 Main Street, West Lorne, and the post-meeting recording available at www.westelgin.net, when available (pending no technical difficulties).

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Tellier called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

1.1 Addendum - Item 12.7

Deputy Mayor Tellier advised that item 12.7 was added to the agenda.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2023- 313

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council hereby adopts the October 26, 2023 Agenda, as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Public Meeting

Order of Business change: Council proceeded to the Public Meeting pursuant to the *Planning Act*, to allow more time for the Delegation to arrive.

That Council proceed into a Public Meeting pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

4.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application D-14 20-2023

Resolution No. 2023- 314

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Robert Brown, Planner regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application D-14 20-2023 – 24377 Gray Line Recommendation Report (Planning Report 2023-48); and

That West Elgin Council approve the rezoning of 24377 Gray Line from Lakeshore Development (LD) Zone to Lakeshore Development Special Regulation 1 (LD-1) Zone in accordance with the attached draft by-law, and

That West Elgin Council consider the by-law to amend the Zoning By-law, as presented in the by-law portion of the October 26, 2023, Council Agenda.

Carried

4.2 Adjournment of the Public Meeting

Resolution No. 2023- 315

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council hereby adjourn the Public Meeting pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

Carried

5. Delegations

5.1 Calvary United Church Rodney - Advertising on Electronic Sign

Members of the Calvary United Church addressed Council, regarding the Electronic Sign Policy, and advised their concerns advising the groups feels it is a non-inclusive policy. Staff advised that this is a recent policy, and significant research was put into the initial policy, and is similar to other municipalities policies.

Resolution No. 2023- 316

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That Council accept the delegation from the Calvary United Church, Rodney;

and That Council decline the request for advertising, remaining consistent with the Electronic Sign Policy.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2023- 317

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That Council hereby adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting on October 12, 2023 and the Special Council Meeting on October 16, 2023, as circulated and printed.

Carried

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

8. Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2023- 318

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That Council receive the consent agenda for October 26, 2023.

Carried

8.1 Communications from Other Municipalities

8.1.1 County Council Highlights - October 10, 2023

8.1.2 Notice of Decision, Official Plan Amendment

Councillor Navackas requested information from Mr. Brown, Planner, regarding the other Official Plan Amendment that was sent to the County Elgin for approval. The status of that decision is unknown at this time.

8.1.3 City of Burlington Re: Provincial Legislation for Third-Party Short-Term Rentals

8.1.4 Town of Parry Sound Re: Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

8.1.5 Town of Cobourg Resolution Re: Illegal Land Use Enforcement

8.1.6 Township of Terrace Bay Re: Council Opposition to Strong Mayor's Powers

8.1.7 Town of Rainy River Resolution Re: Water Treatment Training

8.2 Other Items

8.2.1 OMAFRA Training Session

8.2.2 Land Division Committee Dates 2024

8.2.3 LDSCSB Strategic Plan and Community Update

8. Consent Agenda

8.2 Other Items

8.2.4 AMO Letter dated October 17, 2023 Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Municipal Drains

9.1.1 Government Number 1 Drain

Resolution No. 2023- 319

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Navackas

That Council hereby receives the Section 78, Notice of Request for Drain Major Improvement; and

That Council approve the request for the Improvement of the Government #1 Drain North received October 10th, 2023, submitted by 1) Antonius & Petronella Veldman and 2) Brian McGill (Brian McGill Farms Ltd.), and 3) David Boyd; and

That Council direct staff to forward to Spriets and Associates, to proceed with the necessary actions, pursuant to the *Drainage Act*.

Carried

9.2 Operations & Community Services

9.2.1 September Monthly Report

Resolution No. 2023- 320

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

9.3 Clerk's

9.3.1 Frivolous, Vexatious or Unreasonable Complaints Policy

Resolution No. 2023- 321

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: Frivolous and Vexatious Requests Policy; and

That Council direct staff to prepare the finalized Frivolous and Vexatious Request Policy, to be reviewed by the Elgin County, Director of Legislative Services, and brought back to Council for Final Approval, at a future regular meeting of Council.

Carried

9.4 Finance/Administration

9.4.1 Electric Vehicle ChargeON Program

Resolution No. 2023- 322

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura CAO/Treasurer re: Electric Vehicle ChargeON Program for information only; and that West Elgin Council provide a directive to move forward with the application process and ensure its timely submission by the prescribed deadline of January 31, 2024.

Carried

10. Committee and Board Correspondence

Resolution No. 2023- 323

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council hereby receives the Committee and Board Correspondence as information only.

Carried

10.1 Rodney Fair Board Minutes

- I'd personally like to give a big congratulations to both our 2024 President (Sandra VanBreda) and 2024 Vice President (Trina Jensen)
- I know we didn't get to discuss a time and place for our AGM, however I will call around this week and get back to you regarding that. I do know that it will be around the last week of January 2024, and we will be staying local.
- I've called both of the amusement companies that were discussed, and I am awaiting to hear back from Family Time Amusements on Monday. Townsends Amusements is currently booked for Sept. 2024 at a different location.
- I do believe we're going to go ahead with a RAAS Not-For-Profit booth at the Rodney Night Market; we intend to distribute a survey about this year's Fair and an informational pamphlet including

Prince and Princess/Junior Fair, the Ambassador Competition, and some of the classes that we offer at the Fair.

- If you have any questions that you'd like us to include in the survey, please let me know. It was discussed to limit the amount of open-ended questions in order to keep the feedback from the community as positive/helpful as we can.
- We will need 1-2 volunteers to man the booth, please! It's only from 4-8pm on November 18th. We can do 2 shifts of 2 people.
- If anyone has a contact email or phone number for the new Ambassador, please forward it to me
- We've received an email regarding the West Lorne Santa Claus Parade, I will attach the info to this email so that we all have access to it. It was brought up very briefly at the tail-end of the meeting.
- Sandra, Trina, and myself will be present at Denning's in Rodney on Tuesday evening to receive the \$25,000 cheque from the Rodney Cemetery Board.

10.2 West Lorne Heritage Homes Charitable Corporation, AGM Minutes, 2022

11. Accounts

Resolution No. 2023- 324

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Denning

That the Mayor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign Payment Voucher #10A amounting to \$207,289.85 in settlement of General, Road, Water and Arena Accounts including EFT#7285-7375 online Payments#1253-1261, Cheque#26309-26320 and Payroll Pay Period 21.

Carried

12. Correspondence and Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

12.1 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF)

Resolution No. 2023- 325

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Mayor Leatham

That Council acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding Correspondence.

Carried

12.2 Legion Request Re: Remembrance Day 2024

Resolution No. 2023- 326

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council acknowledge receipt of the request for support from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 221, West Elgin; and

That Council approve a donation of \$50.00 for the cost of the Remembrance Day Wreath, with a member of Council to be in attendance to present the wreath, on behalf of the Municipality of West Elgin; and

That Council approve/deny supplying the sound system and seating for the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 5th at 1:00pm (Rodney Library) and November 11 at 11:00am (West Elgin Arena Cenotaph).

Carried

12.3 Letter of Support, County of Elgin Re: Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

Resolution No. 2023- 327

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council of the Municipality of West Elgin support the County of Elgin's grant application to the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, to support the development and implementation of an investment attraction strategy; and

That Council direct staff to prepare the letter of support and forward to the County of Elgin.

Carried

12.4 Trumpia Software, Verbal Update from the Clerk

Resolution No. 2023- 328

Moved: Councillor Navackas
Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council hereby accept the Verbal updated regarding Trumpia Software, as information only.

Carried

12.5 Four Counties Transit Committee 2024 Budget

Resolution No. 2023- 329

Moved: Councillor Statham
Seconded: Councillor Navackas

That Council hereby acknowledge receipt of the Four Counties Transit Committee 2024 Budget.

Carried

12.6 Tri-County Water Board 2024 Budget

Resolution No. 2023- 330

Moved: Councillor Navackas
Seconded: Councillor Denning

That Council hereby acknowledge receipt of the Tri-County Water Board 2024 Budget.

Carried

12.7 Optimist Club of West Lorne, Fee Waiver, October 29, 2023

Resolution No. 2023- 331

Moved: Councillor Navackas
Seconded: Councillor Statham

That Council approve the request received October 26, 2023, from the Optimist Club of West Lorne to wave the Miller Park Pavilion fee for Sunday, October 29, 2023 for the Halloween Party, referencing Facility Contract 661, for a total of \$76.84.

Carried

13. Council Inquires/Announcements

13.1 Statements/Inquires by Councillors

None.

13.2 Matters of Urgency

None.

14. By-Laws

14.1 By-law 2023-95, D-14 20-2023, 24377 Gray Line

Resolution No. 2023- 332

Moved: Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That By-Law 2023-95, being a By-Law to Amend the Municipality of West Elgin Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. 2015-36 for lands on 24377 Gray Line, be read a first, second, and third and final time.

Carried

15. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2023- 333

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Navackas

That Council hereby proceeds into Closed Session at 5:10 pm, to discuss matters in accordance with Section 239(2)(b), being personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

16. Report from Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Tellier reported out at 5:49 pm, that Council received reports on three (3) items pursuant to Section 239(2)(b), being personal matter about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. Council gave Staff direction to proceed, as required.

17. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2023- 334

Moved: Councillor Denning

Seconded: Councillor Navackas

That By-law 2023-96 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 26, 2023, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023- 335

Moved: Councillor Navackas

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 5:51pm to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday November 9, 2023 at 4:00pm, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Taraesa Tellier, Deputy Mayor

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk