



# Municipality of West Elgin

## Minutes

### Council Meeting

February 27, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, West Elgin Municipal Building

**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, Public Works Superintendent

#### 1. Closed Session

##### **Resolution No. 2020-77**

**Moved:** Councillor Cammaert

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin Council hereby proceeds into Closed Session at 3:05 p.m. to address:

a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

b) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality including local boards.

**Carried**

#### 2. Call to Order

Mayor Duncan McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**3. Report from Closed Session**

Mayor McPhail reported out at 5:06 p.m., that direction was provided to staff regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality including local boards.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2020-78**

**Moved:** Councillor Tellier

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**6. Delegations**

**6.1 M. Vanderloo - Proposed ATV By-Law**

Mr. Vanderloo introduced Kelsey McConnell, the president of Dutton and Area Quad Riders. Mr. McConnell explained that, in Dutton Dunwich, the club only rides on public roads in order to respect private property. Mr. McConnell provided a map of which roads they are requesting access to for riding ATVs, as well as a map of Dutton Dunwich roads they are allowed on.

**Resolution No. 2020-79**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

**Seconded:** Councillor Rowe

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the delegation from M. Vanderloo regarding the Proposed ATV By-Law.

**Carried**

**7. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No. 2020-80**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

That the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting, Court of Revision for the Smith Drain, and the Court of Revision for the McColl Drain West on February 13, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**Carried**

**8. Business Arising from Minutes**

Staff reported that correspondence has been sent with the assistance of OCWA as requested.

**9. Staff Reports**

**9.1 Wastewater**

**9.1.1 S. Smith and S. Budden, OCWA - Rodney Wastewater Treatment System Rate Structure Report**

**Resolution No. 2020-81**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from OCWA re: Rodney Wastewater Treatment System Rate Structure Report; and

West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to call a public meeting regarding a rate increase.

**Carried**

**9.2 Treasury**

**9.2.1 M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer - 2019 Council Remuneration**

Ms. Badura reported that Council expenses were approximately \$25,000 under budget.

Councillor Cammaert requested that a note be added that the 1/3 exemption that was previously allowed is no longer allowed and that other benefits are Employer Benefits, Canada Pension Plan and Employee Health Tax.

**Resolution No. 2020-82**

**Moved:** Councillor Tellier

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: 2019 Council Remuneration and

Expenses Report, with the requested amendment from Councillor Cammaert.

**Carried**

**10. Committee and Board Report**

**10.1 Elgin County Council**

**10.2 Economic Development Committee**

Deputy Mayor Leatham stated they had a good Economic Development Meeting and there is talk about increasing the number of members on the committee. Mayor McPhail stated that, at the next meeting, there is a plan to have a strategic planning session. Mayor also reported that on April 29, at Tasty Sweets, there will be a business after 5 event.

**10.3 Port Glasgow Trailer Park Committee**

Councillor Rowe reported that RV Anderson presented a report on the septic system at the trailer park and a report will be coming forward to council at a future date.

**10.4 West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management**

**10.5 West Elgin Recreation Committee**

Councillor Cammaert reported that some recent information was brought forward about requirements in order to participate in the Act-i-Pass.

Councillor Rowe recommends that the recommendation regarding the Act-i-Pass be deferred until the Recreation staff can report back at the March 12 Council Meeting.

**Resolution No. 2020-83**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Recreation Committee recommend to the Council of West Elgin that they grant approval for the Road Closure of Furnival Road on June 19, 2020 between 5 and 8 pm for the Classic Cruise Night.

**Carried**

**10.6 Community Policing Committee**

**10.7 Four Counties Transit Board**

#### **10.8 Healthy Communities Partnership Committee**

Councillor Rowe reported that, at the last meeting, they had a presentation on Recreation and that the Elgin County Engineer stated contractors had said design standards for across the County could be an item that municipalities benefit from.

Councillor Rowe also stated that the idea of an Elgin County Recreation Master Plan has been discussed with each municipality participating. The group is requesting feedback from Councils if there is an interest. West Elgin Council is not interested in participating at this time.

#### **10.9 Lower Thames Conservation Authority**

Deputy Mayor Leatham reported the Annual General Meeting was last Thursday and he has been elected to the executive for a second term.

#### **10.10 Tri-County Water Board of Management**

#### **10.11 West Elgin Health Centre Support Planning Committee**

#### **10.12 West Lorne Heritage Homes Board of Directors**

#### **10.13 Port Glasgow Erosion Committee**

#### **10.14 Rodney Aldborough Agricultural Society**

### **11. Accounts**

#### **Resolution No. 2020-84**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That the Mayor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign Payment Voucher #2A amounting to \$639,471.68 in settlement of General, Road, Water and Arena Accounts (including cheques # 25290-25296, EFT#2355-2405 & online Payments# 368-376 and Payroll PP04).

**Carried**

### **13. Council Announcements**

Councillor Tellier reported that she attended a launch event for the Youth Task force as part of the West Elgin Community Health Centre.

#### **13.1 Councillor B. Rowe - Community Gardens**

Councillor Rowe provided a brochure for a gardening project that West Elgin Mutual is hosting.

**Resolution No. 2020-85**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council donate \$250 and 2 composters from our supply to the West Elgin Mutual Community Garden.

**Carried**

**14. Correspondence**

**14.1 MP Karen Vecchio - Proposal for Town Hall Event**

Mayor McPhail stated that he will contact MP Vecchio to tell her West Elgin is in support of this proposal.

**14.2 Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Resolution re: Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act**

**Resolution No. 2020-86**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin received the following the resolution passed by Chatham-Kent Council re: Bill 156; and

Whereas Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act is new legislation that is an important way to keep farms and food supply safe for all Ontarians; and

Whereas Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest; and

Whereas Bill 156 will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin hereby supports the resolution of Chatham-Kent and hereby supports the new proposed legislation Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act by circulating a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman.

**Carried**

#### **14.3 Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Resolution Supporting Role of Conservation Authorities**

##### **Resolution No. 2020-87**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

Whereas the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and other Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years; and

Whereas municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and healthy watersheds for residents; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address the climate change;

Therefore be it resolved that The Municipality of West Elgin supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs; and

That the Municipality of West Elgin circulate the support to municipalities, conservation authorities, the Minister of the Environment and Parks Ontario.

**Carried**

#### **14.4 Township of Madoc - Resolution re: 911 Misdials**

##### **Resolution No. 2020-88**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

Whereas the Council of West Elgin received a resolution from the Township of Madoc in support of the Town of Tecumseh Resolution regarding 911 misdials; and

Where as the calls for service for 911 Misdials have risen dramatically in recent years, correlated with the rise in cell phone use; and

Whereas 911 Misdials must be responded to as if they were legitimate emergency calls; and

Where as each 911 call is responded to with two OPP Officers at an average time per call of 1.2 hours; and

Whereas each 911 call is a billable call to the municipality; and

Whereas 911 misdials are common across the Province at an estimated cost of millions of dollars;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipal, Federal and Provincial governments and relevant associations, including but not limited to, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Federation of the Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 misdials.

**Carried**

## **15. By-Laws**

### **15.1 By-Law 2020-19 - Interim Tax Levy By-Law**

**Resolution No. 2020-89**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Cammaert

That By-Law 2020-19 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2020 be read a first, second, third and final time.

**Carried**

### **15.2 By-Law 2020-20 - Fire Training Officer Service Agreement By-Law**

Councillor Rowe requested that staff ensure we have the appropriate insurance.

**Resolution No. 2020-90**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Cammaert

That By-Law 2020-20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of the County of Elgin and The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin for a Fire Training Officer be read a first, second, third and final time.

**Carried**



**15.3 By-Law 2020-21 - Building By-Law**

**Resolution No. 2020-91**

**Moved:** Councillor Rowe

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That By-Law 2020-21 being a by-law respecting Construction, Demolition, Change of Use, Conditional Permits, Sewage Systems and Inspections be read a first, second, third and final time.

**Carried**

**15.4 By-Law 2020-22 - By-Law to Adopt a Social Media Policy**

**Resolution No. 2020-92**

**Moved:** Councillor Tellier

**Seconded:** Councillor Rowe

That By-Law 2020-22 being a by-law to adopt and maintain a policy with respect to social media be read a first, second, third and final time.

**Carried**

**15.5 By-Law 2020-24 - Glencoe Animal Shelter Agreement**

**Resolution No. 2020-93**

**Moved:** Councillor Cammaert

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That By-Law 2020-24 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Glencoe Animal Shelter and Control and The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin be read a first, second and third and final time.

**Carried**

**16. Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution No. 2020-94**

**Moved:** Councillor Cammaert

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

That By-Law 2020-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council on February 27, 2020 be read a first, second, third and final time.

**Carried**

**17. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 2020-95**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Leatham

**Seconded:** Councillor Tellier

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 7:39 p.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on March 12, 2020 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Duncan McPhail, Mayor

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Jana Nethercott, Clerk