

Tri-County Water Board of Management

Minutes

Date: April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

**Location: Council Chambers
160 Main Street
West Lorne**

Present: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex
Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich
Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich
Bill Denning, West Elgin
Corey Pemberton, Dutton Dunwich
Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex
Kevin Derbyshire, Newbury
Mike Sholdice, Southwest Middlesex
Darren Galbraith, Chatham-Kent
Richard Leatham, West Elgin

Regrets: Taraesa Tellier, West Elgin
Ryan Statham, West Elgin

Staff Present: Cathy Case, Clerk/Treasurer, Newbury
Robin Trepanier, OCWA
Sam Smith, OCWA
Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary/Clerk, West Elgin
Sam Sianas, OCWA
Robin Greenall, Chief Administrative Officer, West Elgin
Amanda Gubbels, Chief Administrative Officer, Southwest Middlesex

Regrets: Maegan Garber, OCWA
Magda Badura, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer, West Elgin
Don Macleod, Chief Administrative Officer, Dutton Dunwich

This meeting was held in a Hybrid format

1. Call to Order

Chair Bill Denning called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex

That Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the Agenda for April 15, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Moved: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Mike Sholdice, Southwest Middlesex

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adopts the minutes of January 28 and March 11, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Tri-County Water Board Annual Report

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich

That Tri-County Water Board hereby receive the Tri-County Water Board Annual Report, previously received by email March 5, 2025, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 170/03, provided by Matthew Belding, Process and Compliance Technician, Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Disposition: Carried

6.2 Tri County Drinking Water System, Operations Report, First Quarter 2025

Moved: Richard Leatham, West Elgin

Seconded: Don McCallum, Southwest Middlesex

That Tri-County Water Board hereby receive the Tri County Drinking Water System Operations Report, First Quarter 2025, presented by Sam Smith, Sr. Operations Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency, Southwest Region, for information purposes.

Disposition: Carried

6.3 Tri-County Water System – Multi-Faceted Review Toward Long-Term Sustainability

Moved: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Richard Leatham, West Elgin

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby receives the report from Robin Greenall, CAO West Elgin and Amanda Gubbels, CAO Southwest Middlesex

And endorse the initiation of a strategic review process to evaluate the governance, capacity, and sustainability of the Tri-County Water System;

And direct staff to obtain pricing for a business case study, including a review of Municipal Services Corporation (MSC) options, and include evaluation of board structures that retain municipal representation while incorporating technical expertise, and report back to the Board;

And direct staff to obtain pricing for an overall system capacity and servicing model of the Tri-County Water System, to understand current excess capacity and inform future discussions on potential expansion;

And direct staff to initiate outreach to neighbouring municipalities to review long-term servicing needs for growth, both within existing users and with adjacent municipalities who may be interested in receiving services.

Disposition: Carried

6.4 Tri-County Drinking Water System, Draft Inspection Report, February 18, 2025

Moved: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

That Tri-County Water Board hereby receive the Draft Inspection Report, dated February 18, 2025, as information only.

Disposition: Carried

7. Correspondence

7.1 Letter Dated March 27, 2025 Re: Southwold Water Distribution System

7.2 Verbal Correspondence, R Greenall Re: Delaware First Nations

Tri-County Water Board received a request from the Township of Southwold to explore opportunity to sell water to the township, through the Tri-County water system, to assist with water supply issues currently being experienced, and to address future growth and expansion. The board also discussed supplying water to the local First Nations.

Moved: Allan Mayhew, Southwest Middlesex

Seconded: Mike Hentz, Dutton Dunwich

That Tri-County Water Board hereby receive the correspondence from Township of Southwold and Delaware First Nations, and direct administration to respond to the parties, as discussed.

Disposition: Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved: Amarilis Drouillard, Dutton Dunwich

Seconded: Corey Pemberton, Dutton Dunwich

That the Tri-County Water Board hereby adjourn at 7:47 pm, to meet again at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Corey Pemberton, Chair

Terri Towstiuc, Recording Secretary