

Municipality of Lakeshore

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 5:00 PM

Electronically hosted from Council Chambers, 419 Notre Dame Street, Belle River



Members Present: Mayor Tom Bain, Deputy Mayor Tracey Bailey, Councillor Steven Wilder, Councillor Len Janisse, Councillor Kelsey Santarossa, Councillor John Kerr, Councillor Kirk Walstedt, Councillor Linda McKinlay

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Truper McBride, Corporate Leader - Growth & Sustainability Tammie Ryall, Corporate Leader - Operations Krystal Kalbol, Corporate Leader - Strategic & Legal Affairs Kristen Newman, Division Leader - Civic Affairs Brianna Coughlin, Interim Division Leader - Information & Technology Services Mark Donlon

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bain called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in Council Chambers. All other members of Council participated in the meeting through video conferencing technology from remote locations.

4. Completion of Unfinished Business

1. Reports for Direction

1. Flood Mitigation and Protection Framework

263-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Janisse

Seconded By Councillor Wilder

Defer consideration of the report to the next Council meeting in order to allow for delegations to be heard.

In Favor (4): Mayor Bain, Councillor Wilder, Councillor Janisse, and Councillor Kerr

Opposed (4): Deputy Mayor Bailey, Councillor Santarossa, Councillor Walstedt, and Councillor McKinlay

Lost

264-08-2021

Moved By Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Support the Flood Mitigation and Protection Framework (FMPF) presented at the August 10, 2021 Council meeting;

Direct Administration to operationalize a smoke testing program by utilizing the funding from the existing 2021 I & I budget;

Direct Administration to redirect the encumbered \$80,000 from the Community Improvement Plans in two communities to develop and formalize a Flood Rapid Response Plan;

Direct Administration to fund \$111,000 to create a Water Resources and Flood Response Team in 2021 and pre-commit \$554,000 to the 2022 Budget, as described in the Staffing Plan;

Direct Administration to hold public meeting(s), as required, in the fall to gather further feedback from the public on the July 16th storm event and present the Flood Mitigation and Protection Framework; and

Direct the Treasurer to transfer funds from the Contingency reserve for expenses for public meetings, if required.

Carried

2. Use of Council Chambers and Virtual Council Meetings

265-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Wilder

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Direct Administration to prepare the necessary amendments to the Procedural By-law to allow for virtual Council meetings, as presented at the August 12, 2021 Council meeting.

In Favor (5): Mayor Bain, Deputy Mayor Bailey, Councillor Wilder, Councillor Santarossa, and Councillor Kerr

Opposed (3): Councillor Janisse, Councillor Walstedt, and Councillor McKinlay

Carried

3. 2020 Capital Variance Report

266-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Santarossa

Seconded By Councillor Kerr

Defer consideration of the report to the next Regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

4. 2020 Year End Variance Reporting

267-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Janisse

Seconded By Councillor Wilder

Direct Administration to prepare a report regarding funds approved by Council for 2021 that were unbudgeted from the 2021 Budget.

Carried Unanimously

268-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Wilder

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Bailey

Defer consideration of the report pending a report from Administration regarding the next 2-3 projects in the Stormwater Master Plan.

Carried Unanimously

2. Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Walstedt regarding the John Freeman Walls Historic Site & Underground Railroad Museum

269-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Walstedt

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Whereas the John Freeman Walls Historic Site & Underground Railroad Museum has been recognized as a national and international historic site since 1976 when Dr. Bryan Walls founded the Museum on his ancestral property;

And whereas the Municipality of Lakeshore deems the site to be an important part of our heritage which must be preserved for future generations;

And whereas the Municipality of Lakeshore has continually provided financial assistance to the Comber Agricultural Museum and the Maidstone Bicentennial Museum in the form of annual grants;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Lakeshore hereby provide the John Freeman Walls Historic Site & Underground Railroad Museum with an annual financial grant in the same amount and under the same terms and conditions as provided to the Comber Agricultural Museum and the Maidstone Bicentennial Museum and that the grant for 2021 be funded from municipal reserves.

Carried Unanimously

2. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kerr regarding a Request for a Special Meeting of Council

Councillor Kerr withdrew the Notice of Motion.

3. Question Period

270-08-201

Moved By Councillor Wilder

Seconded By Councillor Walstedt

Waive notice required of Section 9.8(a) of the Procedural By-law, which requires a notice of a motion to be in writing and delivered to the Clerk prior to noon of the Wednesday preceding the date of the Regular Council meeting at which the matter is to be considered, to consider a motion regarding a request to the County of Essex to expand the right turning lane from County Road 22 north onto Commercial Boulevard.

Carried Unanimously

271-08-2021

Moved By Councillor Wilder

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Request that the County of Essex expand the right turning lane from County Road 22 north onto Commercial Boulevard, including contributions from the Municipality of Lakeshore if required.

In Favor (5): Mayor Bain, Deputy Mayor Bailey, Councillor Wilder, Councillor Santarossa, and Councillor Walstedt

Opposed (3): Councillor Janisse, Councillor Kerr, and Councillor McKinlay

Carried

272-08-2021

Moved By Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Waive notice required of Section 9.8(a) of the Procedural By-law, which requires a notice of a motion to be in writing and delivered to the Clerk prior to noon of the Wednesday preceding the date of the Regular Council meeting at which the matter is to be considered, to consider a motion regarding the release of funds to the Comber Agricultural Society.

Carried Unanimously

273-08-2021

Moved By Deputy Mayor Bailey

Seconded By Councillor Walstedt

Approve a grant of \$1,000 to be provided to the Comber Agricultural Society in lieu of funding for the Comber Fair.

Carried Unanimously

4. Non-Agenda Business

5. Closed Session

274-08-2021

Moved By Councillor McKinlay

Seconded By Councillor Santarossa

Council move into closed session at 7:15 PM in accordance with:

- a. Paragraph 239(2)(e), (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss litigation affecting the municipality, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, relating to the Amy Croft area.

Carried Unanimously

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the closed session at 7:50 PM.

Tom Bain
Mayor

Kristen Newman
Clerk