

OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 24, 2024

Council Present	Warden Marcus Ryan
	Deputy Warden Mark Peterson
	Councillor Jerry Acchione
	Councillor Deb Gilvesy
	Councillor Bernia Martin
	Councillor David Mayberry
	Councillor Jim Palmer
	Councillor Brian Petrie
	Councillor Phil Schaefer
	Councillor Deborah Tait
Council Absent	N/A
Staff Present	B. Addley, Chief Administrative Officer
	K. Black, Director of Human Services
	L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services
	M. Dager, Director of Woodingford Lodge
	R. Hall, Director of Paramedic Services
	G. Hough, Director of Community Planning
	K. Scott, Information Services
	C. Senior, Clerk
	D. Simpson, Director of Public Works
	A. Smith, Director of Human Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oxford County Council meets in regular session this twenty-fourth day of April, 2024, in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock at 9:30 a.m. with Warden Ryan in the chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the Agenda be approved as amended by striking Delegation 6.3 and by moving consideration of Report PW 2024-21, titled "Thames River Wetland Conservation Agreement" to follow Delegation 6.1 from Ducks Unlimited Canada.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 April 10, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the Council minutes of April 10, 2024 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

4.2 April 10, 2024 Workshop

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the minutes of the Council Workshop held April 10, 2024 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Resolution to go into a Public Meeting pursuant to the Planning Act

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that Council rise and go into a Public Meeting pursuant to the Planning Act, and that the Warden chair the Public Meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 9:31 a.m.

5.1.1 Application for Official Plan Amendment OP 23-01-6 - Town of Ingersoll

The chair asks Gord Hough, Director of Community Planning to present the application. G. Hough indicates that the Application for Official Plan

Amendment proposes amending the policies of the Official Plan to incorporate provisions respecting additional residential units within the Town of Ingersoll, in accordance with provincial direction.

The Chair opens the meeting to questions from members of Council.
G. Hough responds to comments and questions from Councillor Mayberry.

No members of public were in attendance regarding this Application.

5.1.2 Application for Official Plan Amendment South-West Ingersoll Secondary Plan OP 24-03-6 - Town of Ingersoll

The chair asks Gord Hough, Director of Community Planning to present the application. G. Hough, through use of a map, indicates that the intent of the Official Plan amendment is to redesignate lands that have been recently annexed into the Town of Ingersoll from 'Agricultural Reserve' and 'Future Urban Growth' to 'Low Density Residential', 'Medium Density Residential', 'Service Commercial' 'Industrial' and 'Prime Industrial', in the Town of Ingersoll.

The Chair opens the meeting to questions from members of Council.
There are none.

No members of public were in attendance regarding this Application.

5.2 Resolution to adjourn the Public Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: Deborah Tait
Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that Council adjourn the Public Meeting and reconvene as Oxford County Council with the Warden in the chair.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 9:44 a.m.

5.3 Consideration of Report CP 2024-130 - Application for Official Plan Amendment OP 23-01-6 - Town of Ingersoll

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report 2024-130, titled "Application for Official Plan Amendment OP 23-01-6 - Town of Ingersoll", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

- 5.4 Consideration of Report CP 2024-131 - Application for Official Plan Amendment South-West Ingersoll Secondary Plan OP 24-03-6 – Town of Ingersoll

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Moved By: Brian Petrie

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report CP 2024-131, titled "Application for Official Plan Amendment South-West Ingersoll Secondary Plan OP 24-03-6 – Town of Ingersoll", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF

- 6.1 Ducks Unlimited Canada
Philip Holst
Re: Conservation Projects on County Lands

Philip Holst joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and reports on past Ducks Unlimited Canada wetland conservation projects in collaboration with Stewardship Oxford and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority on County lands. P. Host proposes future projects for consideration to continue the expansion of conservation into the future and shares a short video.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to comments and questions from members of Council. P. Holst responds to comments and questions from Warden Ryan and Councillors Acchione, Mayberry and Petrie.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: Deb Gilvesy

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that Delegation 6.1 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024 be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

- 6.1.1 PW 2024-21 - Thames River Wetland Conservation Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law 6629-2024, being a by-law to authorize staff to enter into a 20-year agreement with Ducks Unlimited Canada to

maintain the naturalized property known as the Thames River Wetland, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Moved By: Deb Gilvesy

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report PW 2024-21, titled "Thames River Wetland Conservation Agreement", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6.2 Transportation Action Ontario

Ken Westcar, Secretary

Re: Request for a letter

Ken Westcar joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceeds through a presentation, which was included on the Agenda. K. Westcar requests that all Oxford County mayors sign a letter to the CEO of VIA Rail Canada and work with the mayors of London and Brantford to improve rail passenger service in southwestern Ontario as outlined in his delegation request form, which formed part of the agenda.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to comments and questions from members of Council. K. Westcar responds to comments questions from Warden Ryan and Councillors Acchione, Martin, Palmer, and Petrie.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Moved By: Phil Schaefer

Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

Resolved that Delegation 6.2 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024, be received;

And further, that Council direct the Warden to prepare a letter as requested by Transportation Action Ontario.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6.3 Indigenous Solidarity and Awareness Network of Oxford County

Patricia Marshal-DeSutter - Director and Founder

Re: Update and Request

Delegation withdrawn.

6.4 Oxford County Pride Committee
Tami Murray - President
Re: Request for a Safe, Well and Inclusion By-law

T. Murray joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and thanks Council for supporting Oxford County Pride over the past eight years. T. Murray speaks of the numerous acts of violence, homophobia, threats, property damage, and unacceptable and dangerous behaviour which has occurred in the community over the past two years and requests that a safe, well and inclusion by-law be drafted to ensure the safety and well-being of all Oxford County residents, similar to the City of Calgary's by-law, which was included as part of the agenda.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to comments and questions from members of Council. T. Murray and Ben Addley, Chief Administrative Officer respond to comments and questions from members of Council.

Councillor Martin leaves the Council meeting at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the information provided in Delegation 6.4 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024, be received.

DISPOSITION: See Action of Council following Resolution No. 13

Warden Ryan calls for a recess at 11:16 a.m.
Members of Council and staff return to the Council Chamber at 11:26 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Amendment: and further, that the delegation request be referred to the Oxford Safe and Well Committee for review and comment.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the information provided in Delegation 6.4 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024, be received;

And further, that the delegation request be referred to the Oxford Safe and Well Committee for review and comment.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Treasury Board Secretariat

April 9, 2024

Re: Annual Report on Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Moved By: Jerry Acchione

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that Correspondence item 7.1 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024, be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7.2 Housing Strategic Steering Committee

April 9, 2024

Re: Interruption in National Housing Strategy funding for Ontario

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Moved By: Jerry Acchione

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that Correspondence item 7.2 on the Open meeting agenda of April 24, 2024, be received;

And further, that the Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments that the funding dispute must be resolved to limit mounting harms to some of Ontario's most vulnerable families;

And further, that the Warden send urgent correspondence to the provincial and federal Ministers of Housing to confirm that financial support will continue for vulnerable households across Ontario currently in receipt of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit prior to May 31, 2024;

And further, that the Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to continue to fund SMs/DSSABs an amount equivalent to the monies under the CMHC-Ontario Bilateral agreement in the National Housing Strategy until a new funding agreement can be reached;

And further, that the Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a trilateral table including the SMs/DSSABs, to negotiate the final 3 year tranche of funding under the National Housing Strategy.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

8.1 COMMUNITY PLANNING

8.1.1 CP 2024-130 - Application for Official Plan Amendment OP 23-01-6 – Town of Ingersoll

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Oxford County Council approve Application OP 23-01-6, initiated by the Town of Ingersoll, to amend the policies of the Official Plan to incorporate provisions respecting additional residential units within the Town of Ingersoll, in accordance with provincial direction;
2. And further, that Council approve amendment No. 315 to the County of Oxford Official Plan and the necessary by-law be raised.

The Report was dealt with following the Public Meeting.

8.1.2 CP 2024-131 - Application for Official Plan Amendment South-West Ingersoll Secondary Plan OP 24-03-6 – Town of Ingersoll

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Oxford County Council adopt the South-West Ingersoll Secondary Plan, prepared by Dillon Consulting Group, dated January 2024, with minor edits to the proposed boundary, as recommended by the Town of Ingersoll;
2. And further, that Oxford County Council approve application OP 24-03-6, as submitted by the Town of Ingersoll, to amend the Official Plan with respect to the South-West Ingersoll Secondary Area to redesignate the subject lands to facilitate a range of new land uses, including 'Low Density Residential', 'Medium Density Residential', 'Service Commercial', 'Industrial' and 'Prime Industrial' and that the necessary by-law to approve the required Official Plan amendment be raised.

The Report was dealt with following the Public Meeting.

8.1.3 CP 2024-133 - Initial Review of Bill 185 (the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Director of Community Planning, in consultation with other County staff and stakeholders as required, prepare and submit preliminary comments and undertake early advocacy on key areas of concern in response to the Provincial consultations on Bill 185 (the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act) and proposed Provincial Planning Statement, as generally outlined in Report CP 2024-133;
2. And further, that Report CP 2024-133 be circulated to the Area Municipalities for information.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Moved By: Jim Palmer

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report CP 2024-133, titled "Initial Review of Bill 185 (the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement 2024", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2 PUBLIC WORKS

8.2.1 PW 2024-19 - Contract Award – 2024 Road Resurfacing

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Oxford County Council award a contract to the low bidder, Brantco Construction, in the amount of \$4,501,576 (excluding HST), for 2024 Road Resurfacing;
2. And further, that Oxford County Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works to sign all documents related thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the notice requirements as outlined in Section 9.1.5 of the Procedure By-law be waived to allow for reconsideration of Resolution 16 of the December 13, 2023 Meeting of County Council regarding Cycling Infrastructure project number 930079.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the following Resolution from the December 13, 2023, Meeting of County Council be reconsidered in light of new information contained in Report PW 2024-19:

Whereas Project Number 930079 Cycling Infrastructure is identified as funded by grants;

And whereas funds necessary to cover the cost of paved shoulder Bike Lanes on OR24 are unlikely to be granted;

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2024 Business Plan and Budget be amended to remove \$500,000 budget request for Project 930079 Cycling Infrastructure.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report PW 2024-19 titled "Contract Award – 2024 Road Resurfacing", be adopted;

And further, that pending approval from Perth County to pay 50% of the costs, that staff be directed to negotiate with the successful bidder for paving the cycling lanes proposed in the Oxford County Cycling Master Plan for the section of County Road 24 from Tavistock to County Road 5 to be completed as part of this tender award for a cost of no more than \$600,000 of which Perth County would pay 50%;

And further that the provisions of the County's Reserves Policy be waived to fund the County's portion for Roads Reserves.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2.2 PW 2024-20 - Mower Tractor Early Procurement Advancement

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council authorize staff to purchase a Mower Tractor in 2024, and advance funding in account 220425 of \$200,000 from 2025 to 2024, to assist with this purchase;
2. And further, that County Council authorize the transfer of \$20,000 from the Fleet Reserve to fund the budget shortfall to award the contract for the procurement of one Mower Tractor.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

Moved By: Jim Palmer
Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report PW 2024-20, titled "Mower Tractor Early Procurement Advancement", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2.3 PW 2024-21 - Thames River Wetland Conservation Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law 6629-2024, being a by-law to authorize staff to enter into a 20-year agreement with Ducks Unlimited Canada to maintain the naturalized property known as the Thames River Wetland, be presented to Council for enactment.

The Report was dealt with following Delegation 6.1.

8.3 CORPORATE SERVICES

8.3.1 CS 2024-13 - Development Charges Annual Report - 2023

RECOMMENDATION

1. That County Council receive Report CS 2024-13, prepared in accordance with Section 12 of O.Reg.82/98 of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997, and authorize posting the report for public information.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report CS 2024-13, titled "Development Charges Annual Report - 2023", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Pending Items

No discussion takes place regarding the Pending Items list.

9.2 Follow up regarding Delegation 6.1 - March 27, 2024

10. MOTIONS

NIL

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

12. ENQUIRIES

NIL

13. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

NIL

15. BY-LAWS

15.1 By-law No. 6627-2024

Being a By-Law to adopt Amendment Number 314 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

15.2 By-law No. 6628-2024

Being a By-Law to adopt Amendment Number 315 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

15.3 By-law No. 6629-2024

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the County of Oxford and Ducks Unlimited Canada, which includes the properties legal described as Part of Lot 23-27, Concession 1 North Oxford; East Zorra-Tavistock, and Part of Lot 4-6 Concession Broken Front West Oxford; South-West Oxford.

15.4 By-law No. 6630-2024

Being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council of the County of Oxford at the meeting at which this By-law is passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Moved By: Deborah Tait

Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that the following by-laws be read a first and second time: 6627-2024 to 6630-2024 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Moved By: Deborah Tait

Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that the following by-laws be given a third and final reading: 6627-2024 to 6630-2024 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the Council meeting of April 24, 2024, be adjourned until the next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes adopted on _____ by Resolution No. _____.

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CLERK