

OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 25, 2026

Council Present Warden Marcus Ryan
 Councillor Brian Petrie
 Councillor Jerry Acchione
 Deputy Warden Bernia Martin
 Councillor David Mayberry
 Councillor Jim Palmer
 Councillor Mark Peterson
 Councillor Deborah Tait

Council Absent Councillor Deb Gilvesy
 Councillor Phil Schaefer

Staff Present B. Addley, Chief Administrative Officer
 M. Abercrombie, Director of Public Works
 M. Dager, Director of Long-Term Care
 R. Hall, Director of Paramedic Services
 C. King, Director of Financial Services
 L. Mansbridge, Clerk
 P. Michiels, Director of Community Planning
 A. Smith, Director of Human Resources
 R. Smith, Director of Human Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oxford County Council meets in regular session this twenty fifth day of February 2026 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: Bernia Martin
Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the Agenda be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 February 11, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the Council Minutes of February 11, 2026, be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: Jim Palmer

Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

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 Updating the Implementation Policies

The Chair calls April Nix, Manager of Planning Policy forward to present Report CP 2026-27 titled "Updating the Implementation Policies."

A. Nix indicates that the proposed amendments serve to update the implementation polices in the Official Plan (i.e. Various policies in Chapter 10 and one in Chapter 5) and restore two site-specific policies that were inadvertently removed from Chapter 3.

The Chair opens the meeting to comments and questions from Members of Council. There are none.

The Chair opens the meeting to comments and questions from members of the public. There are none.

5.2 Resolution to Adjourn the Public Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Bernia Martin

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 9:36 a.m.

5.3 Consideration of Report CP 2026-37 Updating the Implementation Policies

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report CP 2026-37 titled "Updating the Implementation Policies", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF

6.1 Mike Renaud

Oxford County Resident

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 55

Mike Renaud, an Oxford County Resident, joins the meeting in the Council Chamber. M. Renaud expresses concern about the current speed limits on Oxford Road 55. M. Renaud indicates that due to the posted speed limit of 80km/hr, he has observed many drivers travelling at speeds higher than 100 km/hr and also indicating there are sight line issues on Oxford Road 55 in winter weather. In closing, M. Renaud believes there is a need for police presence in the area.

M. Renaud responds to comments and questions from Councillors Petrie and Mayberry.

6.2 Betty Kerr

Oxford County Resident

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 59

Betty Kerr, an Oxford County Resident, joins the meeting in the Council Chamber. B. Kerr expresses concern regarding Oxford Road 59 and the safety of the road due to observed frequency of collisions and vehicles in ditches. B. Kerr indicates there is a heightened presence of foot traffic from pedestrians as well as cyclists travelling on the roadway, and that there are many local businesses, including a pre-school on the road that would also benefit from a lowered speed

limit on Oxford Road 59. In closing, B. Kerr requests the speed zone on Oxford Road 59 be adjusted to 60km/hr.

B. Kerr responds to questions and comments from Councillor Mayberry.

6.3 Paul Yacynuk

Oxford County Resident

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Roads 53 and 55

Paul Yacynuk, an Oxford County Resident, joins the meeting in the Council Chamber. Through the use of photographs of the intersection of Oxford Roads 53/55 and Subway Line, which formed part of the Council Agenda, P. Yacynuk indicates there are various issues at the intersection of Oxford Roads 53/55 and Subway Line, stating there should be an intersection realignment along with other safety measures such as overhead lights and rumble strips. In closing, P. Yacynuk requests the safety of the intersection at Oxford Roads 53/55 and Subway Line to be further reviewed for speed management and traffic calming.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: Deborah Tait

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the information provided in Delegations 6.1 to 6.3 on the Open meeting Agenda of February 25, 2026, be received and considered along with Report PW 2026-03 titled "Speed Management and Road Safety Reviews – Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, Zorra and South-West Oxford."

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Township of Norwich

February 11, 2026

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 59

7.2 Karen Francisca

February 17, 2026

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 2

7.3 Claire Hajgato, Webb Motors Inc.

February 18, 2026

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 2

7.4 Jayne Novak

February 9, 2026

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 2

7.5 Les and Joanne Card

February 17, 2026

Re: Speed Management and Road Safety Review Update - Oxford Road 18

7.6 Township of Zorra

February 19, 2026

Re: Small-Scale Value-Added Business Subclass - Tax Ratio

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that Correspondence Items 7.1 to 7.5 on the Open meeting Agenda of February 25, 2026, be received and considered along with Report PW 2026-03 titled "Speed Management and Road Safety Reviews – Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, Zorra and South-West Oxford."

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: Brian Petrie

Seconded By: Bernia Martin

Resolved that Correspondence Item 7.6 on the Open meeting Agenda of February 25, 2026 be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

8.1 COMMUNITY PLANNING

8.1.1 CP 2026-37 Updating the Implementation Policies

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Oxford County Council approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 10 (specifically Sections 10.3, 10.5 and 10.8), Chapter 5 (specifically Section 5.5, and Chapter 3 (specifically subsection 3.1.8.) of the County Official Plan, which will serve to update a number of the County's implementation policies and restore two site specific policies;

2. And further, that Council approve the attached Amendment Number 351 to the County of Oxford Official Plan as well as the enacting By-Law 6802-2026.
3. And further, that Council endorses draft Amendment Number 352 for the purposes of planning staff's submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for their review and 'approval';
4. And further, that Council direct planning staff to bring back Amendment Number 352, incorporating any necessary revisions, including from the decision of the Minister, for Council's further consideration at a future meeting.

The Report was dealt with following the Public Meeting.

8.2 PUBLIC WORKS

8.2.1 PW 2026-03 Speed Management and Road Safety Reviews – Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, Zorra and South-West Oxford

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Oxford County Council receive Report PW 2026-03 regarding speed management, traffic calming and road safety reviews completed in Windfall (Oxford Road 29), Gobles (Oxford Road 2), North of Norwich (Oxford Road 59), Eastwood (Oxford Road 55), Holbrook (Oxford Road 59), Brooksdale (Oxford Road 6) and Dickson's Corners (Oxford Road 119);
2. And further, that Oxford County Council receive Report PW 2026-03 regarding post monitoring reviews for Washington (Oxford Road 8), Plattsville (Oxford Road 8), Innerkip (Oxford Road 4 and Oxford Road 33), Tavistock (Oxford Road 24 and Oxford Road 59), Norwich (Oxford Road 18 and Oxford Road 59), and Otterville (Oxford Road 19);
3. And further, that Oxford County Council endorse the implementation of speed management, traffic calming and road safety measures on various County roads in Windfall, Gobles, Washington, Plattsville, Innerkip, Tavistock, North of Norwich, Norwich, Eastwood, Holbrook, Otterville, Brooksdale, Dickson's Corners and Verschoyle as recommended in Report PW 2026-03;
4. And further, that a by-law be presented to County Council at the March 11, 2026 Council meeting to amend By-Law 5725-2015 to designate and modify speed zone limits in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, Township of Norwich, and Township of Zorra as outlined in Report PW 2026-03.

Councillor Petrie leaves the Council Chamber at 10:29 a.m.
Councillor Petrie returns to the Council Chamber at 10:30 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Moved By: Jim Palmer
Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the recommendations 1,2 and 4 contained in Report PW 2026-03 Speed Management and Road Safety Reviews – Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, Zorra and South-West Oxford, be adopted;

And further that recommendation 3 be adopted, as amended, to include further speed reductions from the proposed 70km/h to 60km/h as follows:

County Road 59 in the Township of Norwich from 650 metres North of the North limit of County Road 13, Holbrook to 420 metres East of the South limit of County Road 13, Holbrook;

County Road 59 and 1,000 metres North of the North limit of Quaker Street to 500 metres South of the South limit of Quaker Street;

County Road 2 in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, 350 metres West of the West limit of Gobles Road, Gobles to 200 metres East of the East limit of Gobles Road, Gobles; and,

County Road 29 in the Township of Blandford- Blenheim, 1,200 metres East of the East limit of Oxford Road 22 to 690 metres West of the West limit of Hubbard Road.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2.2 PW 2026-04 2025 Managed Forest Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That County Council receive Report PW 2026-04 entitled “2025 Managed Forest Plan Update” for information.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report PW 2026-04 titled "2025 Managed Forest Plan Update", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2.3 PW 2026-05 2025 Drinking Water System Performance

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That County Council receive Report PW 2025-05 entitled "2025 Drinking Water System Performance", including the 2025 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Reports, in accordance with the regulatory requirements of Schedule 22 and Section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2022*.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Moved By: Bernia Martin
Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report PW 2026-05 titled "2025 Drinking Water System Performance", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3 FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.3.1 FS 2026-04 Investment Activity Report and Policy Review - 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Report FS 2026-04 entitled "Investment Activity Report and Policy Review - 2025", for the year ended December 31, 2025, be received.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report FS 2026-04 titled "Investment Activity Report and Policy Review - 2025", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Pending Items List

No discussion takes place regarding the Pending Items List.

9.2 CP 2026-08 Updates to County and Area Municipal Growth Forecasts and Land Needs Assessment

Deferred January 28, 2026

That recommendations in Report CP 2026-08 be deferred pending a Council report outlining all County documents that will need to be updated and anticipated timelines for those updates.

And further a high-level review, with known information, to identify any major infrastructure that would prevent the implementation of these growth figures over a 20-year period.

No discussion takes place regarding CP 2026-08 Updates to County and Area Municipal Growth Forecasts and Land Needs Assessment.

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. 6802-2026

Being a By-Law to adopt Amendment Number 351 to the County of Oxford Official Plan.

15.2 By-Law No. 6803-2026

Being a By-law to further amend By-law No. 6621-2024, passed on March 27, 2024, being a By-law to remove certain lands from Part Lot Control.

15.3 By-Law No. 6804-2026

Being a By-law to provide for the dedication and naming of highways in the County of Oxford.

15.4 By-Law No. 6805-2026

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. 13

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

Resolved that the following By-laws be read a first and second time: 6802-2026 to 6805-2026 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

Resolved that the following By-laws be given a third and final reading: 6802-2026 to 6805-2026 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Moved By: Mark Peterson
Seconded By: Bernia Martin

Resolved that the Council Meeting of February 25, 2026 be adjourned until the next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2026.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 10:44 a.m.

Minutes adopted on March 11, 2026 by Resolution No. ____.

MARCUS RYAN, WARDEN

LINDSEY A. MANSBRIDGE, CLERK