

**OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

November 24, 2021

Council Present	Warden Larry Martin Deputy Warden Ted Comiskey Councillor Trevor Birtch Councillor David Mayberry Councillor Don McKay Councillor Stephen Molnar Councillor Mark Peterson Councillor Marcus Ryan Councillor Deborah Tait Councillor Sandra Talbot
Council Absent	N/A
Staff Participants	M. Duben, Chief Administrative Officer B. Addley, Director of Paramedic Services L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services M. Cowan, Manager of Information Services M. Dager, Director of Woodingford Lodge G. Hough, Director of Community Planning L. Lanthier, Acting Director of Human 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 November, 2021 in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock at 7:00 p.m. with Warden Martin in the chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Sandra Talbot

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 November 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Sandra Talbot

Resolved that the Council minutes of November 10, 2021 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

NIL

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF

6.1 Domestic Abuse Services Oxford

Proclamation Certificate presentation in recognition of the Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Diane Harris, Executive Director of Domestic Abuse Services Oxford joins the meeting via WebEx.

Warden Martin indicates that Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO) is committed to ending the cycle of domestic abuse and helping families make the transition to lives free from violence and abuse. They are leaders in providing effective, efficient and accountable services for women and their children and all those impacted by abuse and/or homelessness in Oxford County indicating that DASO has been an impactful part of our community for almost 50 years. Mr. Warden presents Domestic Abuse Services Oxford with an electronic proclamation certificate proclaiming November 25 as the Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Warden Martin further indicates that November 25th also marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the Zonta Says No campaign. In recognition of both organizations' campaigns during the same timeframe, DASO's flag will be flown at the County Administration Building from November 25 to December 2, 2021 and the Zonta Club's flag will be flown from December 3 to December 10, 2021. Also, in recognition of the anniversary of the Montreal massacre, in which fourteen women lost their lives, flags will be flown at

half-mast on December 6 in accordance with the National Flag of Canada Protocol.

D. Harris thanks the Warden and Members of Council for their leadership in helping ensure November 25 is recognized as a day for the elimination of violence against women.

Warden Martin opens the meeting to comments and questions from members of Council. There are none.

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ontario

November 19, 2021

Re: Canadian Agricultural Partnership regarding increasing deadstock management capacity

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: Sandra Talbot

Seconded By: Trevor Birtch

Resolved that the correspondence from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ontario dated November 19, 2021 regarding a new Canadian Agricultural Partnership aimed at increasing deadstock management capacity throughout the province be received as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

8.1 COMMUNITY PLANNING

8.1.1 CP 2021-387 - Application for Draft Plan of Condominium and Exemption from Draft Plan Approval CD 21-02-7 – 2412374 Ontario Limited

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Oxford County Council grant draft plan approval to a proposed condominium submitted by 2412374 Ontario Ltd, (File No. CD 21-02-7), prepared by Van Harten Surveying Inc., dated March 25, 2021, for lands described as Part Lots 1463 & 1464, Plan 500, and Part 2 of Reference Plan 41R-7261, in the Town of Tillsonburg;
2. And further, that Oxford County Council approve the application for exemption from the draft plan of condominium approval process submitted by 2412374 Ontario Ltd, (File No. CD 21-02-7), prepared

by Van Harten Surveying Inc., dated March 25, 2021, for lands described as Part Lots 1463 & 1464, Plan 500, and Part 2 of Reference Plan 41R-7261, in the Town of Tillsonburg.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: Sandra Talbot

Seconded By: Trevor Birtch

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. CP 2021-387, titled "Application for Draft Plan of Condominium and Exemption from Draft Plan Approval CD 21-02-7 – 2412374 Ontario Limited", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2 PUBLIC WORKS

8.2.1 PW 2021-37 - Update to Ontario's Community Net Metering Regulation

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Oxford County Council receive Council Report No. PW 2021-37, entitled "Update to Ontario's Community Net Metering Regulation", as information.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: Trevor Birtch

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. PW 2021-37, titled "Update to Ontario's Community Net Metering Regulation", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3 HUMAN SERVICES

8.3.1 HS 2021-14 - Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Update

RECOMMENDATION

1. That County Council receive Report No. HS 2021-14, regarding financial supports to eligible Oxford service agencies and citizens funded through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative and the Social Services Relief Fund as information.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: Trevor Birtch
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. HS 2021-14, titled "Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Update", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES

8.4.1 CS 2021-50 - Business Plan and Budget Review – 3rd Quarter

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Report CS 2021-50 entitled "Business Plan and Budget Review – 3rd Quarter" be received for information.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Moved By: Ted Comiskey
Seconded By: Marcus Ryan

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2021-50, titled "Business Plan and Budget Review – 3rd Quarter", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4.2 CS 2021-51 - 2022 Preliminary Assessment and Tax Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Report No. CS 2021-51 entitled "2022 Preliminary Assessment and Tax Analysis", be received for information.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: Ted Comiskey
Seconded By: Marcus Ryan

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2021-51, titled "2022 Preliminary Assessment and Tax Analysis", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4.3 CS 2021-52 - OILC Debenture Issues – Woodstock

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That By-law No. 6388-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 10 years, in the amount of \$600,000.00, for the purposes of the City of Woodstock, be presented to Council for enactment;
2. And further, that By-law No. 6389-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 20 years, in the amount of \$775,000.00, for the purposes of the City of Woodstock, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Stephen Molnar

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. CS 2021-52, titled "OILC Debenture Issues – Woodstock", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4.4 CS 2021-53 - OILC Debenture Issues – Tillsonburg

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That By-law No. 6390-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 5 years, in the amount of \$298,267.00, for the purposes of the Town of Tillsonburg, be presented to Council for enactment;
2. And further, that By-law No. 6391-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 10 years, in the amount of \$231,427.00, for the purposes of the Town of Tillsonburg, be presented to Council for enactment;
3. And further, that By-law No. 6392-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 15 years, in the amount of \$38,397.00, for the purposes of the Town of Tillsonburg, be presented to Council for enactment;
4. And further, that By-law No. 6393-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 20 years, in the amount of \$182,426.00, for the purposes of the Town of Tillsonburg, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Moved By: Mark Peterson
Seconded By: Stephen Molnar

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. CS 2021-53, titled "OILC Debenture Issues – Tillsonburg", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.4.5 CS 2021-54 - OILC Debenture Issues – Norwich

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law No. 6394-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 20 years, in the amount of \$800,000.00, for the purposes of the Township of Norwich, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Moved By: Deborah Tait
Seconded By: Ted Comiskey

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2021-54, titled "OILC Debenture Issues – Norwich", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Pending Items

No discussion takes place regarding the Pending Items list.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Councillor Tait

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Moved By: Deborah Tait
Seconded By: Marcus Ryan

Whereas the increased rate of homelessness in Oxford County and the City of Woodstock is creating health and safety concerns for those who are experiencing homelessness, addictions and mental health issues;

And whereas these concerns are disproportionately impacting the City of Woodstock's downtown;

And whereas adequate levels of social services, shelter services, and transitional housing equivalent to the increased rate of need are required;

Now therefore be it resolved that Oxford County Council prioritize securing property for the establishment and operation of a 24-hour, 7 day a week shelter with sufficient space for the various agencies providing services to people experiencing homelessness, addictions and mental health issues;

And further, that County Staff be directed to report back on the cost, funding and the length of time needed to begin operations;

And further, that County staff be directed to report back on the ability to increase Peer Street Outreach services for downtown Woodstock for a minimum of 6 days per week in order to provide downtown businesses and patrons with an alternative response service to Woodstock Police for incidents not requiring police intervention.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

10.2 Councillor Ryan

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Moved By: Marcus Ryan

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Whereas Councillors have expressed concern over the lack of clarity on voting;

Therefore be it resolved that the Procedural Bylaw be changed to clarify attendance and voting to require that when attending virtually that the camera be on, and that the manner of voting be by show of hands unless otherwise stated by the chair, and that a failure to show hand be clearly defined as a negative vote.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS

NIL

13. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Moved By: Marcus Ryan

Seconded By: Don McKay

Resolved that Council rise and go into a Closed Session to consider Report No. PW (CS) 2021-38 regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the County or local board.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 7:28 p.m.

Councillor Birtch leaves the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Oxford County Council meets in Closed Session, as part of a regular meeting, this twenty fourth day of November, 2021.

7:30 p.m. with Warden Martin in the chair.

All Members of Council present with the exception of Councillor Birtch.

Staff Participants	M. Duben, Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Addley, Director of Paramedic Services
	L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services
	M. Cowan, Manager of Information Services
	M. Dager, Director of Woodingford Lodge
	G. Hough, Director of Community Planning
	L. Lanthier, Acting Director of Human Services
	C. Senior, Clerk
	D. Simpson, Director of Public Works
	A. Smith, Director of Human Resources

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

NIL

CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

1. PW (CS) 2021-38

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

NIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

NEW BUSINESS / ENQUIRIES / COMMENTS:

NIL

TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

7:32 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Moved By: Don McKay

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that Council reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 7:32 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

14.1 PW (CS) 2021-38

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Moved By: Don McKay

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. PW (CS) 2021-38 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

15. BY-LAWS

15.1 By-law No. 6388-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$600,000.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.2 By-law No. 6389-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$775,000.00 towards the cost of

certain capital works of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.3 By-law No. 6390-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$298,267.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.4 By-law No. 6391-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$231,427.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.5 By-law No. 6392-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$38,397.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.6 By-law No. 6393-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$182,426.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.7 By-law No. 6394-2021

Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$800,000.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.

15.8 By-law No. 6395-2021

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. 17

Moved By: Stephen Molnar

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the following by-laws be now read a first and second time: 6388-2021 to 6395-2021 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Moved By: Stephen Molnar

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the following by-laws be given a third and final reading: 6388-2021 to 6395-2021 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourns its proceedings at 7:35 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes adopted on _____ by Resolution No. _____.

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CLERK