

**OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

November 23, 2022

Council Present	Warden Marcus Ryan Deputy Warden Jerry Acchione Councillor Deb Gilvesy Councillor David Mayberry Councillor Mark Peterson Councillor Jim Palmer Councillor Brian Petrie Councillor Phil Schaefer Councillor Deborah Tait Councillor Bernia Wheaton
Council Absent	N/A
Staff Present	B. Addley, Interim Chief Administrative Officer K. Black, Director of Human Services L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services M. Cowan, Manager of Information Services M. Dager, Director of Woodingford Lodge R. Hall, Acting Director of Paramedic 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 third day of November, 2022, in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock at 7:00 p.m. with Warden Ryan in the chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: Jim Palmer

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 9, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the Council minutes of November 9, 2022 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

NIL

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF

6.1 Cycles of Life for Supportive Transitional Living

Mary Jane Phillips and Jim Smith

Re: Introduction of Cycles of Life to Oxford County Council

Mary Jane Phillips and Jim Smith, co-founders of the Cycles of Life for Supportive Transitional Living join the meeting in the Council Chamber.

The delegates indicate that Cycles of Life operate weekly community outreach tables in Ingersoll and Tillsonburg and three days per week in Woodstock which provide a variety of items to anyone who self-identifies as needing assistance, no questions asked.

The delegates speak of the rapid growth of the homeless population throughout the county and speak of the need for organizations, businesses and individuals to work together to help people get off the streets and break the cycle of homelessness.

In closing, the delegates request a collaboration with the County of Oxford and the Town of Tillsonburg to fund a shelter at Maple Lane School in Tillsonburg and to collaborate with other organizations, businesses and individuals within the county to implement the requested shelter as soon as possible to help the homeless population before the cold weather sets in.

The delegates respond to comments and questions from Deputy Warden Acchione and Councillors Gilvesy, Petrie and Tait.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: Marcus Ryan

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that the information provided in the delegation from Cycles of Life for Supportive Transitional Living be received.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

6.2 Proclamation and Flag Raising
Wrapped in Courage Campaign

Warden Ryan reads the following statement with respect to the 2022 Wrapped in Courage campaign:

November marks both Woman Abuse Prevention Month and the 10th Anniversary of Ontario's Wrapped in Courage Campaign. Gender-based violence (GBV) agencies across Ontario are asking leaders and community members to wear a purple scarf to show their commitment to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence.

In their communication to the public for this year's campaign, Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO) has expressed concern about the high rates of femicide and other forms of gender-based violence across Ontario, with over 40 femicides reported by the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses since November 2021. Last year in Ontario, on average every 8 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them. These femicides are preventable tragedies which devastate communities and families.

The purple scarf is a symbol of the courage needed by communities in supporting survivors of violence, the commitment to turn awareness into accountability and action and to ultimately end gender-based violence. On November 24th at 10am and noon, one day before the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the Zonta Says NO to Violence flag will be raised at the Museum Square for 10am and the Wrapped in Courage flag will be raised at the County Administration Building at noon. The proclamation as signed by Warden Martin in 2021 declaring November 25th as the Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and flag raising signal a commitment to ending gender-based violence in our community and to ensure survivors know they are not alone.

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. Zonta Club of Woodstock

and DART will be hosting a candlelight vigil in front of the Woodstock Courthouse at 6pm to honour the day.

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Police Services Board
November 16, 2022
Re: Request for further traffic calming measures - intersection of County Roads #59 and #33

7.2 Dan Mahony
November 15, 2022
Re: The state of Long Term Care in Oxford County

7.3 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
November 5, 2022
Re: Delegation Meetings at ROMA Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: Phil Schaefer
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that correspondence items 7.1 to 7.3 inclusive on the Open meeting agenda of November 23, 2022 be received as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7.4 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
November 16, 2022
Re: Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Whereas on November 16 2022, the Province of Ontario announced the “Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022”;

And whereas in the November 16th announcement the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing justified the introduction of Bill 39 by stating that this would help with the “housing crisis” and included The Better Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23) in this news release;

And whereas the Government of Ontario’s Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario states that “Ontario recognizes municipalities as responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction”;

And whereas the powers of a Head of Council, the appointment of a Chair, and bylaws are, and have always been, both under the Municipal Act and as a matter of democratic principle, the responsibility of democratically elected representative councils;

And whereas Oxford County values its councils and principles of democracy and has not asked for any of these changes;

And whereas residents of Oxford were not afforded any opportunity to discuss these changes in the forums of either the previous Provincial, or just completed Municipal, elections;

Therefore be it resolved that Oxford County Council ask staff, (in conjunction with area municipal staff where necessary) to bring forward a report to the December 14, 2022 meeting of Council that describes the potential impacts for both finances and staffing requirements that could arise from the introduction of Bills 39 and 23 for the 2023 and future budgets and work plans, to, at a minimum, include the impacts of announced changes to Developmental Charges Act, the timing, financial and staffing implications for planning reports, the implications for announced changes to the Conservation Act and the Heritage Act, and any other financial and staffing implications for the county, and where possible, for the area municipalities;

And further that Oxford County Council opposes the “Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022” in the strongest terms possible and hereby request the Warden to meet with our MPP as soon as possible to express our very serious concerns about both Bill 39 and Bill 23;

And further, that this resolution be forwarded to all Oxford area municipalities, WOWC, ROMA, AMO, Oxford MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, and the Premier of Ontario.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7.5 Grand River Conservation Authority
November 16, 2022
Re: Appointment of Member

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: Deborah Tait
Seconded By: Bernia Wheaton

Resolved that the appointment of Bruce Banbury to the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors be extended to November 30, 2022, so that the County of Oxford can be represented at the November 25, 2022 meeting of the GRCA Board, as the current term of appointment expired on

November 15, 2022, and new appointments will not be made until December 14, 2022.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

- 7.6 Woodstock Hospital Board of Trust
November 1, 2022
Re: Council Appointment to the Woodstock Hospital Board of Trust
- 7.7 South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC)
November 2, 2022
Re: Council appointments to SCOR EDC's Board of Directors
- 7.8 Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) Board of Health
October 7, 2022
Re: Competency Matrix to consider when appointing members of Council to the SWPH Board of Health
- 7.9 Social Planning Council Oxford (SPCO)
November 16, 2022
Re: SPCO Board of Directors

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton
Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

Resolved that correspondence items 7.6 to 7.9 inclusive be received and referred to the Striking Committee for consideration.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

8.1 PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.1.1 PW 2022-48 - Proposed Amendments to Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans, Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 019-6168

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Oxford County Council endorse the comments outlined in Report No. PW 2022-48 in response to the Ministry of Energy's posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding proposed amendments to O.Reg. 507/18 (Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans) made under the Electricity Act, 1998.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: Jerry Acchione
Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. PW 2022-48, titled "Proposed Amendments to Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans, Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 019-6168", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2 HUMAN SERVICES

8.2.1 HS 2022-08 - Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care System Update

RECOMMENDATION

1. That County Council receive Report No. HS 2022-08, entitled "Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care System Update," as information.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. HS 2022-08, titled "Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care System Update", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.2.2 HS 2022-09 - Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement Amendment - 785 Southwood Way, Woodstock

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That County Council authorize the allocation of up to \$426,000 from the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) to Woodstock Non-Profit Housing Corporation, to include 5 additional affordable housing rental units within the previously approved 48-unit residential development at 785 Southwood Way, Woodstock;
2. And further, that County Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Human Services to execute an amendment to the Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement, and all other necessary documents related to the

proposed additional funding, for the affordable housing project at 785 Southwood Way, Woodstock.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. HS 2022-09, titled "Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement Amendment - 785 Southwood Way, Woodstock", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3 CORPORATE SERVICES

8.3.1 CS 2022-36 - 2023 Business Plans and Budget (Presentation)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the 2023 preliminary budget information package be received for discussion purposes.

With the motion on the floor and prior to the vote, Lynn Buchner, Director of Corporate Services proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation which was provided as part of Council's agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-36, titled "2023 Business Plans and Budget", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.2 CS 2022-37 - 2023 Oxford County Library Business Plan and Budget

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the recommendation of the Oxford County Library Board dated October 17, 2022, that County Council approve the draft 2023 Oxford County Library Business Plan and Budget to provide a levy of \$4,288,199, subject to possible minor adjustments to interdepartmental charges, be referred to 2023 budget deliberations.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Moved By: Jim Palmer

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-37, titled "2023 Oxford County Library Business Plan and Budget", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.3 CS 2022-38 - 2023 Court Security Grant Special Tax Levy

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a special 2023 tax levy for a Court Security Grant for Woodstock Police Services in the amount of \$10,276, determined on the same basis as the 2018 to 2022 annual special tax levies, be considered during 2023 budget deliberations.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-38, titled "2023 Court Security Grant Special Tax Levy", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.4 CS 2022-40 - Tanager Drive and Falcon Road Services Extension Project and North Street Services Extension Project – Internal Long-term Debt Issue

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law No. 6482-2022, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds in the amount of \$51,617 from the Landfill and Waste Diversion Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes of financing serviced property owners' charges for capital costs relating to sanitary services through the following projects, be presented to Council for enactment;
 - a. Oxford County Tanager Drive and Falcon Road Services Extension Project; and
 - b. Oxford County North Street Services Extension Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-40, titled "Tanager Drive and Falcon Road Services Extension Project and North Street Services Extension Project – Internal Long-term Debt Issue", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.5 CS 2022-41 - Internal Long-term Debt Issue – South-West Oxford

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law No. 6483-2022, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds in the amount of \$1,040,000 from the Landfill and Waste Diversion Reserve Fund, for the purposes of financing a capital work associated with for the purposes of The Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford authorized by Township of South-West Oxford By-laws, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Moved By: David Mayberry
Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-41, titled "Internal Long-term Debt Issue – South-West Oxford", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.6 CS 2022-42 - OILC Debenture Issue – Woodstock

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law No. 6484-2022, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 10 years, in the amount of \$700,000.00, for the purposes of the City of Woodstock, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Moved By: Phil Schaefer
Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-42, titled "OILC Debenture Issue – Woodstock", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.7 CS 2022-43 - OILC Debenture Issue – County

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law No. 6485-2022 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 20 years, in the amount of \$1,483,000.00, for the purposes of the County of Oxford, be presented to Council for enactment.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Moved By: Deborah Tait

Seconded By: Bernia Wheaton

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS 2022-43, titled "OILC Debenture Issue – County", be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

8.3.8 CS 2022-44 - Striking Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That County Council appoint the following members of Council to a Striking Committee in accordance with Section 14 of the County of Oxford Procedure By-law No. 6268-2020: the Warden (Chair), and Councillors _____, _____, and _____;
2. And further, that Council endorses the Striking Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) as approved in 2018 (updated to reflect the new term of Council) and outlined in Report No. CS 2022-44.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Jerry Acchione

Resolved that the recommendations contained in Report No. CS 2022-44, titled "Striking Committee Appointments", be adopted;

And further, that the following be appointed to the Striking Committee:

Warden Ryan and Councillors Mayberry, Peterson and Tait.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Pending Items

No discussion takes place regarding the Pending Items list.

10. MOTIONS

NIL

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS

12.1 Memo - Tavistock New Well Supply Municipal Class EA Study - Notice of Public Consultation Centre #1

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Moved By: Jerry Acchione

Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that Public Works Memo 12.1 on the Open meeting agenda of November 23, 2022 be received as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

13. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 20

Moved By: Deb Gilvesy

Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that Council rise and go into a Closed Session to consider Report No. CS (CS) 2022-39 regarding labour relations or employee negotiations.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 8:16 p.m.

Oxford County Council meets in Closed Session in Room 129 as part of a regular meeting, this twenty third day of November, 2022.

8:19 p.m. with Warden Ryan in the chair.

All members of Council present.

Staff Present

B. Addley, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

K. Black, Director of Human Services
L. Buchner, Director of Corporate Services
M. Dager, Director of Woodingford Lodge
R. Hall, Acting Director of Paramedic 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:

CS (CS) 2022-39

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

NIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NIL

TIME OF COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION:

8:28 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Moved By: David Mayberry

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that Council reconvene in Open session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried at 8:28 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

14.1 CS (CS) 2022-39

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Moved By: Jim Palmer
Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that the recommendation contained in Report No. CS (CS) 2022-39 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

15. BY-LAWS

- 15.1 By-law No. 6482-2022
Being a by-law to authorize borrowed funds from the Landfill and Waste Diversion Reserve Fund in the amount of \$51,617, to be used for the purposes of financing property owners' charges for capital costs related to water and sanitary sewer services provided under the Tanager Drive and Falcon Road Services Extension Project and North Street East Services Extension Project.
- 15.2 By-law No. 6483-2022
Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing upon funds from the Landfill and Waste Diversion Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,040,000 for the purposes of The Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford capital works project.
- 15.3 By-law No. 6484-2022
Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$700,000.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.
- 15.4 By-law No. 6485-2022
Being a by-law of the County of Oxford to authorize the borrowing upon serial debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,483,000.00 towards the cost of certain capital works of the County of Oxford set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.
- 15.5 By-law No. 6486-2022
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. 23

Moved By: Mark Peterson
Seconded By: Brian Petrie

Resolved that the following by-laws be now read a first and second time: 6482-2022 to 6486-2022 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Moved By: Brian Petrie

Seconded By: Jim Palmer

Resolved that the following by-laws be now given a third and final reading: 6482-2022 to 6486-2022 inclusive.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourns its proceedings at 8:32 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for November 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes adopted on _____ by Resolution No. _____.

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CLERK