

**OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

December 5, 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 G. Hough, Director of Community Planning C. King, Manager of Finance J. Lavallee, Manager of Capital Planning C. Senior, Clerk D. Simpson, Director of Public Works A. Smith, Director of Human Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oxford County Council meets in special session this fifth day of December, 2022, in the Council Chamber, County Administration Building, Woodstock at 9:00 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.

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 30, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Moved By: Mark Peterson

Seconded By: Deborah Tait

Resolved that the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held November 30, 2022 be adopted.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS

NIL

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION THEREOF

6.1 Oxford Connection
Len Magyar, Development Commissioner, City of Woodstock
Re: 2023 Grant Request

L. Magyar joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic agenda. In conclusion, the Oxford Connection requests financial support in the amount of \$50,000 in 2023.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. L. Magyar responds to questions and comments from Councillor Wheaton.

6.2 Woodstock Curling Centre
Judy Farlow and Darlene Wood – Co-Convenors
Re: 2023 Grant Request

J. Farlow and D. Wood join the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceed through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic agenda. In conclusion, the Woodstock Curling Centre requests financial support in the amount of \$10,000 for title sponsorship at the Ontario Provincial Mixed and Senior Mixed Curling Championship to be held April 12-16, 2023.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. J. Farlow responds to comments and questions from Councillor Petrie.

6.3 Community Futures Oxford
Allan Simm, General Manager
Re: 2023 Grant Request

A. Simm joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic agenda. In conclusion, Community Futures Oxford requests financial support in the amount of \$100,000 in 2023.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. A. Simm responds to comments and questions from Deputy Warden Acchione and Councillors Mayberry and Petrie.

6.4 Small Business Centre
Shawn McNamara, Manager
Re: 2023 Grant Request

S. McNamara joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic agenda. In conclusion, the Small Business Centre requests financial support in the amount of \$50,000 in 2023.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. S. McNamara responds to comments and questions from Deputy Warden Acchione and Councillors Petrie and Wheaton.

6.5 Oxford Creative Connections Inc.
Mary-Anne Murphy, Cultural Coordinator
Re: 2023 Grant Request

M. Murphy joins the meeting in the Council Chamber and proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic agenda. In conclusion, Oxford Creative Connections Inc. requests financial support in the amount of \$60,000 in 2023.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. M. Murphy responds to comments and questions from Councillors Petrie and Schaefer.

Deputy Warden Acchione leaves the Council meeting at 9:56 a.m.

6.6 Tillsonburg Airport
Jonathon Graham, Director of Operations & Development
Re: 2023 Grant Request

J. Graham joins the meeting via WebEx and proceeds through a PowerPoint presentation, which was provided as an attachment to Council's electronic

agenda. In conclusion, the Tillsonburg Airport requests financial support in the amount of \$42,169 in 2023.

Councillor Wheaton leaves the Council Chamber at 10:06 a.m.
She returns at 10:07 a.m.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. J. Graham responds to comments and questions from Councillors Gilvesy, Mayberry, Palmer and Petrie.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Moved By: Deborah Tait
Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that the information provided in delegations 6.1 to 6.6 inclusive on the Open meeting Agenda of December 5, 2022 be received and referred to 2023 Budget and Business Plan deliberations.

DISPOSITION: See Action of Council following Resolution No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

And further, that a full cost budget for the Tillsonburg Airport be provided.

DISPOSITION: See Action of Council following Resolution No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that the information provided in delegations 6.1 to 6.6 inclusive on the Open meeting Agenda of December 5, 2022 be received and referred to 2023 Budget and Business Plan deliberations;

And further, that a full cost budget for the Tillsonburg Airport be provided.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Warden Ryan calls for a recess at 10:22 a.m.

Warden Ryan and members of Council and staff return to the Council Chamber at 10:32 a.m.

All members of Council are present with the exception of Deputy Warden Acchione and Councillor Petrie.

6.7 Staff Presentations
Re: 2023 Business Plans and Budgets

Corporate Services

Lynn Bucher, Director of Corporate Services, using a PowerPoint presentation which formed part of Council's agenda goes over the budget highlights, new information, and the Draft 2023 Corporate Services Budgets and Business Plans.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. Michael McCuaig, Manager of Information Technology, Suzanne Schmidt, Manager of Customer Service and Provincial Offences and L. Buchner respond to comments and questions from Councillors Gilvesy and Mayberry.

Councillor Tait leaves the Council Chamber at 10:52 a.m.
She returns at 10:53 a.m.

CAO's Office

Ben Addley, Interim Chief Administrative Officer speaks to the Draft 2023 CAO's Office Budgets and Business Plans.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. B. Addley responds to comments and questions from Councillor Mayberry.

Paramedic Services

Ryan Hall, Interim Director of Paramedic Services speaks to the Draft 2023 Paramedic Services Budget and Business Plan.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. R. Hall responds to comments and questions from Councillors Gilvesy, Mayberry and Peterson.

Councillor Wheaton leaves the Council Chamber at 11:34 a.m.
She returns at 11:39 a.m.

Councillor Tait leaves the Council meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Human Resources

Amy Smith, Director of Human Resource speaks to the Draft 2023 Human Resources Budget and Business Plan.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. A. Smith responds to comments and questions from Councillor Mayberry.

Community Planning

Gord Hough, Director of Community Planning speaks to the Draft 2023 Community Planning Budget and Business Plan.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. G. Hough responds to comments and questions from Councillors Gilvesy and Mayberry.

Councillor Mayberry leaves the Council Chamber at 12:03 p.m.
He returns at 12:06 p.m.

Library

L. Buchner speaks to the Draft 2023 Oxford County Library Budget and Business Plan as recommended by the Library Board.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. There are none.

L. Buchner speaks to the Draft 2023 Court Security Grant Budget.

Warden Ryan opens the meeting to questions from Council. There are none.

In closing, L. Buchner speaks to pending budget adjustments and the various decision points to be made at the January 11, 2023 meeting of Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Moved By: Deb Gilvesy

Seconded By: Bernia Wheaton

Resolved that the information provided in the 2023 Business Plans and Budgets presentation be received and referred to 2023 Budget and Business Plan deliberations.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following Reports are provided for ongoing information purposes during Budget consideration:

9.1 CS 2022-36 – 2023 Business Plans and Budget

Report No. [CS 2022-36](#), titled 2023 Business Plans and Budget was received for discussion purposes by Council on November 23, 2022.

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

Report No. [CS 2022-37](#), titled 2023 Oxford County Library Business Plan and Budget was received for discussion purposes by Council on November 23, 2022.

9.3 CS 2022-38 – 2023 Court Security Grant Special Tax Levy

Report No. [CS 2022-38](#), titled 2023 Court Security Grant Special Tax Levy was received for discussion purposes by Council on November 23, 2022.

9.4 CS (CS) 2022-39

Report No. CS (CS) 2022-39 [Closed Session document] was received for discussion purposes by Council on November 23, 2022.

10. MOTIONS

NIL

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Note: Section 9.1.2 of Procedure By-law No. 6268-2020 states:

Notwithstanding Section 9.1.1, during Council's review and consideration of annual business plans and budgets, all amending motions shall be tabled in writing and duly signed as Notices of Motion to be debated at the Budget meeting specifically identified for budget debate. The Clerk will ensure that all such motions are printed in full on the Agenda for the meeting when debate is scheduled to occur.

11.1 Notice of Motion 1 (November 30, 2022)

Councillor Mayberry gives notice (NM1-20221130) that he will move the following motion as an amendment to the 2023 Business Plan and Budget meeting specifically identified for budget debate (January 11, 2023):

Whereas the Federal Safe Restart Funding held in reserve was intended to help Oxford County address Covid related issues;

And whereas Covid clearly demonstrated the inability of many rural areas to access services because of poor broadband capacity;

And whereas the provincial Accelerated High Speed Internet Program will not provide all Oxford County residents with access to quality high speed broadband;

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2023 Oxford County budget be amended to include an amount equal to 2% of the 2023 County Levy to be committed to enabling service providers to expand broadband service in Oxford County rural areas identified as underserved, funded by the Safe Restart Reserve.

11.2 Notice of Motion 2 (November 30, 2022)

Councillor Mayberry gives notice (NM2-20221130) that he will move the following motion as an amendment to the 2023 Business Plan and Budget meeting specifically identified for budget debate (January 11, 2023):

Whereas the need for increased investment in affordable housing for many Oxford residents is urgently required, and therefore has been identified as an urgent issue for Oxford County Council;

And whereas the Safe Restart Funding was intended to be used for challenges the County deems necessary;

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2023 Business Plan and Budget be amended to commit \$1 million to support development in Oxford County that will be subject of an agreement(s) entered into by the County for the provision of municipal capital facilities pursuant to section 110 of the Municipal Act for the purposes of increasing supply of Affordable Housing;

And further, that subject to the same conditions as the foregoing, an additional \$250,000 be added to the 2023 County levy for further investment in affordable housing development.

12. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES/COMMENTS

NIL

13. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

NIL

15. BY-LAWS

15.1 By-law No. 6489-2022

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. 7

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that By-law No. 6489-2022 be now read a first and second time.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Resolved that By-law No. 6489-2022 now given a third and final reading.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourns its proceedings at 12:23 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes adopted on _____ by Resolution No. _____.

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CLERK