



The Corporation of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia

- M I N U T E S -

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
6:30 pm, Municipal Office, 4591 Lambton Line

Meeting was held by Teleconference, #20 (in accordance with S.4.6 of Procedural By-Law 2020-13, Electronic Meetings During a Declared Emergency)

Present: Mayor: A. Broad
Councillors: A. Gray
M. McGuire
J. Meyer
L. Williams

Staff Present: D. Clermont, Administrator-Clerk
P. Dalton, Public Works Superintendent
S. Gawley, Treasurer

Public Present: H. Wright, Independent News
J. Allaert

Disclosures: Mayor Broad declared an indirect pecuniary interest on Item No. 3b) Delegation #2, Derek Rickman Re: Report from Ezio Nadalin dated January 28, 2021 – 6194 and 6198 Water Street, Florence for the reason of: family relation. Mayor Broad did not take part in the discussion of, or vote on the matter.

**Delegation 1: AI & Diane Bergsma
6:30pm – 6:40pm Retreat for First Responders & Farmers**

AI and Diane Bergsma presented Council with a letter, proposing to build a 1000 square foot, 2-bedroom retreat cabin for first responders and farmers, in honor of their son who recently passed and who was also a dedicated volunteer firefighter. The proposed cabin would be built on a 50-acre bush lot owned by AI & Diane Bergsma, and would provide a welcoming place, free of charge, for first responders and farmers who need time to rest, recharge and heal while enjoying the surroundings of nature and solitude. The St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority, has *denied* the proposal to build inside the protected woodlot and further advised that no exemption would be considered. The Bergsma’s provided five (5) letters of support from Wellspring Counselling Services, Lambton Cattlemen’s Association, Lambton Farm Safety Association, Nancy Vandershaeef, and Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex. The following resolution was passed:

2021-21 Councillor Williams – Councillor McGuire

That staff work with Lambton County Planner and St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority to prepare a report investigating available options for the proposed retreat. *Carried.*

AI & Diane Bergsma, Delegation

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

Note: Councillor McGuire, Acting Mayor assumed the role of chair for the following delegation:

Delegation 2: Derek Rickman
6:40pm – 7:04pm 6194 & 6198 Water Street

Council was presented with a Planner's Report from Ezio Nadalin that provided background information and possible options to deal with building structures located at 6194 Water Street, Florence encroaching on the municipal road allowance. A survey was obtained in August 2020 that depicts multiple property encroachments including the drive shed of 2.35 metres and a primary home encroachment of 3.07 metres, both located on the west side of the property, as well as an encroachment for the front porch of .47 metres on the south side of Water Street. Several options were presented to Council for consideration. The following resolution was passed:

2021-22 Councillor Williams – Councillor Gray
 That Council directs staff to prepare an Encroachment Agreement, at the owner's expense, for 6194 Water Street, for Council's consideration at an upcoming Council Meeting. *Carried.*

6194 Water Street

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
-	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

Mayor Broad resumes the Chair

Delegation 3: Jeff Wranich
7:05pm – 7:10 pm Renewal of Bothwell Arena Agreement

Jeff Wranich a 12-year-old resident of Dawn-Euphemia presented a letter to Council, on behalf of the Bothwell Area Recreational Advisory (BARAC) Committee, requesting Council renew the arena user agreement and providing support to ensure the amenity remains available to Dawn-Euphemia residents, both now and in the future. Council reaffirmed their commitment to providing recreational programs to the residents of the community by means of contributing annual payments to local arenas as follows: \$500 Petrolia, \$450 Dresden and \$2,550 Bothwell. Council's intent is to renew the contract for the Bothwell Arena later this year. Council thanked Jeff for participating in the Council Meeting.

2021-23 Councillor Meyer – Councillor Gray
 That the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be approved. *Carried.*

Minutes – February 1, 2021

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
N	L. Williams

2021-24 Councillor Williams – Councillor McGuire
 That the Drain Maintenance/Repair Request for the Lomax Drain submitted February 5, 2021 from Carlyle Cross, be referred to the Drainage Superintendent with the power to act. *Carried.*

Lomax Drain Maintenance Request

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

2021-25 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer
 That the Court of Revision for the Young Drain be scheduled for Monday, March 15th, 2021, to be held by teleconference (due to COVID-19 restrictions). *Carried.*

Young Drain, Court of Revision

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

2021-26 Councillor McGuire – Councillor Gray

MOECP Correspondence: Florence

That Council acknowledges receipt of correspondence from the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MOECP), Mary Jane Corda, District Supervisor, dated February 4, 2021, Re: Surface Water Degradation in Florence from Failing Septic System and accompanying reports; And further Council advises the MOECP that the Township’s path going forward is to continue to act on “complaint basis”, consistent with the Township’s practice for not only septic complaints, but all complaints.

Upon receipt of a septic complaint, the Township will contact and request Lambton County to investigate the complaint. If the investigation can be linked to a specific home, the Township will proceed with an order to remedy under the Building Code Act. *Carried.*

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

2021-27 Councillor Williams – Councillor Gray

Brooke-Alvinston Fire Minutes, Oct 14/20

That Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Brooke-Alvinston Fire Committee Meeting Minutes, dated Wednesday, October 14, 2020. *Carried.*

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

2021-28 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer

Provisional By-law, 1st & 2nd Reading, Young Drain

That By-law 2021-02, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia to provide for drainage works on the Young Drain in the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, be taken as read a first and second time on this 16th day of February, 2021. *Carried.*

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

2021-29 Councillor Williams – Councillor McGuire

Adjournment

That this Regular Session of Council be hereby adjourned at the hour of 7:27 pm, to meet again on Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 6:30 pm (Regular Meeting), or at the call of the Chair. *Carried.*

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer
Y	L. Williams

Mayor

Administrator-Clerk