



The Corporation of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia

- M I N U T E S -

Regular Council Meeting
 Monday, January 18, 2021
 6:30 pm, Municipal Office, 4591 Lambton Line

Meeting was held by Teleconference, #18 (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, Resident

Disclosures: None

2021-04 Councillor McGuire – Councillor Gray

Minutes – December 21 & January 11, 2021

That the minutes of the December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021, Regular Council Meetings be approved. *Carried.*

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

2021-05 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer

Water System Financial Plan

That Council adopt the Drinking Water System Financial Plan dated January 2021, covering fiscal years 2021 to 2026, AND authorize its publication and submission to the required agencies. *Carried.*

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

2021 Budget Update: The Treasurer provided an update to Council on the 2021 Draft Budget. The first draft of 2021 Operating, Maintenance and Administration, along with the proposed Capital was presented on January 11, 2021. The budget estimates were revised with the following revisions:

- Road Budget adjusted for the proposed \$50,000 for increased gravel resurfacing.
- Police Budget adjusted for increase rent of \$10,000 at the Corunna OPP office.
- COVID-19 potential costs added to budget \$16,000 based on the grant announced in December 2020.

The effect of the changes result in a 1.57% average increase the Township 2021 tax bill, therefore a residential ratepayer with \$100,000 will see increase township taxes of \$10. The following pages were revised in the original 2021 Draft Budget:

- Page 1 & 2 reflects the above changes to summary pages.
- Page 3 & 4 reflects the changes to tax rates and comparison to average tax bills.
- Page 13 & 14 reflects the funding for COVID-19 costs.
- Page 19 & 20 reflects the potential increase in space costs for the OPP office.
- Page 23 & 24 reflects the planned gravel resurfacing increase to historical levels to maintain the road system.

Council requested an additional \$50,000 be included in the budget reserves for anticipated COVID/Gravel/Bridge costs. The following resolution was passed:

2021-06 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer

That Council review and discuss the 2021 Revised Draft Budget prepared for Council consideration; AND that an additional \$50,000 be added in reserves for COVID/Gravel/Bridges; AND further that the draft budget be presented for adoption at a Public Meeting on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm. *Carried.*

Revised Draft Budget

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

2021-07 Councillor Williams – Councillor Gray

Treasurer Retirement

That the retirement of the Treasurer be accepted by Council; AND that the Clerk be authorized to proceed with the hiring of a full-time Treasurer including advertisement with AMCTO and local newspapers; AND that Council be advised of the response and a hiring committee established at that time. *Carried.*

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

2021-08 Councillor Williams – Councillor McGuire

That Council receives the report from the Administrator-Clerk dated January 18, 2021 Re: Outdoor Skating Rink, Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre; AND in light of the current pandemic and provincial lockdown, Council defers the decision to a later date; AND that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr. Chapple for expressing interest. *Carried.*

Outdoor Skating Rink

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

2021-09 Councillor Williams – Councillor Gray

That the request for a letter of support dated January 8, 2021 from Brooke Telecom in support of an application for funding under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to deliver fibre internet services to rural areas of Lambton County, be approved by Council. *Carried.*

Brooke Telecom UBF

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

2021-10 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer

FB Connect Proposal-Bentpath Line

That Council acknowledges receipt of the Preliminary Information Package, dated January 13, 2021, received from FB Connect regarding a proposed 45m Lite-Duty Support Lattice Communications Tower to be located west of 3889 Bentpath Line in Dawn-Euphemia Township, and providing wireless internet services to Xplornet customers in the community. *Carried.*

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

Other Business

The Mayor advised Council that a special meeting of Lambton County Council will take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 10:00 am regarding the immunization roll-out plan for Lambton County. The meeting agenda and livestream link can be found at lambtononline.ca/meetings.

2021-11 Councillor Williams – Councillor Meyer

That this Regular Session of Council be hereby adjourned at the hour of 7:23 pm, to meet again on Monday, February 1, 2021 @ 6:30 pm (Regular Meeting), or at the call of the Chair. *Carried.*

Adjournment

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

Mayor

Administrator-Clerk