



The Corporation of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia

- M I N U T E S -

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
6:30 pm, Municipal Office, 4591 Lambton Line

Present: Mayor: A. Broad
Councillors: A. Gray (Teleconference)
P. LeBoeuf
J. Meyer

Absent: Councillor: M. McGuire

Staff Present: D. Clermont, Administrator-Clerk
P. Dalton, Public Works Superintendent
M. Seguin, Treasurer (Left at 7:27pm)
T. Towstiuc, Deputy-Clerk

Disclosures: None

Delegations: Ken Melanson, Manager of Planning, County of Lambton
6:30 – 7:15 pm Ezio Nadalin, Planner, County of Lambton
LPAT Decision of February 14, 2020 Re: Minimum Acreage for Farm Parcels

Ken Melanson, Manager of Planning, County of Lambton and Ezio Nadalin, Planner, County of Lambton attended Council to discuss the recent Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Decision, dated February 14, 2020 regarding the minimum farm parcel size of 30 Hectares (74 Acres), required Dawn-Euphemia Township. Council presented Mr. Melanson with their concerns, mainly that the new lot size will significantly limit eligibility for surplus farm dwelling severances in the Township, resulting in the demolition of suitable housing.

Mr. Melanson confirmed that all Consent decisions must align with the Provincial Policy Statement, the County of Lambton Official Plan, and the Township of Dawn-Euphemia Official Plan. If the application does not align, a recommendation to approve the application can not be granted from the County of Lambton Planning Department.

Mr. Melanson discussed the introduction of Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act*, which will potentially provide Municipalities with options, under the new Ministerial Powers giving discretionary authority for Official Plan decisions. A Regulation authorizing the process is forthcoming and should be reviewed by Council at that time.

2023-24 Councillor Meyer – Councillor LeBoeuf
That the minutes of the February 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted. *Carried.*

Minutes – February 6, 2023

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-25 Councillor Meyer – Councillor LeBoeuf
That the Reserves Policy Proposal be adopted as presented. *Carried.*

Reserve Policy Revised

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-26 Councillor LeBoeuf – Councillor Gray

That Council adopt the name change of Roads Capital reserve to Public Works Services reserve; And that the Fleet/EQ reserve be changed to Public Works Fleet; And that the Federal Gas Tax reserve be removed; And that the Recreation reserve be removed and its funds transferred to the DECC Complex; And that the Administration reserve be added; And that the Fire Fleet reserve be added as proposed. *Carried.*

Reserve Fund Changes

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-27 Councillor Meyer– Councillor LeBoeuf

That Council allocate from Reserves Surplus: \$50,000 to Administration, \$50,000 to Fire Fleet, \$75,000 to Public Works Services, \$100,000 to DECC Complex. *Carried.*

Reserve Allocations

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-28 Councillor LeBoeuf – Councillor Gray

That Council receives the report from the Public Works Superintendent dated February 21, 2023, regarding the supply and application of maintenance gravel for 2023 from McKenzie and Henderson Ltd. for gravel delivered to the former Dawn Township for \$28.15 for Granular “A”, \$ 29.40 per tonne for Granular “M”, and “Dawn Blend”, and for gravel delivered to the former Euphemia Township for \$31.25 for Granular “A”, \$32.50 for Granular “M” and “Dawn Blend” per tonne, plus taxes, plus any respective fuel surcharges as included in this report; And further that Council waives the requirements for a competitive process in favour of a negotiated process as the best interests of the Township would be served through negotiations for the reason that the Public Works Superintendent has worked extensively with this supplier in the past to develop a unique, durable blend of gravel that is considered to be a superior product for maintaining high quality gravel roads in the municipality, and as the supplier has the equipment and the expertise to deliver material in an expedient and efficient manner. *Carried.*

2023 Maintenance Gravel

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-29 Councillor LeBoeuf – Councillor Meyer

That Council approve the “Policy to Address Degradation of Water to the Municipal Drains in Florence”, as amended; And that a copy be sent to the Ministry of Environment. *Carried.*

MOECP January Update

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-30 Councillor Meyer – Councillor Gray

That Council hereby approves the Livestock Valuer’s Report dated January 30, 2023, for 6 expectant goats killed by a dog on Dawn Mills Road in the Township of Dawn-Euphemia; AND THAT the recommended compensation for 6 expectant, non-registered goats in the amount of \$300/each x 5 goats, (as per the Livestock Valuer Report) plus 1 goat valued at \$600, for a total of \$2,100.00 be approved for payment to the owner; AND THAT the owner of the dog be invoiced for all costs associated with the claim, including the Livestock Valuer Fee, in accordance with Section 5 of the Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act. *Carried.*

Livestock Valuer-Dawn Mills Rd.

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-31 Councillor LeBoeuf – Councillor Gray

Financial Statements Form 4

That Council acknowledge receipt of the financial statements report from the Clerk, in accordance with S.88.23(4) of the Municipal Elections Act. *Carried.*

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Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-32 Councillor LeBoeuf – Councillor Meyer

Dog Tag Payments

That Council approve the option to accept online and telephone payments for “Dawn-Euphemia – Animal License”. *Carried.*

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Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-33 Councillor Meyer – Councillor LeBoeuf

School Board Election Compensation

That Council for the Township of Dawn-Euphemia support the resolution dated December 12, 2022, from the Council of the Town of Petrolia Re: School Boards becoming responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections; And that the resolution be sent to Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton, County of Lambton and all Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario. *Carried.*

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Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-34 Councillor Meyer – Councillor LeBoeuf

Library Joint Facilities Review

That the Lambton County Library Joint Facilities Review Report, 2023-2031, from Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, dated January 18, 2023, be deferred to the next Regular Meeting of Council on March 6, 2023. *Carried.*

Recorded Vote	
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Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

2023-35 Councillor Meyer – Councillor LeBoeuf

LGPSB Repeat Offender Concerns

WHEREAS changes to our judicial system implemented through recommendation of the Ministry of the Attorney General to clear court dockets, free up crown attorney case load and court time while promoting lessening incarceration sentences and granting lenient bail for most offenders have created a paradigm shift that appears to result in the criminal being favoured while not considering the safety of the public. We recognize and value the of innocent until proven guilty, but we are seeing an increasing number of instances where dangerous offenders continue to offend while at large on bail and receiving consideration on the offences when they have their day in court;

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AND WHEREAS this practice is resulting in direct ineffectiveness of the court and fostering an attitude of indifference, as offenders of all nature of crimes, including violent offenders are not repenting from their mistakes, rather these offenders are re-offending. Often, they are re-offending through a higher crime knowing that the consequences will not be severe or in relation to the punishment of the crime committed. Offenders have an awareness that if they are apprehended and release on bail, they are free to offend much more, knowing plea bargains will be struck for a conviction on a minimal number of offences, while the overwhelming bulk of charges are dismissed;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the Ministry of the Attorney General have created frustration among law enforcement who's profession is to protect the public and keep communities safe resulting in morale implications to police forces across the province, including the Lambton OPP;

AND WHEREAS as recent devastating events across the province have begun to demonstrate a breakdown in the Criminal Justice System, with violent, repeat offenders being granted release, on conditions that are not respected or adhered to, with no penalty for those actions. There needs to be more consideration to the dangers of releasing offenders into the community while awaiting court and greater resolve to protect public safety by more stringent release conditions when bail is granted. We are aware of the decision of R. vs Jordan and the need to expedite trials through the court system so justice is served in a fair and timely manner. We are supporters and advocates of justice and safety for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Dawn-Euphemia call upon the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to:

1. Revisit policies and procedures that permit offenders to plea bargain numerous offences to a minimal number of offences, thereby reducing their sentencing. There must be consequences for actions of violent, repeat offenders; and
2. Revisit the bail release system, so those who are violent or repeat offenders remain incarcerated while awaiting bail to preserve and protect public safety.

AND THAT this resolution of council be forwarded to Attorney General of Ontario Hon. Doug Downey, Solicitor General Hon. Michael Kerzner, MPP Bob Bailey, MPP Monte McNaughton and County of Lambton Warden Kevin Marriott. *Carried.*

2023-36 Councillor Gray – Councillor LeBoeuf

That this Regular Session of Council be hereby adjourned at the hour of 7:46 pm, to meet again on Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 6:30 pm (Regular Meeting), or at the call of the Chair. *Carried.*

Adjournment

Recorded Vote	
Vote	
Y	A. Broad
Y	A. Gray
Y	P. LeBoeuf
----	M. McGuire
Y	J. Meyer

Mayor

Administrator-Clerk