

MINTUES
NEWBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 17th, 2021
5:00 p.m.



MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Diane Brewer, Councillors, Ron Challis, Mike Noe, Russ Patton, and Stacey Goldrick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Chad Trethewey
Melanie Clendinning

STAFF PRESENT: Betty D. Gordon, Clerk-Treasurer

STAFF ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Diane Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Russ declared a conflict with item #8.36 and 8.37.

2.1 WATER:

1. Water Financial Statements: (cc. Council – blue)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT the water financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2. DWQMS – Betty forwarded the requested documents from BluMetric for the Internal Audit on the DWMQS Feb. 23rd, 2021.

3. Review of the Tri-County meeting on January 26th. Schedule B and C of the West Elgin Water Agreement for your consideration on which one would Council like to see in the agreement. (cc. Council – orange)

Moved By: Mike Noe Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the Tri-County Water Board be notified that Council reviewed the schedules and agreed that both schedules should remain in the agreement. Schedule B as the historical schedule of what capacity each municipality

purchased and Schedule C, being a three year average of capacity consumed by each municipality is to be used as the percentage billed to each municipality for expenses not covered by grants, reserves or fees collected.”

Carried

4. Tim Sunderland, General Manager, CK – PUC, emailed regarding an exercise wherein Newbury is back fed water from the Town of Bothwell. Tim advised that he would like the test to be done in the spring and that there is a potential for it to cause turbidity and that flushing will have to take place on both systems. (cc. Council – blue)

2.2 SEWER:

1. Sewer Financial Statements: (cc. Council – green)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the sewer financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2.3 DRAINAGE:

2.4 FIRE:

1. Monthly training records.
2. Blue Card training. Chad is about half way through the training while Mark is about 75% finished. Tim LaCroix and Tim Kinsmen have not started yet.
3. Chad provided the driver’s information list and roster to the office.
4. Council asked if the Fire Chief was proceeding with any charges for the fire at 9 Tucker St. Council agreed that a letter and the Fire Chief’s report be sent to London Middlesex Housing.
5. Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 317 is asking for Council to pass the following motion regarding the latest announcement of the impending closure of the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College on March 31st, 2021.

Moved By: Ron Challis Seconded By: Russ Patton

“ WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18:

Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Newbury requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

2.5 BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Garett McCloud By-law Enforcement Report. (cc. Council – purple)

No report to date.

2.6 CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL:

CBO Report provided as per hours submitted. (cc. Council-orange)

3. COUNCIL MINUTES:

Council minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 7th, 2020.

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on December 7th, 2020, be accepted as presented.”

Carried

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Council asked the Clerk to remind the Fire Chief that she is waiting for info on the plaque that is to be ordered for a retired volunteer fire fighter.

The Reeve asked for contact information for the County librarian.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

INFORMATION ITEM

1. SCRCA – 2021 Approved Budget.
2. ICIP Covid Grant has been updated and re-submitted. The park items were removed and upgrades to the firehall were added.
3. Summary of the County Reserve Fund Loan. (cc. Council – yellow)
4. Township of Huron-Kinloss circulating its motion that requests the government to include Veterans Clubs to be included with Legion branches tax exemptions.
5. The Town of Carleton Place is circulating its motion that request the Government of Ontario to prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan and to develop a fund that will support licensed childcare and early learning education.
6. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is pleased to announce the release of *Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario (2020-2025)*.
7. Town of Amherstburg is circulating its motion of Council that requests the Province of Ontario to extend the AODA website compliance deadline for one year to at least January 1, 2022.
8. The MMAH contacted the municipal office to review the Village’s Financial Indicator Review and to discuss By-Law Officer’s roles in enforcing Reopening Ontario Act.
9. The Township of South-West Oxford circulating its letter to Premier Doug Ford wherein they support the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.
10. Letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines wherein informs us that our government has revoked Ontario Regulation 355/17, effective January 1, 2021, removing the requirement to release a new Long-Term Energy

Plan every three years.

11. Letter from the Ministry Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that advises that as of January 1st, 2021, the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) will be updated to include notifying municipalities of an applicants approved claim when it is approved and not after the appeal period ends.
12. Ministry of Transportation update on Off-Road Vehicles on Municipal Roadways. (cc. Council – green)
13. County of Middlesex Media Release that they begin 2021 with a New Economic Development Plan and can be viewed on the County’s Economic Development website.
14. SWM circulating their motion that asks the Province of Ontario and the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways.
15. Ministry of Infrastructure advising municipalities that Ontario will be conducting an audit on randomly selected recipients who received the CWWF funding.

6. **ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:**

1. St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Tree Program. (cc. Council – purple)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT some trees be ordered for the park and Veteran’s Road”.

Carried

2. The Town of Bracebridge is circulating their motion for your attention wherein they advise the government of their failing infrastructure and ask that the Provincial Government provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well planned, shovel ready projects. (cc. Council orange)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT Council support this motion.”

Carried

3. City of Hamilton asking for Council to support their resolution that asks the Province to consider amending its licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other cannabis locations. (cc. Council – blue)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT this motion be noted and filed.”

Carried

4. 2020 Canada Day Celebration Fund (\$1500) is to be used by the end of March. If we are allowed to use the Legion, I am suggesting a Canada Day Colouring Contest that will be displayed on tables in the Legion Hall. The tables will be lined up from the bar door to the stage (if we get that many submissions) and then residents would enter through the hall door, walk through along the tables to look at the pictures. They will be given 10 tickets when they enter the hall that they put in a bucket for a prize. At the end before they exit through the bar side they will be given a burger, bag of chips, drink and Canada Day cupcake.

Moved By: Russ Patton

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT the Parks and Rec Committee be asked to host an event to celebrate Canada Day with the funds received in 2020”.

Carried

5. The Town of Gore Bay circulating their motion wherein it urges the Province of Ontario to immediately review the recommendations and investigate the unethical practices of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over the industry standard despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities. (cc Council – yellow)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT Council support this motion.”

Carried

6. Newbury’s Insurance Renewal with Rowlands. (cc. Council – white)

Moved By: Russ Patton

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT Council accept the renewal policy with Rowlands.”

Carried

7. Snow removal complaints – 4 Newbury residents. Review of the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways Act.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Patton Excavating be asked to snow plow when there is a two-inch snow fall rather than the current policy of a three inch snow fall and that all the bus stops be salted when needed and the intersections be salted at the discretion of Russ Patton.”

Carried

Councillor Patton left the Council meeting at 6:45.

8. By-law 100-21, being a by-law to set interest charged on tax arrears for the year 2020.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT By-law 100-21, being a by-law to set interest charged on tax arrears, be given first and second reading this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 100-21 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed, sealed and numbered 100-21, this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

9. By-law 101-21, being a by-law to set the interim tax levy for 2021.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

THAT By-law 101-21, being a by-law to set the interim tax levy for 2021, be given first and second reading this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT By-law 101-21 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed, sealed and numbered 101-21, this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

10. By-law 102-21, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing.

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 102-21, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021, is given first and second reading this 17th day of February, 2021”.

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 102-21 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 102-21, this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

11. By-Law 103-21, being a by-law to establish procedures for the installation and Maintenance of 911 signs in the Village of Newbury. (cc. Council – orange)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 103-21, being a by-law to establish procedures for the installation and Maintenance of 911 signs in the Village of Newbury is given first and second reading this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT By-law 103-21 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 103-21, this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (cc. Council – white with pink top)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT the financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

8. **ACCOUNTS:** (cc. Council - purple)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the accounts that total \$58922.16 be accepted as presented,”

Carried

9. (a) **NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. On January 21st, 2021, a letter was sent to the Universal Broadband Fund supporting Xplornet Universal Broadband Fund Application.
2. Jana Nethercott, Clerk of West Elgin, sent a message that it came to their attention that the Village of Newbury has not been invited to attend Four County Transit Committee meetings. Jana apologized and said she would make sure to include our invite to the next meeting which is on March 15th.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Ron Challis be appointed to sit on the Four County Transit Committee.”

Carried

3. Marion Cabral, County Planner is prepared to have a Statutory Public Meeting for Newbury's Official Plan review. Thirty (3) days notice is required so as soon as we are able to have a public meeting in the Legion this will be booked. There is also 4 other planning applications submitted.
4. The Village received its second COVID payment (\$11,000) on January 29th. Would Council consider purchasing laptops from this funding.

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

"THAT the COVID payment of \$11,000 be used towards the cost of fencing the park."

Carried

5. Trickey Tax Team, the company who conducted Newbury's tax sale in 2020, advised this office that once the Court offices open to the public then the money that was received over the tax sale limit must be made in person to the London Court House.
6. As of February 1st, of this year, the Village will begin charging interest again on tax arrears. Council agreed that the Newbury Community staff return to regular hours but remain receiving COVID pay.
7. A Newbury resident has been given a letter stating that they must move their shipping container immediately as per By-Law 114-19.

9. (b) OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Each Council member was given the opportunity to bring new business to the table.

Review four (4) job applications for the Clerk Treasurer's position.

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Mike Noe

"THAT Council go in camera to discuss job applications."

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

"THAT Council rise from the in-camera meeting with no report."

Carried

2. By-law 104-21, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 104-21, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury is given first and second reading this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT By-law 104-21 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 104-21, this 17th day of February, 2021.”

Carried

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings (unless re-scheduled)

Regular Council on Monday, March 8th, 2021

Planning meetings will be scheduled in the near future.



REEVE DIANE BREWER



CLERK TREASURER BETTY D. GORDON