



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, May 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting

The Council of the Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 4:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

Council Present: Mayor David Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, Councillor Jeannette Douglas, Councillor Jamie Armstrong, and Councillor Wayne Deans

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers, Treasurer Stephen Ikert, Public Works Manager Randy Hills, Fire Chief Jeff McArthur, and Administrative Assistant Darlene Paolucci

Regrets:

1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Ferguson requested that any pecuniary interests be declared at the appropriate time.

2 MINUTES

a) Regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2020

RESOLUTION-2020-130

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the minutes from the April 23, 2020 Council meeting be approved as presented with no additions, amendments or deletions. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes

4 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Information Correspondence

RESOLUTION-2020-131

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the correspondence items presented be received and filed. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

b) Township of Mapleton - Provincial Review of Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

RESOLUTION-2020-132

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the Township of Mapleton's resolution that the Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine the appropriateness of the cost of the program; the adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the program;

the differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences; the economic competitiveness concerns and other methods of delivering the farm-tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) City of Hamilton - Support Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants.

RESOLUTION-2020-133

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the City of Hamilton's request that the Province extend authority to Municipalities to enforce odour and lighting nuisance complaints stemming from licensed and unlicensed cannabis cultivations within its jurisdiction. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Township of Armour - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

RESOLUTION-2020-134

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the Township of Armour's resolution to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

6 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Municipal Authorization - West Nile Virus Larvicide

RESOLUTION-2020-135

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports local action by Lambton Public Health to reduce the risk of the West Nile Virus and authorizes any permit application for West Nile Virus control submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks from an appropriately licensed exterminator to apply a larvicide into catch basins or surface water located within and owned by Brooke-Alvinston and located on private land that drain into the storm drain system or waterways located in Brooke-Alvinston. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Social Services Integration - Alvinston Library

RESOLUTION-2020-136

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston has no objections to the Social Service Integration proposal for the Alvinston Library. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Staff Position Updates

The Clerk-Administrator stated that the Part Time Fire Chief contract ends July 31, 2020 and that Parks and Recreation Supervisor position has been vacant since March 2020.

RESOLUTION-2020-137

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that Council receive and file the

report on the Staff Position Updates. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

Councillor Deans arrived at this part of the meeting.

d) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Canada Day 2020 Festivities

The Clerk-Administrator advised Council that some restrictions have been lifted by the Province for the COVID-19 pandemic however, restrictions are still in place for large public gatherings until the third and last stage of the planned framework to open up Ontario. Councillor Douglas agreed that the event should be cancelled. Councillor Armstrong questioned the possibility of having fireworks if restrictions are lifted closer to the date. The Clerk-Administrator informed him that due to COVID-19, fireworks would not likely arrive in time for July 1.

RESOLUTION-2020-138

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Canada Day Celebrations including the Ecumenical Service and Car Show be cancelled for 2020; and that the Celebrate Canada Program be notified of the cancellation. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

e) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Appreciation to Businesses & Residents during COVID-19

RESOLUTION-2020-139

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that staff be directed to implement the proposed appreciation to businesses and residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

f) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Dog Attack - River Street

The Clerk Administrator was further directed to report back at the next meeting on the issue of a dangerous dog in a store front without a muzzle and repercussions should the dog get out.

RESOLUTION-2020-140

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Council receive and file the report. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

g) Clerk-Administrator's Report: Spider Web Playground equipment replacement

The Clerk-Administrator reported that PARC member Brad Goss was helpful in seeking costs for the replacement of the webbing and volunteers for installation. A quote of \$15,000 + taxes was received for the replacement and an inspection fee of \$400.00 + tax for inspection after the work is done. Councillor Deans stated he is not in favor of it as he is afraid a child will get hurt.

RESOLUTION-2020-141

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the quote received from Elephant Play in the amount of \$15,000 + tax for the replacement webbing be accepted; and that the direct purchase option vs. the request for quotes process be used as the required webbing is a replacement part and not a whole piece; that pricing was from a direct supplier and that the Municipality has worked well with this supplier in the past. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried 3-1 (opposed: Councillor Wayne Deans).

- h) Public Works Manager's Report: Additional railings -BAICCC

The Public Works Manager discussed some of the issues involving the railing at the BAICCC.

RESOLUTION-2020-142

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that this report be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- i) Public Works Manager's report: Tractor Pull Area

RESOLUTION-2020-143

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston selects Option 2 of the Public Works Managers report. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- j) Lightfoot Oke Drain

The Public Works Manager spoke on the details of this drain and immediate work being done on it as authorized by the Drainage Superintendent.

- k) Treasurer's Report: Accounts Payable Listing - April 2020

RESOLUTION-2020-144

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Accounts Payable Listing for April 2020 be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- l) Treasurer's Report: Alvinston Drinking Water System Financial Plan

RESOLUTION-2020-145

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Council approve the Alvinston Drinking Water System Financial Plan for submission with the Water Licence renewal as required by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- m) Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis

RESOLUTION-2020-146

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Council approve a 2% annual increase to the Alvinston Water and Wastewater rates. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- n) Fire Chief - Monthly Report

RESOLUTION-2020-147

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the report submitted by the Fire Chief be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- o) Drain Issues

A drain maintenance request was submitted by a rate payer. It was reported that the request has been forwarded to the Drainage Superintendent.

7 BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws presented at this part of the meeting.

8 NEW BUSINESS

The Public Works Manager informed Council that he received notice from Enbridge that they are putting a gas line down Petrolia Line and Little Ireland Road.

9 CLOSED SESSION

Litigation or potential litigation matter

10 RISE AND REPORT

She reported that a closed session was held to discuss a litigation matter. The issue discussed was the outcome of the Normal Farm Practice before the Municipality and Mr. Daviduurma. In the meeting, Council was informed of the pre-hearing conference. Additional information on the hearing when scheduled will be made public

11 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2020-148

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the confirming by-law be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May, 2020. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

12 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Deans moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor