



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Municipal Office

The Council of the Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Municipal Office, 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, Public Works Manager Randy Hills, Fire Chief Steve Knight, Public Works Foreman Jerrett Hodgins, and Administrative Assistant Darlene Paolucci

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Ferguson requested that any pecuniary interests be declared when appropriate during the meeting.

3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021

RESOLUTION-2021-332

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the Minutes from the October 28, 2021 be approved as presented without any errors or omissions. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

6 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letters to Council

The Mayor noted the Holiday Meal hosted by the Douglas Family on December 26, 2021 with donations and volunteers accepted.

b) General Information

RESOLUTION-2021-333

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the general correspondence be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

c) CUPE - Review of OMERS Pension Plan

RESOLUTION-2021-334

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Council supports the CUPE Ontario motion for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third party expert review of OMERS' investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plan's sponsors and stakeholders. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) City of Sarnia - Renovictions

RESOLUTION-2021-335

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Council supports the City of Sarnia's request that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever increasing problem of "Renovictions" in the Province of Ontario. Citizens and communities are hurt by these unscrupulous practices which can and does impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financially and mentally) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) Township of Enniskillen - Cannabis Act

RESOLUTION-2021-336

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Council supports the Township of Enniskillen's request that Health Canada research more fully when AND before an applicant is issued a licence for either medicinal or recreational cannabis, AND notification and/or communication be given to the appropriate municipality, AND that regular inspections of these facilities should be MANDATORY to verify compliance by licence holders, AND upon complaints received by Health Canada online reporting should trigger an unannounced inspection, AND a comprehensive study of the Cannabis Act be undertaken as many Ontario municipalities have encountered problems.

That the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs re-evaluate their position that cannabis is not an agricultural product such as food, fur and fiber but is in-fact Industrial/Commercial in nature; That the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs support all Ontario municipalities to be able to determine appropriate setbacks in Zoning Bylaws as appropriate for their municipality for the placement of cannabis facilities within their Official Plan knowing full well that one size does not fit all. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Clerk-Administrator's Report:** Revision(s) to the Procedural By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-337

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the draft Procedural By-law presented be amended to request that the Clerk be notified 24 hours in advance of an absence for a meeting. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Auditorium Fees Request - ELMHA & Silverstick

RESOLUTION-2021-338

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that due to the additional and ongoing costs associated with the pandemic, the standard fee rental for the auditorium will apply. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Cost of Living Increase - 2022

RESOLUTION-2021-339

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council approve a Cost of Living Increase of 2.5% for Employees for 2022 Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried 4-1 (opposed: Councillor Jeannette Douglas).

- d) **Treasurer's Report:** Accounts Payable Listing - October 2021

The October 2021 accounts were presented to Council.

- e) **Public Works Managers Report:** Proposed River Street Trail to Cemetery

RESOLUTION-2021-340

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that Staff be directed to provide a report with a map on a potential trail at the BAICCC grounds for discussion at the next Council meeting. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) **Public Works Manager's Report:** Property Lines - 3236 River Street

RESOLUTION-2021-341

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that staff be directed to contact the property owner to discuss plan / intent on fencing and remedy the location of the AC units as needed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Zavitz Campbell Drain Tenders

RESOLUTION-2021-342

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council accepts the low tender from GM Construction in the amount of \$26,658.40 (including HST). Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- h) **Drainage Superintendent's Report** - Drain Maintenance Request

Councillor Douglas declared a conflict of interest as she is an assessed owner on the drain.

RESOLUTION-2021-343

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion That the drain maintenance request on the McNeil Douglas Drain be forwarded to the Drainage Superintendent with the power to act. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

8 BY-LAWS

- a) Draft Procedural By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-344

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that By-law 49 of 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of November, 2021. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Notice of Motion - Councillor Deans

The the Committee developed to procure the next fire apparatus include a Councillor (Jamie Armstrong)

RESOLUTION-2021-345

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Councillor Armstrong be appointed to the Committee developed to procure the next fire apparatus. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Remembrance Day Service - Mayor Ferguson advised of the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph on Nov. 11, 2021
- c) Emergency Declaration - Councillor Armstrong inquired about the status of the municipal emergency declaration; it was noted that other municipalities may work together in staying or removing the declaration.
- d) Sidewalks in Inwood - Councillor Deans inquired about a portion of sidewalk in Inwood that needed repair
- e) Campbell House, SCRCA - Councillor Nemcek noted the status of the house and deadline of May 1 to accommodate a plan.

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-346

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that By-law 50 of 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of November, 2021. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor