



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:30 PM - Thursday, May 22, 2025
Municipal Office

The Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 4:30 PM, in the Municipal Office, with the following members present:

Council Present: Mayor David Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, Councillor Don McCabe, Councillor Jenny Redick, and Councillor Craig Sanders

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers, Treasurer Stephen Ikert, Public Works Superintendent Jamie Butler, Parks & Recreation Manager Greg Thornicroft, Fire Chief Steve Knight, and Drainage Superintendent David Moores

Guests: Warwick Township Councillor Joe Manning

1 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Mayor requested that any pecuniary interests be declared at the appropriate time during the meeting.

3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025

RESOLUTION-2025-158

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the minutes of the May 8th, 2025 meeting be approved as presented, without any error or omission. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

a) Court of Revision: Logan Drain (Warwick Rep: Councillor Joe Manning)

There were no assessed owners present.

RESOLUTION-2025-159

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Court of Revision on the Logan Drain be opened. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

RESOLUTION-2025-160

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Councillor Sanders, Councillor Nemcek and Warwick Councillor Joe Manning be appointed to the Court of Revision on the Logan Drain. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Brooke-Alvinston-Watford Fall Fair Ambassador Presentation

Courtney McKellar was present virtually to speak to Council. She spoke of the Ambassador Program including why she ran, the benefits of being an Ambassador and her commitment to the Community when in the role.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Municipal Information

RESOLUTION-2025-161

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the circulated correspondence be received and filed. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) LGPSB Policed Communities

RESOLUTION-2025-162

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston request that the Province of Ontario continue to provide Ontario municipalities with funding to offset the increased costs associated with implementation of the CSPA, the ratification of several collective agreements, implementation of recommendations from the Solicitor General's audit and Bill 124; and

That While the funding provided in 2024 to offset the unexpected increases received through the annual billing statement was appreciated, there needs to be a more sustainable commitment from the province to continue to provide offsetting funding

That this motion be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with OPP policing, AMO, the Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner, MPP Bob Bailey and Premier Doug Ford. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Bill 5

RESOLUTION-2025-163

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to oppose Bill 5. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Town of Cobourg - Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

RESOLUTION-2025-164

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Town of Cobourg to call on the Provincial Government to increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that already been made and be indexed to inflation; commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) Town of Blue Mountains - Craft Cider

RESOLUTION-2025-165

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Town of Blue Mountains in urging the Province of Ontario to review and amend the current tax regulations to align the tax rate of craft cider with that of craft beer, therefore fostering a more balanced and supportive environment for local cider producers. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) Bluewater Power

RESOLUTION-2025-166

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that that the Clerk and Mayor be appointed as Directors to the Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation and its affiliates and authorizes the Clerk and Mayor to sign the appropriate circulated resolution. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Drain Maintenance Requests

RESOLUTION-2025-167

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the drain maintenance request for the Foster Drain be forwarded to the Drainage Superintendent with the power to act. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Hair Drain Maintenance Tender Results

RESOLUTION-2025-168

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the low tender submitted by H.E. Construction in the amount of \$16,013.57 be (including HST) be accepted. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Drainage Superintendent's Report - Hazen Drain Maintenance Tender Results

RESOLUTION-2025-169

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the low tender submitted by JLN Excavating in the amount of \$11,099.71 (including HST) be accepted. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) **Treasurer's Report:** By-law to Adopt the Municipality's 2025 Tax Rates

RESOLUTION-2025-170

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council pass the By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2025 tax rates for the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) **Treasurer's Report:** Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis and Rate Bylaw

RESOLUTION-2025-171

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council approve the projected rate increases for our Water and Wastewater Systems to be sustainable and pass the related By-law for these increases. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

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

RESOLUTION-2025-172

Councillor Jenny Redick 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 Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Request from Optimist Club - Tanner Redick Memorial Ball Tournament

Councillor Redick declared a conflict of interest as she is the organizer of the event.

RESOLUTION-2025-173

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston declares the Tanner Redick Memorial Ball Tournament being held July 24-27, 2025 as an event of municipal significance and acknowledges that the Alvinston Optimist Club will be applying for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) for the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Complex / Pavilion / Grounds at 3310 Walnut Street; and that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston waive section 3.9 of By-law 37 of 2021 to allow noise to extend to 2 a.m. during the 2025 Memorial Tournament. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

8 BY-LAWS

- a) By-law 17 of 2025 - 12-13 Sideroad Drain - third & final reading

RESOLUTION-2025-174

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 17 of 2025 be read a third and final time and finally passed this 22nd day of May, 2025 Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) By-law 22 of 2025 - Tax Rate By-law

RESOLUTION-2025-175

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 22 of 2025 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of May, 2025 Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) By-law 23 of 2025 - Water & Wastewater Fees

RESOLUTION-2025-176

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that By-law 23 of 2025 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of May, 2025 Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Upcoming Meetings:
May 29th @ 4:30 pm - Venfor Inc.
June 19 @ 4:30 pm - Plan of Subdivision review (Schouten)
- b) The Mayor announced that the Alvinston Optimist Clubs application to the Alix

Foundation in the amount of \$65,000 for court resurfacing and lighting at the BAICCC was approved.

- c) Councillor Nemcek noted the work done in Inwood by the Inwood 150th Committee to paint the fence and picnic tables at the ballpark in Inwood.

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2025-177

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that By-law 24 of 2025 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 22nd day of May, 2025
Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor