



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, April 23, 2026
BAICCC - Auditorium

The Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM, in the BAICCC - Auditorium, 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, Engineer Ray Dobbin, and Drainage Superintendent David Moores

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the BAICCC.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-144

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting be approved as presented without 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(s): Tait Swartz Drain and Davidson Drain

RESOLUTION-2026-145

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Court of Revision(s) be opened. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

b) Court of Revision - Tait Swartz Drain

Ratepayers Present: Dino Pasut & John Simatovic

RESOLUTION-2026-146

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council adopts the schedule of assessment on the Tait Swartz Drain. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

c) Court of Revision - Davidson Drain

Ratepayers Present: Carl Munro, Ron & Bernie Davidson

It was noted that slight changes to the drain need to be made to include the Watt Cran Drain.

RESOLUTION-2026-147

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that Council refer the report back to the Engineer for Revision to the Schedule of Assessment. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

d) Meeting to Consider - Morley Zavitz Drain

Ratepayers Present: Glen Miller (County of Lambton), David Ferguson, Alfred McRae, Carson Rombouts and Wendy Milliken

RESOLUTION-2026-148

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council adopts the Engineer's Report on the Morley Zavitz Drain. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

e) Meeting to Consider - Crocket Drain - Meeting to Consider

Ratepayers Present: Frank Nemcek; letter submitted by Stephen Gerber and Stacey Johnston

The Drainage Supt was requested to investigate pricing on the drain (plastic vs concrete) and investigate the area further with a report coming back for the May 14th meeting.

RESOLUTION-2026-149

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council adopts the Engineer's Report on the Crockett Drain Branch 'B'. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

f) Meeting to consider - Cherry Creek Drain

Ratepayers Present: Bud Kelly, Ron Martin, Frank Nemcek, Jim & Nancy Faflak, Dino Pasut, Jeff Lassaline, Ashley & Tom Parkins, Alan Percival, Jim Lucan, Les Douglas, Dave Mackellar, Phil Deschamps, Don Van Damme, Brad Goss and Jim Gilroy

A letter was submitted by Parkins Family Farm requesting the crossing at BM#1 be removed.

RESOLUTION-2026-150

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that Council refers the report back to the Engineer for revision. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

6 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Municipal Correspondence:

Councillor Redick acknowledged the Canada Day grant that was received from the Federal Government in the amount of \$10,000.

RESOLUTION-2026-151

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

Carried

- b) City of Sarnia - Municipal Accountability and Public Trust

RESOLUTION-2026-152

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the request for support from the City of Sarnia be received and filed. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Municipality of Waterloo - Community & Well-being Plan

RESOLUTION-2026-153

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the request for support from the Municipality of Waterloo be received and filed. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Western Ontario Wardens Caucus - Emergency Room Reform

RESOLUTION-2026-154

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the WOWC to call on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** 2026 Road Race

RESOLUTION-2026-155

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston has no objections to the temporary road closure of Nauvoo Road between Alvinston and Watford and the temporary closure of Churchill Line from Donnelly Road to Nauvoo Road and White Pine Road on Monday, May 18, 2026 for the Watford-Alvinston Optimist Road Race and that Churchill Line to Ebenezer Road be used as the detour route during the road race. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan

RESOLUTION-2026-156

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the report on the 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan be received and filed. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) **Treasurer's Report:** Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) Recycling Costs for 2027 and Municipal Options

RESOLUTION-2026-157

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council maintain the current service model of providing ICI recycling services and absorb the associated costs within our current funding structure. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** Revised - Roads Need Study

RESOLUTION-2026-158

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council directly engage Black Creek Engineering to conduct a road needs study in the municipality for a total estimated cost of \$16,000 as they have previously done other work on the roads which should see a cost savings; and that the roads need study be completed with monies used from the savings in concrete crushing to pay for the study. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** Engineering Proposal for Rokeby Line

RESOLUTION-2026-159

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the proposal from Black Creek Engineering for the engineering on Rokeby Line be approved and that the municipality not tender the work as Black Creek has done previous work on the roads which would recognize efficiencies in the report. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Municipal Council Remuneration Review Report

RESOLUTION-2026-160

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the changes presented for Council remuneration for the next Council term be approved and that a copy be presented at the May 14, 2026 regular session of Council for adoption. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

8 BY-LAWS

- a) By-law 25 of 2026 - Morley Zavitz Drain

RESOLUTION-2026-161

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that By-law 25 of 2026 (Morley Zavitz Drain) be read a first and second time. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Fire Inspection Services

RESOLUTION-2026-162

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality request that County of Lambton inspection services be investigated. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Flower pots - Alvinston and Inwood

RESOLUTION-2026-163

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that staff be directed to order 5 flower pots to be placed in Alvinston and Inwood Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Requests from the Optimist Club

RESOLUTION-2026-164

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council has no objections to aluminum signage being placed over the pavilion bar with the Optimist name on it; and that staff work with the Club to provide a listing of all sponsors that donated to the pavilion. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) The Public Works Superintendent advised that the road maintenance gravel is complete for 2026.
- e) Councillor Redick questioned the status of the proposed new surfaced tennis courts. She was advised that the Optimist Club anticipates it to be after Canada Day.
- f) Councillor McCabe provided a SCRCA update from a recent meeting he attended.
- g) The Mayor noted his wife recently completed the Boston Marathon.

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2026-165

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that By-law 26 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 23rd day of April, 2026. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor