Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer

May 5, 2020, 5:00 PM
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Present:	**Mayor - J. Murray Jones**
	Deputy Mayor - Karl Moher
	Councillor, Douro Ward - Heather Watson
	Councillor, Dummer Ward - Shelagh Landsmann
	Councillor at Large - Thomas Watt
Staff Present	**Temporary C.A.O. - Martina Chait-Hartwig**
	Clerk/Planning Coordinator - Crystal McMillan
	Treasurer – Darlene Heffernan
	Chief Building Official – Brian Fawcett
	Fire Chief – Chuck Pedersen
	Manager of Recreation Facilities – Vicki Hallam
	Temporary Manager of Public Works – Jake Condon

1. Moment of Silent Reflection

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

The Mayor reminded members of Council of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interest they might have. None were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda: May 5, 2020

Resolution Number 166-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the revised agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated May 5, 2020, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes:

4.1 Special - March 6, 2020

4.2 Regular - April 21, 2020

Resolution Number 167-2020
Moved by: Councillor Landsmann
Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That the revised Minutes from the Special Council Meeting, held on March 6, 2020 and the Regular Council Meeting, held on April 21, 2020, be received and adopted, as circulated.

Carried

5. Business arising out of previous minutes: None

6. Delegations, Petitions or Presentations:

6.1 Petition - Request to ban fishing at Crowes and McCracken Landing Wharves

Resolution Number 168-2020
Moved by: Councillor Landsmann
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Moher

That the petition, dated April 19, 2020, regarding the request to ban fishing at the Crowes' and McCracken Landing Wharves be received and that staff be requested to further investigate this matter.

Carried

6.2 6:00 p.m. Public Meeting - 2020 Budget – This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

7. Other Business and Staff Reports:

7.1 Transfer Station and Landfill Water Monitoring - 2019, C.A.O.-2020-14

Resolution Number 169-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Moher

That the C.A.O.2020-14 report regarding the Hall's Glen Transfer Station, the Stoney Lake Transfer Station and the Warsaw Road Landfill Site all be received for information and that the proposal for the 2020 monitoring year be received. Carried

7.2 Report to Council – Surface Treatment 2020, Public Works-2020-02

Resolution Number 170-2020
Moved by: Councillor Landsmann
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Moher

That the Public Works-2020-02 report regarding the Surface Treatment Tender T-03-2020 be received, that Miller Paving Limited be awarded the 2020 Surface Treatment tender for the two (2) capital works projects and further that the additional funds required be taken from the reserves.

Carried

7.3 2019 Development Charges Financial Statement, Treasurer-2020-08

Resolution Number 171-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Moher

That the Treasurer-2020-08 report regarding the Development Charges Financial Statement be received and that the statement be made available to the public by posting it on the Township website.

Carried

7.4 2019 Council Remuneration Statement, Treasurer-2020-10

Resolution Number 172-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That the Treasurer-2020-10 report regarding the 2019 Council Remuneration Statement be received for information.

Carried

7.5 Policy – Years of Service Recognition, Clerk/Planning-2020-20

Resolution Number 173-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watson
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Moher

That the Clerk/Planning-2020-20 report, dated April 6, 2020, regarding a draft Years of Service Recognition Policy be received, that the revised Full-time Employees Years of Service Recognition Policy be adopted as Policy HR-9 and replace the previous version and further that staff investigate a long-service policy to recognize part-time employees.

Carried

8. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

8.1 Deputy Mayor Moher – Update on County Council Matters

Resolution Number 174-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That the verbal report from Deputy Mayor Moher regarding an update on County Council matters be received.

Carried

8.2 Departmental Reports – C.A.O., Clerk's/Planning, Building Services, Finance, Fire, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments

8.2.1 Administration Monthly Report - March and April 2020, C.A.O.-2020-15

8.2.2 Clerk-Planning - March-April 2020, Clerk/Planning-2020-13

8.2.3 Finance Department Report January-April 2020, Treasurer-2020-11

8.2.4 March and April Fire Report, Fire 2020-

8.2.5 Parks and Recreation Monthly Report, Recreation Facilities-2020-04

8.2.6 Public Works Update, Public Works-2020-03

Resolution Number 175-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That the monthly staff reports from all departments for March and April 2020 be received with thanks. Carried

Resolution Number 176-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That financial statement reports be provided to Council once per quarter in a format that allows Council to compare the numbers. Carried

9. By-laws:

9.1 By-law 2020-26 - 2020 Tax Rate By-law - This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

10. Correspondence – Action Items:

10.1 Township of Mapleton

Resolution Number 177-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watson
Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the Resolution from the Township of Mapleton requesting the Province of Ontario to review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme be received and supported. **Defeated**

Resolution Number 178-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That the Resolution from the Township of Mapleton requesting the Province of Ontario to review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme be received. Carried

10.2 Township of Armour

Resolution Number 179-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That the Resolution from the Township of Armour regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario be received and supported. Carried

11. Correspondence/Information Items: None

12. Accounts: None

13. Notices of Motion: None

14. New Business: None

15. Closed Session: None

16. Rise from Closed Session with or without a Report: N/A

At 5:49 p.m., Council took a recess until 6:00 p.m.

6. Delegations, Petitions or Presentations:

6.2 6:00 p.m. Public Meeting - 2020 Budget

Resolution Number 180-2020
Moved by: Councillor Landsmann
Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the public meeting for the 2020 Budget be declared open (6:02 p.m.). Carried

Darlene Heffernan, Treasurer, presented the 2020 Budget.

6.2.1 2020 Capital Items – Managers Comments, Treasurer-2020-09

6.2.2 Written Comments Received

Ken and Lois Broadhursts – regarding Daleview Road
Steve and Connie Carveth – regarding Daleview Road

Marie Crawford and Gary Titus – regarding Daleview Road
Valera Jacob and Greg Nelson – regarding Daleview Road
Derrick Leahy – asking questions about the budget
David MacRae – White Lake Road East
Susan Malan – regarding Daleview Road
Angela Oran – regarding Daleview Road
Marianne Posthumus – regarding Daleview Road
Leah Thomson – regarding Daleview Road
Andrew Waite – regarding Daleview Road
The Little Building Company – Indacom Drive

Crystal McMillan, Clerk, read aloud the names and subject of the written comments that were received regarding the 2020 Budget.

Resolution Number 181-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That the written comments regarding the proposed 2020 Budget be received. Carried

6.2.3 Memo regarding Comments from Public on 2020 Budget, C.A.O.-2020-17

Resolution Number 182-2020
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

Whereas COVID-19 has caused a huge change to all of our day to day lives;

And further that the pandemic is causing huge future uncertainty for families dealing with job loss which is adding much day to day financial stress;

And further the deadline for finalizing the 2020 budget is now literally last minute due to COVID-19 and other delays earlier in the year;

Now therefore it is moved that the 2020 Capital Budget be reduced by a minimum of $275,000 and the same amount removed from 2020 tax levy as follows:

- $50,000 for tile drainage Douro Ball Park;
- $50,000 for Fuel Pumps at Douro and Warsaw;
- $75,000 defer portion of Daleview Road project to 2021;
- $100,000 deferral of capital items at the 2 Community Centres (Manager indicated that approximately $112,000 could be deferred in this new age if required).

And further these capital reductions will reduce the 2020 taxpayer levy requirement from $471,720 to $196,720 for 2020.

And further that the 2020 Budget be approved after the above changes are processed.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Moher. The roll was called by the Clerk and the vote was as follows:

Recorded	**For**	**Against**
Councillor Landsmann		X
Councillor Watson		X
Councillor Watt		X
Deputy Mayor Moher	X	
Mayor Jones	X	
Results	**2**	**3**

Defeated (2 to 3)

Resolution Number 183-2020
Moved by: Councillor Landsmann
Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the Public Meeting for the 2020 Budget be closed (6:38 p.m.).

Carried

9. By-laws:

9.1 By-law 2020-26 - 2020 Tax Rate By-law

Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That By-law Number 2020-26, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment for 2020, be passed as presented, in open council this 5th day of May, 2020 and that the Mayor and Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto with the condition that Council can defer items if required.

A recorded vote was requested by Mayor Jones. The roll was called by the Clerk and the vote was as follows:

Recorded	**For**	**Against**
Councillor Landsmann	X	
Councillor Watson	X	
Councillor Watt	X	
Deputy Mayor Moher		X
Mayor Jones		X
Results	**3**	**2**

Carried (3 to 2)

17. Confirming By-law - By-law 2020-27

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher
Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That By-law Number 2020-27, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the special and regular electronic meetings of Council held on the 5th day of May, 2020, be passed in open Council and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal
thereto.

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution Number 184-2020
Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That this meeting adjourn (7:00 p.m.).

Carried

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Mayor, J. Murray Jones

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Clerk, Crystal McMillan