

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

**April 25, 2023, 5:00 PM
Council Chambers in the Municipal Building**

Member Present: **Mayor Heather Watson
Deputy Mayor Harold Nelson
Councillor Thomas Watt
Councillor Ray Johnston**

Member Absent: **Councillor Adam Vervoort**

Staff Present: **CAO - Elana Arthurs
Acting Clerk - Martina Chait-Hartwig
Interim Treasurer - Paul Creamer
Manager of Public Works - Jake Condon
Planner - Christina Coulter
Fire Chief - Chuck Pedersen**

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of Council being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Moment of Silent Reflection

Council observed a moment of silent reflection.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

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

5. Adoption of Agenda: April 25, 2023

Resolution Number 119-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated April 25, 2023, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Council Meeting Minutes - April 4, 2023

Resolution Number 120-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, dated April 4, 2023, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

6.2 Notice of Motion: Request to send a letter to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (Councillor Watt)

Resolution Number 121-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

WHEREAS, the Douro and District Minor Hockey and the Township of Douro-Dummer have had a long history with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association;

AND WHEREAS, the hockey association has been involved in playoff hockey for decades;

AND WHEREAS, every minor hockey group in Ontario has enjoyed the previous format of traveling back and forth from town to town, competing to move on to the next plateau in the chase for a Provincial championship;

AND WHEREAS, the economic gains that small and medium municipalities enjoyed from accommodation revenue as well as restaurants and stores being utilized;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of Douro-Dummer send a letter to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association requesting to return to the previous playoff format that we have all enjoyed for years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement as well as Douro Minor Hockey and the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

Carried

7. Consent Agenda (Reports voted upon by ONE motion) - No Debate

7.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Introduction of the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act

7.2 County of Peterborough - Notice of Complete Application - Plan of Subdivision

7.3 Otonabee Region Conservation Authority - 2022 Financial Statements

Resolution Number 122-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That Items 7.2 and 7.3 of the Consent Agenda for April 25, 2023 be received.

Carried

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Tyler Peters, Greenview Environmental Management - Joint Fire and Public Works Facility Project Update

Resolution Number 123-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the presentation from Tyler Peters, Greenview Environmental Management, regarding an update on the Joint Fire and Public Works be received. Carried

Resolution Number 124-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson
Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That staff be directed to move forward with construction drawings and bring them back to Council for approval. Carried

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Report and Capital Project Status

Resolution Number 125-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Report and Capital Status document dated April 2023 be received. Carried

9.2 Additional Information – Bat House Request, Clerk's Office-2023-11

Resolution Number 126-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the report, dated April 25th, 2023 regarding additional information in regards to the request to place a bat house in Clintonia Park be received and that permission be granted to place a bat house in the park with educational signage. Carried

9.3 Procurement of new Parks Grass Mower, Recreation Facilities-2023-03

Resolution Number 127-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the report, dated April 25, 2023, regarding Parks Mower be received.

Carried

10. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

10.1 Update on County Council Matters

Resolution Number 128-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the verbal report from Deputy Mayor Nelson regarding County Council be received.

Carried

10.2 Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library Board Minutes - March 14, 2023

Resolution Number 129-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library Board meeting minutes from March 14, 2023 be received.

Carried

10.3 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2023

Resolution Number 130-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson
 Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 be received and approved. Carried

11. Correspondence – Action Items:

11.1 Municipality of Trent Lakes - Request to Change Municipal Oath of Office

Resolution Number 131-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt
 Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding a change to the Municipal Oath of Office be received and supported. Carried

11.1.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Introduction of the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act

Resolution Number 132-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt
 Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That staff be requested to review the proposed *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act*, and the proposed changes regarding auditing of municipal reserves and report back to Council at the second meeting in May. Carried

12. By-laws:

12.1 By-law No. 2023-23 - Adoption of Tax Rates and to provide for Penalty and Interest for 2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt
 Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That By-law 2023-23, 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 2023, be passed, in open council this 25th day of April, 2023 and that the Mayor and the Acting Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

- 13. Reports derived from previous Notice of Motions: None
- 14. Notices of Motion - No Debate: None
- 15. Announcements: None
- 16. Closed Session:

Resolution Number 133-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That Council move into Closed Session for Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose at 6:03 p.m. Carried

- 17. Rise from Closed Session with or without a Report

Resolution Number 134-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That Council rise from Closed Session with a report (6:59 p.m.). Carried

- 18. Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolution Number 135-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That staff investigate the opportunity for temporary help to clear the backlog of building permits with a cap of \$50,000.00 for the contract. Carried

19. Confirming By-law

19.1 Confirming By-law No. 2023-24

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That By-law Number 2023-24, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on the 25 day of April, 2023, be passed in open Council and that the Mayor and the Acting Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution Number 136-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That this meeting adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Carried

Mayor, Heather Watson

Acting Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig