

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

**October 3, 2023, 5:00 PM
Council Chambers in the Municipal Building**

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

Staff Present: **CAO - Elana Arthurs
Clerk - Martina Chait-Hartwig
Interim Treasurer - Paul Creamer**

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: October 3, 2023

Resolution Number 295-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated October 3, 2023, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes:

6.2 Council Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2023

Resolution Number 296-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Minutes from the Special and Regular Council meetings held on September 19, 2023 both be received and approved.

Carried

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

7.1 Peterborough County Council Minutes - August 16, 2023

Resolution Number 297-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Consent Agenda for October 3, 2023 be received.

Carried

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Tina Warren and Lois Wallace - Petition in support of the Enforcement and Licensing of Short Term Rentals

Resolution Number 298-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Petition from Tina Warren and Lois Wallace in support of enforcement and licensing for Short Term rentals be received.

Carried

8.2 Doug Owens - Presentation in support of Licensing and Enforcement of Short Term Rentals

Resolution Number 299-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the presentation from Doug Owens regarding enforcement and licensing for Short Term rentals be received.

Carried

9. Public Comment Period – No Debate or Decision:

9.1 Public Comment Period - List of Registered Speakers

The following persons provided a public comment on the following items:

- Suzanne Coros - Item 10.3
- Jeff Martin - Item 10.3
- Dave Koch - Item 10.3
- Peter Hillman - Item 10.3
- Nina Janoscik - Item 10.3

10. Staff Reports:

10.1 Report and Capital Project Status

Resolution Number 300-2023

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the Report and Capital Status document be received with thanks.

Carried

10.2 Extension of the Legal Services Agreement, C.A.O.-2023-23

Resolution Number 301-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the report, dated October 3, 2023 regarding the Extension of the Legal Services Agreement report be received; and

That Council approve the one-year extension with Aird & Berlis LLP for legal services for the Township of Douro-Dummer.

Carried

10.3 Short Term Rental Advisory Committee Summary and Next Steps, C.A.O.-2023-24

Resolution Number 302-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the report, dated October 3, 2023 regarding the Short Term Rental Advisory Committee Summary and Next Steps be received; and

That Council direct staff to finalize the draft by-laws related to noise and nuisance for approval with the inclusion of provisions for limited use of fireworks.

Carried

Resolution Number 303-2023

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That staff be requested to bring back a fulsome report regarding Short Term Rentals examining licensing options, strategies that have been successful in other communities, the expenses and potential revenue of a licensing program may create and potential legal issues with licensing vs. not licensing.

Carried

11. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

11.1 Events Committee Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2023

11.2 Short Term Rental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2023

Resolution Number 304-2023

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the minutes from the Events Committee dated August 21, 2023 and the minutes from the Short Term Rental Advisory Committee dated August 24, 2023, both be received and approved.

Carried

12. Correspondence – Action Items:

12.1 Letters to Council Regarding Short Term Rentals

Resolution Number 305-2023

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the letters regarding Short Term Rentals from Barbara McGregor, Betsy McGregor and Birchcliff Property Owners Association all be received with thanks.

Carried

12.2 Town of Midland - Resolution Regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Resolution Number 306-2023

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the letter from the Town of Midland regarding "Catch and Release Justice" be received and strongly supported. Carried

20. Confirming By-law: 2023-43

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That By-law Number 2023-43, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on the 3rd day of October, 2023, be passed in open Council and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

16. Announcements:

Councillor Watt shared positive comments he had received about the Township's tree program.

21. Next Meeting Date:

Committee of the Whole - October 10, 2023

Council Meeting - October 17, 2023

22. Adjournment

Resolution Number 307-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That this meeting adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Heather

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig