

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

**December 3, 2024, 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: C.A.O. - Todd Davis
Clerk - Deputy C.A.O. - Martina Chait-Hartwig
CBO - Don Helleman
Treasurer - Paul Creamer
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: December 3, 2024

Resolution Number 419-2024

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson
Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated December 3, 2024, be adopted, as circulated. Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024

Resolution Number 420-2024

Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on November 19, 2024, be received and approved. Carried

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

7.1 Municipal Appraisal Form (MAF) for Severance Files B-55-20 and B-81-24

7.2 Ministry of Natural Resources - Introduction of Bill 228 - Resource Management and Safety Act 2024

7.3 Peterborough County Council Minutes - November 6, 2024

Resolution Number 421-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnston
Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

The Consent Agenda for December 3, 2024, be received. Carried

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Delegation - David Bignell and John Runza, Morton Medical Center - Update on Morton Medical Center (MMC)

Resolution Number 422-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the delegation from David Bignell, Morton Medical Center, regarding an update on the Morton Medical Center (MMC), be received, and staff be directed to include this request in the 2025 Budget Deliberations, incorporating a \$3,977.00 tax rebate. Carried

8.2 Delegation - Donna Peacock and Jane Cooper - Request for Support of Fundraiser at Douro Community Centre

Resolution Number 423-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the delegation from Donna Peacock and Jane Cooper regarding a request to support a fundraiser at the Douro Community Centre be received, and that the fees for the use of Wellington Room for the event be waived. Carried

9. Public Comment Period - No Debate or Decision: None

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Report and Capital Project Status

Resolution Number 424-2024

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the Report and Capital Project Status document be received. Carried

10.2 Thermal Imaging Cameras Purchase, Treasurer-2024-24

Resolution Number 425-2024

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report, dated December 3, 2024, regarding Purchasing Report – December 2024 be received AND;

That Council provide directions to staff on whether to purchase two thermal imaging cameras for Fire Hall 2 and 4 prior to the cost increase which will save \$2,500 AND;

That if approved, this purchase is to be funded through the 2025 Budget.

Carried

10.3 Discretionary Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program, Building Department-2024-17

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the report, dated December 3, 2024, regarding the Discretionary Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program (DSSMIP) be received and;

That the Discretionary Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program continue in the whole Township and the fee be added to tax levy and staff be directed to bring back a report on the fee structure.

Councillor Johnston requested a recorded vote. The roll was called by the Clerk and the vote was as follows:

Councillor Johnston – No

Councillor Vervoort – No

Councillor Watt – Aye

Deputy Mayor Nelson – Aye

Mayor Watson – No

For the Motion – 2, Against the Motion – 3

Failed

Resolution Number 426-2024

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report, dated December 3, 2024, regarding the Discretionary Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program (DSSMIP) be received and;

That the Discretionary Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program be limited to high-risk waterfront and high-density areas, with a voluntary service option available for the remainder of the Township. Further, that staff be directed to prepare a report on implementing a user fee system and include funding for an education program as part of the general levy.

Councillor Vervoort requested a recorded vote. The roll was called by the Clerk and the vote was as follows:

Councillor Johnston – Aye

Councillor Vervoort – Aye

Councillor Watt – No

Deputy Mayor Nelson – No

Mayor Watson – Aye

For the Motion – 3, Against the Motion – 2

Carried

11. Committee Minutes and Other Reports: None
12. Correspondence – Action Items:
 - 12.1 City of Toronto - Respecting Local Democracy: Toronto City Council Stands Against Provincial Overreach
 - 12.2 City of Hamilton - Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

Resolution Number 427-2024

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Resolution from the City of Toronto regarding "respecting local democracy: Toronto City Council stands against provincial overreach" and the Resolution from the City of Hamilton regarding "opposing the proposed provincial initiative that seeks to restrict or limit the autonomy of municipalities in implementing road safety measures" both be received. Carried

13. By-laws: None

14. Reports derived from previous Notice of Motions: None

15. Notices of Motion - No Debate: None

16. Announcements:

Council Johnston - Thank you to everyone who attended us for the Township's Santa Claus Parade on November 30, 2024, in Warsaw.

Council Watt – The community be requested to stay tuned for upcoming fundraiser mentioned earlier in the year.

Mayor Watson - Extends gratitude to Sharon Foster for baking nearly 1,400 cookies and to Doyle Tree Service for their support with the Township Christmas tree lights.

17. Closed Session:17.1 Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25**Resolution Number 428-2024**

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That Council move into Close Session for the matters under 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; and that council will take a five-minute recess. (6:23 p.m.)

Carried

18. Rise from Closed Session with or without a Report**Resolution Number 429-2024**

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That Council rise from Closed Session without a report (6:58 p.m.).

Carried

19. Matters Arising from Closed Session: None20. Confirming By-law 2024-70

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That By-law Number 2024-70, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on the 3rd day of December, 2024, be passed in open Council and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Carried

21. Next Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting - December 10, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting - December 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

22. Adjournment

Resolution Number 430-2024

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That this meeting adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Heather Watson

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig