

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

**January 23, 2025, 10:00 AM
Town Hall
894 South Street
Warsaw, ON K0L 3A0**

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
Treasurer - Paul Creamer
Fire Chief - Chuck Pedersen
Manager of Public Works - Jake Condon
Manager of Recreation Facilities - Mike Mood
Library CEO – Maggie Pearson

Staff Absent: Planner - Christina Coulter
CBO - Don Helleman

1. Reason(s) for Special Meeting:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and stated that the reason for the Special Meeting is to allow for an informal working sessions regarding the draft 2025 Budget and further that Resolutions regarding the draft Budget will not be voted on at this meeting.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

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

4. Adoption of Agenda:**Resolution Number 027-2025**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded By: Councillor Vervoort

That the agenda for the Special meeting of Council, dated January 23, 2025, be adopted, as circulated. Carried

5. Other Business:5.1 2025 Draft Budget: Council Working Session

Council reached consensus on the following budget items; an omnibus vote on the items listed will be taken at the next Regular Council meeting:

- To exclude the additional three roads projects from the draft 2025 budget.
- That the request for a new Fire Department Pickup Truck be included in the draft 2025 budget.
- That the Clintonia Park Shelter Capital Project be removed from the draft 2025 budget.
- That the \$3800.00 donation for Morton Medical Centre be removed from the 2025 draft budget

The following motions were made by Council members; they are to be debated and voted on at the next Regular Council meeting:

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Johnston Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That a replacement for Public Works Truck No. 24 be removed from the draft 2025 budget.

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the request to convert the Seasonal Operator Position in the Parks and Recreation Department to a Full Time position be included in the draft 2025 budget.

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the repairs to the Municipal Office Elevator (mechanical lift) be removed from the draft 2025 budget.

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Johnston Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Township Tree Program be reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in the draft 2025 budget.

Motion

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That \$7500.00 be added to the draft 2025 budget for the purchase of new microphones for the Township Council Chambers.

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the Facilities Maintenance Plan project be included in the draft 2025 budget.

Motion

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the By-law Review Project be substituted in the 2025 draft budget to replace the transfer of \$10,000.00 to the Reserve for the new Township Zoning By-law.

6. Adjournment

Resolution Number 028-2025

Moved By: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That this meeting adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Heather Watson

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig