

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

**May 20, 2025, 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: **Clerk - Deputy C.A.O. - Martina Chait-Hartwig
Treasurer - Paul Creamer
Legislative Services Assistant - Anu Mundahar**

Staff Absent: **C.A.O. - Todd Davis**

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of Council being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 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: May 20, 2025

Resolution Number 143-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated May 20, 2025, be adopted, as amended.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2025

Resolution Number 144-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the minutes for the Regular Council meeting, dated May 6, 2025, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

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

7.1 Peterborough County Council Minutes - April 23, 2025

7.2 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau - Information Regarding Internal Restructuring

Resolution Number 145-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

The Consent Agenda for May 20, 2025, be received.

Carried

Councillor Vervoort joined the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Michael Gisinsky - Request for Road Improvements on Eighth Line Road, North Dummer, Clerk/Planning-2021-39

Resolution Number 146-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the delegation from Mr. Gisinsky requesting approval to conduct studies to satisfy Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) requirements regarding proposed improvement to Eight Line Road North Dummer be approved and that once available, the results be presented to Council for a decision on the proposed improvements. Carried

8.2 Wayne Edwards, Demers Road Residents - Request for Removal of Dead Trees

Resolution Number 147-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the delegation from Mr. Edwards on behalf of the Demers Road residents, regarding the removal of dead trees on Demers Road be received; that staff be directed to include a review of hazardous trees on Demers Road to the current work plan and to incorporate the cleanup of the identified hazardous trees into the future work plan. Carried

8.3 Kevin Errington, The Market on Stoney Lake - Urgent Concerns Regarding the Building Department – Requested deferral to future date.

9. Public Comment Period - No Debate or Decision

9.1 List of Registered Speaks for Public Comment Period

April Hope – Item 12.3 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act
Not in attendance.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Report and Capital Project Status - May 2025

Resolution Number 148-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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

10.2 Community Grant Requests - May 2025 - Treasurer-2025-13

Resolution Number 149-2025

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report Treasurer-2025-13, dated May 20, 2025, regarding community grant requests dated May 2025 be received and;

That Council approved the community grant requests from the Douro 200th Anniversary Committee. Carried

Resolution Number 150-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That Council approve a \$1,000.00 funding contribution to the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association. Carried

Resolution Number 151-2025

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the request for funding from the Morton Community Healthcare Centre not be approved. Carried

10.3 Procurement Update - May 20, 2025 - Treasurer-2025-14

Resolution Number 152-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the report Treasurer-2025-14, dated May 20, 2025, regarding purchasing report dated May 20, 2025, be received and;

That Scott Drummond Motors Limited is awarded the contract to supply and deliver the pickup trucks for Public Works and Fire & Emergency Services.

Carried

10.4 Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board Remuneration - Treasurer-2025-15

Resolution Number 153-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the report Treasurer-2025-15, dated May 20, 2025, regarding the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board remuneration be received and that Council approved the remuneration rates for Representative Appointees at \$100/Board meeting and Provincial Appointees at \$100/Board meeting.

Carried

10.5 Alternative Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal Election - Clerk's Office-2025-15

Resolution Number 154-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report Clerk's Office-2025-15, dated May 20, 2025, regarding alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election be received; and,

That Council direct staff to prepare a by-law authorizing the use of alternative voting methods of internet and telephone voting for the 2026 Municipal Election along with the use of paper ballots and tabulators on voting day; and

That one polling station be established in each ward of the Township.

Carried

10.6 Joint RFP for Legal Services - Clerk's Office-2025-16

Resolution Number 155-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the report Clerk's Office-2025-16, dated May 20, 2025, regarding the results of the joint RFP for Legal Services be received, that the Mayor and Clerk be directed to sign agreements with Aird and Berlis and Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP for the delivery of legal services for a five-year term with the option of two additional one-year terms. Carried

11. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

11.1 Township of Douro-Dummer - Library Board Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2025

Resolution Number 156-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the minutes from the Township of Douro-Dummer Library Board meeting held on March 11, 2025, be received. Carried

11.2 Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2025

Resolution Number 157-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the minutes from the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board meeting held on March 24, 2025, be received. Carried

12. Correspondence – Action Items:

12.1 City of Orangeville - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Resolution Number 158-2025

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the letter from the City of Orangeville, dated May 12, 2025, regarding responsible growth and opposition to elements of Bill 5, be received. Carried

12.2 Township of Russell - Resolution regarding U.S.A Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Resolution Number 159-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the Resolution from the Township of Russell, dated May 12, 2025, regarding U.S.A. tariffs on Canadian goods, be received. Carried

12.3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act

Resolution Number 160-2025

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated May 13, 2025, regarding Bill 17 - *Protecting Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act* be received and that it be referred to staff for a report to Council on the impact to Township and possible comments for submission. Carried

13. By-laws: None

14. Reports derived from previous Notice of Motions: None

15. Notices of Motion - No Debate: None

16. Announcements:

Councillor Watt - Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held at the Halls Glen Transfer Station on Saturday, May 24, 2025, and Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Johnston - Warsaw Lions Club is hosting their cruise night on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting May 22, 2025, and continuing until September 18, 2025, weather permitting.

17. Closed Session: None

18. Rise from Closed Session with or without a Report: None

19. Matters Arising from Closed Session: None

20. Confirming By-law 2025-21

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That By-law Number 2025-21, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on the 20th day of May 2025, 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 - Regular Council Meeting - June 3, 2025

22. Adjournment

Resolution Number 161-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That this meeting adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Carried

Mayor, Heather Watson

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig