

The Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph Council Minutes

Present: Deputy Mayor D. Manders, Councillors D. Regan, P. Mastorakos and A. Westman

Absent: Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson

Also Present: R. Reymer-CAO/Clerk, D. Kester-Manager of Public Works, P. Smith-Parks & Recreation Manager, T. Merner-Deputy Clerk, K. Langendyk-Treasurer, T. Loyens-Deputy Treasurer, L. deBoer-Economic Development Officer

Call To Order

Deputy Mayor D. Manders called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & Nature Thereof

None.

Delegations/Presentation

Middlesex County Warden, Kurtis Smith and CAO, Bill Rayburn attended to give an update on county services and a look ahead at issues and projects for the County. Topics of discussion included fire inspection services, broadband agreement with SWIFT, taxation distribution, ambulance dispatch challenges and transit projects. Mr. Rayburn further advised that the 2019 budget has been approved keeping the same tax rate. Council raised some questions regarding rural vs residential assessments and Mr. Rayburn advised a lot of work was done years back to provide accurate assessments for farm properties however they are still likely under valued. He further noted that unfortunately there is no direct relationship between assessment and services we deliver. Councillor P. Mastorakos asked if there is a streamlined approach towards best areas to use one-time funding received from province. Mr. Rayburn advise there is an opportunity to share services and create efficiencies for the lower-tiers. Deputy Mayor D. Manders thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Rayburn for their attendance at which time they both exited the meeting.

1/ Minutes

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by A. Westman

That the regular Council Minutes of March 19, 2019 be approved as circulated/amended.

CARRIED

Communications Reports

R. Reymer commented on the letter received from MMAH regarding the one-time funding of \$453,994.00 that the province has forwarded. He advised that he has reached out to our Ministry service representative for a few more details and will also be speaking with our local CAO's/Clerks regarding this funding.

The invitation for the annual Middlesex Municipal Association Meeting was included and R. Reymer advised council to inform T. Merner should they wish to attend.

Deputy Mayor D. Manders noted that Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson plans on attending the Ag Lets Talk event at Western Fair on April 24th and council members are also encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports

BRA

Deputy Mayor D. Manders gave a brief update of the meeting recently attended and noted that recycling fees are down 10% from last year. A. Westman advised that the Lucan Scouts would like to have a BRA member attend to educate and raise awareness for the Scouts as well as provide posters to place above bins.

UTRCA

A Westman gave an update on UTRCA budget and advised that a motion was made to rescind the budget in order to review capital projects. He further advised that a lot of media attention has been given to St. Mary's and Perth South regarding the capital project charges and fees levied to them by the UTRCA budget.

Parks & Recreation

P. Smith advised that the PRAC meeting was post-poned until the RFP for fundraising has been sent out. He further advised the RFP is ready and he will be emailing it out to council tonight for review. All comments were asked to be forwarded ASAP in order that the final RFP could be sent out on Friday, Apr 6th.

Staff Reports

CAO/Clerk

R. Reymer advised that D. Kester has followed up with BM Ross to ensure we are moving forward with the review for future expansion of the sewage treatment plant and residential designated land. D. Kester commented that he hopes to have something in this regard for the next meeting.

R. Reymer advised that the federal government has announced an increase in the gas tax funds this year and in our case the increase equals \$142,000.00

Finance

K. Langendyk noted that the auditor is attending next week and we should have final 2018 numbers ready by the end of that week. She further advised that in consideration of the council remuneration policy being reviewed and updated once the 2019 remuneration rates are set, from an administration point it would make sense to change the pay rate schedule to monthly.

Parks & Recreation

P. Smith advised that the hockey/skating season has wrapped up and the ice is in the process of being removed. He further congratulated Renous, New Brunswick on being named Kraft Hockeyville 2019 this past weekend.

Councillor's Comments

D. Regan advised he attended the Essential of Municipal Fire Protection workshop recently which was very informative.

A Westman advised that he has been in discussions with the Alzheimers Society regarding making communities more accessible and safe. He noted that they would like to start promoting at the municipal level and will be reaching out to us in the near future to attend a council meeting.

L. deBoer advised that she and Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson attended Country 104 on Monday to make the live announcement regarding the concert acts for Baconfest 2019. Tickets are \$25 per person and go on sale Wednesday, April 3rd.

Deputy Mayor D. Manders commented on information forwarded to council and the Mayor in regards to a mental health initiative that a local family is working on together with the Canadian Mental Health Association.

2/ Mental Health Pilot Project

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by A. Westman

That the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph supports the efforts of a local family in their attempts to bring a mental health initiative and pilot project to our community.

And further that the Township of Lucan Biddulph authorizes the use of the Township logo for this pilot project.

CARRIED

3/ Baconfest Noise Exemption

Moved by A. Westman

Seconded by P. Mastorakos

WHEREAS the Lucan Lions, Hogtown Cycles and CEDC will be hosting a Bike Pull & Concert event on Saturday, July 13th, 2019 at the Lucan Community Memorial Centre.

AND WHEREAS exemption from the Township of Lucan Biddulph's Noise By-law is required to allow for noise which may surpass the allowed levels during the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

AND WHEREAS the Lucan Dog Park will be closed on Friday July 12th, 2019 and Saturday July 13th, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provisions of the Noise By-law shall not apply during the Bike Pull & Concert event.

CARRIED

4/ Hodgins Drain Engineer

Moved by A. Westman

Seconded by D. Regan

That the engineering firm of Spriet Associates be appointed as the Township's Engineer regarding the petition for drainage works for the Hodgins Drain.

CARRIED

5/ By-Laws

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by A. Westman

That if no one cares to speak to these By-laws on their First, Second and Third Reading, that they be considered to have been read a First time and Passed, read a Second time and Passed, read a Third time and Passed, that they be numbered:

- 21-2019 Confirming Bylaw

CARRIED

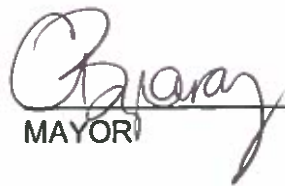
6/ Adjournment

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded A. Westman

Resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED


MAYOR


CLERK