

# The Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph Council Minutes

**Present:** Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson, Deputy Mayor D. Manders, Councillor D. Regan, Councillor P. Mastorakos and A. Westman

**Also Present:** R. Reymer-CAO/Clerk, T. Merner-Deputy Clerk, L. deBoer-Economic Development Coordinator, J. Little-Public Works Manager, K. Langendyk-Treasurer, P. Smith-Parks & Recreation Manager

## **Call To Order**

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting took place electronically with the Mayor and CAO/Clerk in attendance at the Township office and all other attendees via electronic participation.

## **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & Nature Thereof**

None

## **Announcements**

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson opened the meeting by announcing yesterday was International Firefighter Day and it is dedicated to honouring Saint Florian, a symbolic saint of firefighting. Lucan Biddulph is fortunate to be served by two volunteer firefighter departments. The Mayor thanked all the volunteer fire fighters for their service. She further noted this week marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Emergency Preparedness Week and all week long the Emergency management team from Middlesex County is sharing helpful tips to remind us all how we can be better prepared for emergencies. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson also noted this week is also mental health week and in Lucan Biddulph we are all keenly aware of how important it is to look after our mental health. She further reminded residents during this time of quarantine to always look out for your neighbours, friends, co-workers and family and offer support where needed.

## **Delegations**

Lucas Egli from Jacobs attended, virtually via Zoom, to present two reports regarding inspections performed to our Municipal Water System. Mr. Egli highlighted a few items from the 2019 Summary Report including modifications and maintenance done to the system, one water main break, assumed sections of water main, lead sampling results, no non-compliance issues and daily average flows. Mr. Egli noted that average daily flows were slightly less than the previous couple of years which is good news. Mr. Egli then reviewed the Drinking Water Quality Management System 2019 Annual Report. Discussion took place regarding the water main break that happened last year on William Street and the possibility of any additional strain on our water system at this time. Mr. Egli advised that regular testing is continuing, guidelines and procedures are being following and our system continues to work well within our limits presently.

### **1/ Lucan Biddulph Water Distribution Annual Report**

*Moved by A. Westman*

*Seconded by D. Regan*

*That the Township of Lucan Biddulph accepts the Lucan Biddulph Water Distribution System Annual and Summary Reports for 2019, as presented.*

CARRIED

### **Adoption of Minutes**

#### **2/ Minutes**

*Moved by D. Regan*

*Seconded by P. Mastorakos*

*That the regular council minutes of April 21, 2020 be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **Business Arising**

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson announced all items are ongoing at this time.

### **Communications Reports**

R. Reymer commented on the "*Framework for Reopening our Province*" document noting it will be a phased in approach and a consistent decline in COVID-19 confirmed cases will need to happen before the Ontario Premier starts to re-open the economy. R. Reymer further noted discussion has been taking place between the CAO's across Middlesex County and lower-tier municipalities will be trying to remain consistent with re-opening of offices and facilities.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **CEDC**

L. deBoer advised Baconfest 2020 has been cancelled and that an in-person ticket refund procedure has been established for concert ticket holders or vendor registration fees that were purchased via cash. Refunds will be available at the Lions Active Living Centre location in the Community Centre on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm and Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-1pm.

#### **Lake Huron Water Supply**

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised the next meeting does not take place until June, however there are a number of repairs beginning to take place on the pipeline and anyone who is interested in the location can refer to the Lake Huron Water System website for further information.

#### **ABCA and UTRCA**

A Westman advised that electronic meetings have taken place for both conservation authorities and most conversations for both were regarding the current lockdown, and revenue flows that are no longer taking place. He advised there is some hope that later this summer the Conservation Authorities will be able to open walking trails.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **CAO/Clerk**

R. Reymer reviewed report no. CAO-08-2020 regarding monthly updates from the CAO/Clerk's department. He noted construction has re-started at our Industrial Park development which is nice to see for those businesses currently building. R. Reymer welcomed Ms. Maggie Smith as our new full-time receptionist.

T. Merner advised the AMO 2020 Conference has been cancelled and changed to a virtual conference platform. Any council members wishing to cancel their registration fees were asked to advise T. Merner.

#### **Finance**

K. Langendyk advised report no. FIN-07-2020 is included for information purposes and explains the costs savings benefited from the hedging program we participate in for Hydro with LAS. K. Langendyk further advised she is working on numbers regarding financial impact from COVID-19 and should have a report available at the next meeting.

#### **Parks & Recreation**

P. Smith advised the province has implemented public health guidelines for community gardens to follow. He further advised that the greenhouse and shed will be closed and participants will be asked to use their own tools.

### *Economic Development*

L. deBoer advised we are working on signage for local businesses and floor stickers to help assist with businesses re-opening. She further noted we are working on new promotions and campaigns to help support our local businesses.

### *Public Works*

R. Reymer gave an update on the Nagle Drive project and advised Mr. Little is currently speaking with a resident in relation to this project and staff are working to get all 12 signatures required from the residents water main agreement. He further noted the contractor is ready to go once this agreement is signed. J. Little returned to the meeting and explained some concerns of the residents regarding a clause included in the agreement pertaining to additional costs incurred, if any. J. Little further advised the clause is included to protect the municipality and further that a lot of true estimates have been completed and he is confident in the cost estimates provided.

J. Little provided a further update from his department including reminder of the large item spring clean-up taking place May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and green-waste bins remain at the public works shop and in Granton until later this month. J. Little further advised hanging baskets and planters can be added in Clandeboye however additional costs will need to be considered and added to the 2021 budget discussions. J. Little further advised the Heenan Drain study has been completed and forwarded onto the Ministry and this was a requirement as one of the first studies to be completed regarding expansion to the Lucan Waste Water Treatment Plant.

### **Councillor's Comments**

Discussion took place regarding the community centre phase 2 project and status of the grant funding application. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised she spoke with MPP Monte McNaughton recently and he advised the application is still moving forward in the process as planned and we should hear something later this summer.

Councillor P. Mastorakos advised he has put his name forth for nomination to the AMO Board of Directors for Rural Caucus Director for the 2020-2022 term. He further noted there is potential for costs to the Township, however he plans to align travel time and arrangements with his business therefore no additional costs would be incurred by the Township. Councillor P. Mastorakos further advised he hopes to gain best practices knowledge and share successes of our Township with others and requested council support of his nomination.

Discussion took place regarding our local food bank and how residents can continue to support. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised a local food drive is in the process of being scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June and local municipalities are staggering food drive's as space is limited at the Ailsa Craig food bank location.

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson reminded council of the virtual County of Middlesex Warden and CAO meeting that will be taking place this coming Thursday to replace their annual visits to each lower-tier municipality. All municipalities have been invited to attend and it will be a great opportunity to hear from senior staff members at the County as well.

### **Motions**

#### **3/ Nagle Drive water main project**

*Moved by P. Mastorakos*

*Seconded by D. Regan*

**RESOLVED** that Council award the tender for the Nagle Drive Water main extension to GW-EX Inc. in the amount of \$439,284.00 plus HST subject to the submission of a fully executed legal agreement by all parties.

CARRIED

4/ AMO Board of Direction Nomination support

Moved by D. Manders

Seconded by A. Westman

That the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph supports the nomination of Councillor Peter Mastorakos for the position of Rural Caucus Director for the 2020-2022 AMO Board of Directors.

CARRIED

5/ Confirming

Moved by A. Westman

Seconded by P. Mastorakos

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:

- 17-2020 Execution of Development Agreement (1525020 Ontario Inc.)
- 18-2020 Confirming By-law

CARRIED

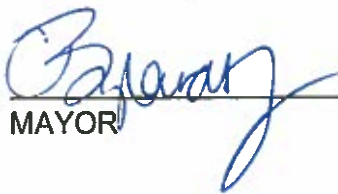
6/ Adjournment

Moved by A. Westman

Seconded D. Regan

Resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK