

# The Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph Council Minutes

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

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

**Absent:** Deputy Mayor D. Manders

## Call To Order

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson opened the meeting with the following speech regarding World Mental Health Awareness week and the recent tragedy of a young man in our community.

Last week was World Mental Health Awareness week. In fact, Thursday was World Mental Health Day. I can't help but take some time to reflect on that. Last week our community was rocked by the tragic death of a young man. He and his family are well known in Lucan, having roots that go back a ways and having large family trees. It seems we cannot go very far without finding someone who is related to this family! It seemed wherever one went this death affected everyone. It was on the tops of minds everywhere in Lucan Biddulph last week. So much love and support for a young man who in his own darkness did not see this. So much love and support for a family dealing with an unimaginable tragedy. As the week went on, those on social media, could not help but see all of the trending posts with regards to Mental Health Awareness. Quotes uploaded, pictures uploaded...seems everyone changed profile pictures to reflect World Mental Health Day...I know I did. In many ways it was inspiring, challenging and very impactful. My fear is now what????

There are many mental health initiatives, such as, but not limited to Bell Let's Talk. I'm sure in our own ways we support these campaigns. These campaigns come and they go...then what? WE have to keep the conversation going. The library has been instrumental working with the Wraith Family Foundation to have these discussions in our community. There are so many resources here to help individuals and families who are struggling with mental health issues. As a council, we have endorsed this work. I don't presume to have any answers or solutions to what seems to be a growing health issue. But I do want us all...elected officials and staff to think about our community of Lucan Biddulph and how we can be a supportive and safe community for those that are struggling. We look at so many reports and plans through many lenses---it's time to look at our community reports with a mental health lens. As municipal leaders we need to support the work that is being done in our community. We recognize our role when it comes to physical health and providing recreational opportunities for residents. We have to recognize where we can be supportive of programs supporting mental health. I believe the discussion that was started at the library a couple of weeks is the beginning of this kind of recognition. At the funeral last week, Colin Haskett challenged us all and I would like to do the same. 1) take your phones out and get to the add contact screen, type in 1-833-456-4566...That is the Mental Health Crisis Line. 2) If you are on social media, think about the posts you usually post. I'm sure like the vast majority of social media posts, your posts paint a picture of happiness, content—mine usually show something that I have baked! Seriously, they don't show the sleepless nights, or the self-doubt or reflect on the conflicts I may be experiencing in my life. While you don't have to

go into detail or share what could be deeply personal...think about sharing...Life's not easy, I get that...I have bad days too. Letting others know that life may not be rainbows and unicorns in your household, may help one person. And if that post does something like that, then social media has worked! If you are not on social media...consider reaching out to someone who normally you might pass by—open the door, smile at someone, let the person behind you at Foodland, go ahead. Be kind.

Last week reinforced that there is much work to be done...let us all around the horseshoe, not be afraid to tackle when and where we have a role. “

Cathy Burghardt-Jesson  
Mayor Lucan Biddulph

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & Nature Thereof**

None.

**Delegations**

*Little Sprouts Program*

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson acknowledged Bonnie Forron for her efforts in running the Little Sprouts Program in Granton this past summer. Mrs. Forron along with her group of Little Sprouts advised council and staff that with their contributions to the Granton Community Garden they were able to donate 457 lbs. of fresh produce to the local food bank this past summer and thanked Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson for the recognition.

*Glen Boy, Campaign Coaches*

Mr. Glen Boy attended to present his report regarding the feasibility study conducted regarding fundraising for Phase 2 of the Community Centre renovation project. He advised that the objectives of the study were to determine capacity, community perceptions and identify potential contributors for a \$3,000,000.00 fundraising goal. Mr. Boy noted that out of 64 identified candidates, 22 interviews were completed and most felt there was limited awareness of the project since it was scaled back to an attainable goal. Mr. Boy also provided additional feedback and comments received regarding the proposed project. In conclusion Mr. Boy stated that a \$3,000,000.00 goal is not likely attainable and recommended that a campaign goal of \$750,000 - \$1,000,000 would be justified. He provided council with a suggested 12-month timeline for the campaign which would wrap up approximately 1 year from now. Questions and discussion followed by council and R. Reymer suggested that a follow-up report from the Parks & Recreation Manager and CAO would be brought forward to council in November.

**1/ Minutes**

*Moved by D. Regan*

*Seconded by A. Westman*

*That the regular council minutes of October 1, 2019 be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**Communications Reports**

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson noted the invitation to the 2019 Warden's Banquet and advised council to reply to Clerk, Kathy Bunting if planning on attending.

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson commented on the presentation made at the County of Middlesex Council meeting by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) regarding Animal Activism. The report asked for County council and all lower tier municipalities to adopt a similar resolution as that passed by Township of Warwick council on June 17, 2019. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson noted the OFA is proposing to make recommendations and lobby for legislative changes to stop protests that harass workers at their workplace. She further requested that staff draft a similar

resolution for passing at next council meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *CEDC*

Councillor P. Mastorakos advised the committee met last week and had a good discussion/strategy session regarding next steps to ensure good economic development in Lucan and area.

#### *Lake Huron & Elgin Water Supply System*

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson gave an update on the recent meeting. She noted they passed the 2020 operating and capital budget and they also discussed water rates in the 5 year forecast noting only a 1% increase expected to our rates. She further noted that OCWA received international recognition for the work they did to increase efficiency at the Lake Huron Water Supply station in Grand Bend.

#### *ABCA and UTRCA*

Councillor A. Westman advised both Conservation Authorities are working on 2020 budgets right now and looking at what programs they can postpone or merge with others or eliminate all together. The goal is to try and keep the financial impact on municipalities as minimal as possible.

### **Staff Reports**

#### *CAO/Clerk*

R. Reymer reviewed the report provided by T. Merner regarding the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee and the suggested combined representation for the South West region in order to reduce the size of the committee. Councillor A. Westman advised Dave Frayne is very knowledgeable and will represent us well.

T. Merner reviewed her report regarding animal control options for cats and updates that have been made since the original discussion took place at August 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting. She noted staff is looking for direction from council on how they wish to proceed. Discussion was had from council members regarding the option of adding an animal control fee to the general tax levy, amending our bylaw to add a limit on number of animals per household which would include cats and incentives for catching, spaying and neutering cats. R. Reymer noted there is merit in adding a limit on number of dogs and cats per household to our bylaw, as this would give council the power to address an issue or complaint when they arise. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised she would prefer to see how the animal control fee on the general tax levy works for our neighbouring municipalities first before we jump on board and follow suit. Staff was requested to amend the animal control bylaw and bring back to council for passing.

R. Reymer advised he attended a workshop regarding Community Safety and Well Plan recently. He added it is a requirement for all municipalities to have this plan in place by January 2021. The framework of the plan is intended to get all municipalities and their partners thinking in new ways about local issues and potential solutions by exploring options to address risks through social development, prevention and risk intervention. R. Reymer advised he intends on discussing at the next CAO's meeting as this type of project would be more appropriate from the upper-tier level.

R. Reymer advised the first meeting with BM Ross regarding updating our development charges bylaw will take place on Thursday of this week.

*Finance*

K. Langendyk advised the capital budget meeting for 2020 will be taking place in the upcoming weeks and council should be working on their list of suggestions/requests for that meeting.

*Public Works*

J. Little reviewed his report regarding the Clandeboye sidewalk project. He noted that the one company that did submit a bid was the same that completed our sidewalk work last year and staff was pleased with their work.

J. Little reviewed his report regarding the Denfield water corridor service agreement. He noted that the agreement includes a proposed water main that may be added in next year along Denfield Road, with 100% of the construction costs being responsibility of North Middlesex. He further noted two of our residents along Denfield will benefit from increase to pressure should this project move forward.

J. Little provided an update on the Nagle Drive water main project and advised he expects the tender for the project should be ready to go out in the first part of 2020.

*Parks & Recreation*

P. Smith advised he and Ron are reviewing the Infrastructure Grant application and may possibly be calling a special meeting before the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for council to review the application.

**2/ Accounts Paid**

*Moved by P. Mastorakos*

*Seconded by D. Regan*

*Resolved that the council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph approve the accounts, as listed identified below, as paid:*

<i>September 2019</i>	<i>\$1,627,549.59</i>
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*CARRIED*

**3/ Source Protection Committee nomination**

*Moved by A. Westman*

*Seconded by P. Mastorakos*

*Resolved That the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph supports the recommendation to have Dave Frayne's continued seat on the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee as the representative for the new combined South West region.*

*CARRIED*

**4/ Clandeboye sidewalk**

*Moved by D. Regan*

*Seconded by P. Mastorakos*

*Resolved that Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph authorizes staff to accept the quoted price for the Clandeboye sidewalk replacement project as received by Albeck Construction Inc. in the amount of \$25,530.00 + HST.*

*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:*

- *53-2019 Execution of Agreement (Fire Inspection Services)*

- 54-2019 Execution of Agreement (Denfield Corridor Water Services)
- 55-2019 Confirming Bylaw

**CARRIED**

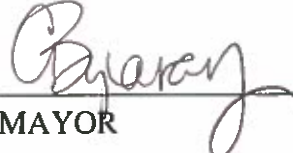
**6/ Adjournment**

*Moved by A. Westman*

*Seconded D. Regan*

*Resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.*

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK