



# Township of Chatsworth

## Special Meeting of Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mayor Scott Mackey  
Deputy Mayor Terry McKay  
Councillor Elizabeth Thompson  
Councillor Peter Whitten

Regrets: Councillor Shawn Greig

Staff Present: CAO Clerk, Patty Sinnamon  
Fire Chief, Mike Givens  
Planner, Ron Davidson  
Operations Manager, Anthony Gibbons  
Admin. Assistant Clerks/Planning, Tyler Zamostny

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. OPENING CEREMONIES – O CANADA AND MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Mackey invited members of Council to join him in a moment of reflection before proceeding with the Council Meeting.

### 3. APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA

Resolution 2023-04-01

Moved by: Terry McKay

Seconded by: Peter Whitten

THAT Township of Chatsworth Council adopt the Agenda as circulated.

**Carried**

### 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None stated.

### 5. COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Planner Ron Davidson provided an overview of planning in Ontario. Mr. Davidson spoke to Council about the type of applications that may be seen during their term, and the process for how applications are filed. Discussion also occurred around the Planning Act and the new legislation that has been past within the last year. Mr. Davidson also spoke about the appeal process and Councils roles and responsibilities. Throughout the presentation, Council was able to ask questions.

Council paused for a break at 11:14 a.m. and returned at 11:21 a.m.

Once the presentation by Ron Davidson was complete, CAO Clerk Patty Sinnamon provided Council with a binder of information regarding Council Orientation. CAO Clerk Sinnamon and Council had discussion around the Procedural By-law. The remaining items for Council orientation will be scheduled for another day.

Council paused for a break at 12:32 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.

**6. PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS - CAPITAL PROJECTS**

CAO Clerk Patty Sinnamon provided Council with information around the 2023 budget. Patty gave an overview of the Township's reserves and reserve funds using the 2021 statements, as well as an overview of the 10 year capital budget. Council then discussed other areas that they would like explored in the 2023 budget including:

- i) Councillor Greig had circulated some information about indoor recreation facilities and would like staff to explore some of the ideas such as indoor turf and other indoor recreational activities at the Desboro Arena
- ii) Councillor Thompson mentioned the request for loan from the Williamsford Community Centre for the replacement of the compressor as well as replacing the cracks in the foundation. These were previously approved at the January 18, 2023 Council meeting.
- iii) Deputy Mayor McKay indicated he would like to see some improvements to our sidewalks as there are many areas in disrepair.
- iv) Mayor Mackey mentioned the cost to relocate the hydro lines at the Hub Site, improving the site for green space and some aesthetic improvements at the Scone park and Holland Centre Lions Park. He also requested that staff look into the cost of portable solar speed alert devices that can be placed around the Township as a deterrent to speeders.

CAO Patty Sinnamon also indicated that there would be costs associated with the engineering design work for the new subdivision in the Village of Chatsworth.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.



Scott Mackey, Mayor



Patty Sinnamon, CAO Clerk