



Township of Georgian Bluffs and Township of Chatsworth

Special Joint Council Minutes

**April 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Keady Community Centre
116931 Grey Road 3, Tara, ON N0H 2N0**

Members Present: Mayor Dwight Burley
Mayor Scott Mackey (Township of Chatsworth)
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton
Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Carol Barfoot
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn
Councillor Grant Pringle
Councillor Elizabeth Thompson (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Diana Rae (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Shawn Greig (Township of Chatsworth)

Members Absent: Councillor Paul Sutherland
Councillor Ryan Thompson

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Steven Dollmaier, Director of Operations
Carly Craig, Deputy Clerk
Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer
Cynthia Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer
Patty Sinnamon, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Township of Chatsworth

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Dwight Burley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Both Mayor Dwight Burley and Mayor Scott Mackey introduced members of Council and staff from their respective Townships.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Dwight Burley opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Elizabeth Thompson

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 CAO2022-002 - Biogas Feasibility Study

Comments from both Councils included:

- The Township of Chatsworth's position on future investments into the facility and desire to relinquish existing ownership of the Biodigester, while remaining interested in maintaining ownership and use of the lagoons.
- Potential for the biodigester and lagoons to operate as separate entities, consideration and investigation into separating parcels would be required.
- Opportunities for the Township of Chatsworth to be released from the current ownership agreement.
- Complexity of a divesting agreement, which may exceed beyond this term of Council. Both Councils want to ensure that the new agreement is done correctly, and that the implications to both Councils are considered.

- Challenges with the existing agreement, including updating the terms of reference for the Joint Board.
- Continuing joint Council conversations moving forward.
- The group discussed the existing month to month contract with the OCWA to continue the operations of the biodigester.

The motion was amended to read as follows:

RES2022-050

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Shawn Greig

That, Report OPS2022-09 Biogas Feasibility Study and the study report titled Source Separated Organics Availability, Digestion Technologies, and Beneficial Use of Biogas Study, attached to this report as Appendix “A”, be received for information; and

That staff are hereby directed to negotiate alternative ownership opportunities including releasing the Township of Chatsworth from the existing ownership partnership with potential to continue joint ownership and use of the lagoons; and

Further that staff be directed to investigate external partnerships including private and public opportunities.

Carried

6. Confirming By-law

RES2022-051

Moved By: Councillor Grant Pringle

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble

That By-law 2022-023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on April 7, 2022, be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Diana Rae

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Dwight Burley

Clerk, Brittany Drury

Mayor, Scott Mackey

CAO/Clerk, Patty Sinnamon