



Township of Georgian Bluffs and Township of Chatsworth

Special Joint Council Minutes

**May 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers/Virtual
Township Administration Offices
177964 Grey Road 18, RR#3, Owen Sound ON N4K 5N5**

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 Ryan Thompson
Councillor Paul Sutherland

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
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 Scott Mackey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Scott Mackey opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded By: Mayor Dwight Burley

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 CAO2022-03 - BioGRID Assets

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Township of Chatsworth provided an overview of the report and introduced OCWA representatives Indra Maharjan and Mike Mortimer.

Mr. Maharjan overviewed the maintenance requirements for the Biodigester, including the necessity to repair the mixer and required repairs and clean out required to get the Biodigester back into operation.

Chief Administrative Officer, Cynthia Fletcher noted the work is required in order to generate revenue for both Townships. It was further noted that once both Council's have had the opportunity to discuss the future of the Biodigester, a subsequent joint meeting would be called to have broader discussion amongst partnering Townships.

Questions and comments from both Council's included:

- Clarification of timelines, when work would be completed

- Questions regarding the proper cleaning schedule going forward
- Questions regarding the potential harm of having the Biodigester shut down, clarification about protecting the asset for entertain sale or other partnership options
- Township of Chatsworth's concerns about investing more funds
- The need to have the facility in a good operating position in order to entertain future opportunities

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble

That Report CAO2022-03 be received for information by the Joint Councils of Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs; and

That the approval of the immediate maintenance for the Biodigester as outlined in Report CAO2022-03 be referred to both the respective Councils for consideration, which includes immediate cleanout at a cost of \$70,939.14, and the replacement of the mixer at a cost of \$18,500.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Dwight Burley

Clerk, Brittany Drury