



**The Corporation of the Township of Norwich
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 29, 2024
Special Council Meeting**

In Attendance:

Council:

Mayor Jim Palmer
Councillor Toews
Councillor DePlancke
Councillor Gear
Councillor Couwenberg

Staff:

Lee Robinson, CAO
Kimberley Armstrong, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Sean McCoy, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Norwich was held in the Council Chambers, Norwich, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Palmer presiding.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by Shawn Gear, seconded by Adrian Couwenberg:

That the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures were reported.

4 Reports

4.1 Administrative Services

**4.1.1 Proposed Boundary Adjustment – City of Woodstock Response
Report CAO 2024-07**

There was Council discussion regarding pursuing an Official Plan amendment to support the facilitation of future cross boundary servicing to benefit area residents, the

potential costs, process and timelines associated with an Official Plan amendment, the City of Woodstock requiring the realignment of Pattullo Avenue to facilitate development of industrial lands acquired in the 2017 boundary adjustment, the benefits of tax revenues from the development of those lands and potential impacts of pushing the boundary adjustment implementation to January 1, 2026. There was additional Council discussion with respect to possible resident need for cross-border servicing in the event of septic or well failure.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Robinson explained that cross boundary servicing violates the Official Plan and the Provincial Planning Statement, so the City of Woodstock is unable to support that aspect of the proposal from the Township of Norwich. She further explained that the province does support cross boundary servicing for drinking water where a safety need is demonstrated, which is why the properties on Greenly Line have access to water.

Ms. Armstrong commented that there are rare circumstances where services have gone across boundaries in extenuating circumstances. It is a user-pay system with additional service fees paid by those with access to those services, not the general tax base. Ms. Armstrong further recommended that Council direct staff to provide an additional report to review the potential process and costs of pursuing an Official Plan amendment if that was Council's wish.

In response to Council questions, Staff explained that the Township does currently receive tax revenue from the lands involved in the previous boundary adjustment, however due to the inability of the City to further develop those lands without the road realignment, there is currently no potential for any of the mutual prosperity payments. If the boundary adjustment is not implemented until the following year that will further delay development potential. Ms. Robinson recommended that Council provide direction for staff to continue to pursue the additional public consultation regarding the Minimalist Approach - Option 1.

Resolution #2

Moved by Adrian Couwenberg, seconded by Shawn Gear:

That Report CAO 2024-07, Proposed Boundary Adjustment – City of Woodstock Response, be received as information;

And further that Staff be directed to bring forward a report outlining the Official Plan Amendment process with respect to permitting cross-border servicing;

And further that Council direct staff to proceed with a Public Consultation process based on Option 1 – Minimalist Approach;

And further that staff present public input received as a result of the Public Consultation to Council at the September 24, 2024 meeting to allow consideration of final approval.

Recorded vote requested by Mayor Palmer.

Councillor Couwenberg: Yea
Councillor DePlancke: Nay
Councillor Gear: Yea
Mayor Palmer: Nay
Councillor Toews: Yea

Carried

5. By-Laws
No. 45-2024 To Confirm All Actions and Proceedings of Council

13.1 First and Second Reading of the Following By-law(s)

Resolution #3

Moved by Lynne DePlancke, seconded by Karl Toews:

That the following By-laws as listed, be introduced and taken as read a first and second time:

No. 45-2024 To Confirm All Actions and Proceedings of Council

Carried

13.2 Third Reading of the Following By-law(s)

Resolution #4

Moved by Karl Toews, seconded by Lynne DePlancke:

That By-law 45-2024 as listed, be taken as read a third and final time and passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

Carried

14. Adjournment – 6:48 p.m.

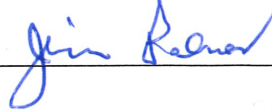
Resolution #5

Moved by Lynne DePlancke, seconded by Karl Toews

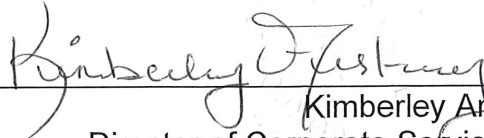
That this Council do now adjourn.

Carried

These minutes adopted by way of Resolution No. 2 as approved by Council at its meeting on the 24th day of September, 2024.



Jim Palmer
Mayor



Kimberley Armstrong
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk