



**The Corporation of the Township of Norwich
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 21, 2023
Special Council Meeting**

In Attendance:

Council:

Mayor Jim Palmer
Councillor Scholten
Councillor Stubbs
Councillor Gear
Councillor Couwenberg

Staff:

Kyle Kruger, CAO / Clerk
James Johnson, Director of Finance
Derek Van Pagee, Director of Fire and Protective Services
Brad Smale, Chief Building Official
Ken Farkas, Manager of Public Works
Patrick Hovorka, Director of Community Development Services
AJ Wells, Manager of Medical Services
Kimberley Armstrong, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

A special session of the 2022-2026 Council of the Township of Norwich was held in the Council Chambers, Norwich, commencing at 3:00 p.m. with Mayor Palmer presiding. The purpose of the special meeting was to hold a workshop for the development of a new strategic plan for the Township.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1
Moved Adrian Couwenberg, seconded by Shawn Gear;

That the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures were reported.

4. Strategic Plan Workshop

Mr. Bill Winegard and Ms. Susan Shannon of Municipal Strategic Planning Associates, were in attendance to conduct Workshop #2 in the process.

Mr. Winegard reviewed activities from the previous session and explained the process moving forward, including: identifying goals, required actions and how to determine future success of the plan. There were 19-20 strategic directions taken from the first workshop, which need to be discussed and prioritized to make manageable goals.

He reviewed ‘Thank you’ letters from future generations that were part of the previous workshop to identify strategic goals that enhanced the future. Mr. Winegard reviewed the proposed goals including: sustainable and well-managed growth, prosperous local economy, safe and healthy community, adequate and reliable infrastructure, effective and affordable government and well-informed and engaged citizens.

There was Council discussion about what a fully accessible park entails, feasibility of a medical centre expansion, possible gravel road upgrades/conversion and public communication through social media. There was additional discussion regarding values, properly expressing goals and the need to select key initiatives that are attainable during this term of council.

Mr. Kruger advised that today's goal is to identify priorities, the list is currently a wish list and needs to be honed to be a final document that is achievable.

Recess: At 4:11 p.m. Council recessed, in order for the small workgroups to discuss actions required to meet the goals and possible directions to staff to move in that direction.

Council reconvened at 7:22 pm

Mr. Winegard and Ms. Shannon provided a brief overview of identified financial priorities.

Mr. Kruger commented that the consultants will review the workshop information and provide a condensed version for Council's review. Further commenting that consideration could be given to staff reports regarding costs associated with requested actions.

5. Adjournment – 7:25 p.m.

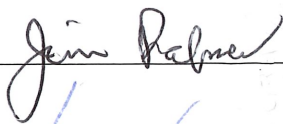
Resolution #2

Moved by John Scholten, seconded by Alisha Stubbs;

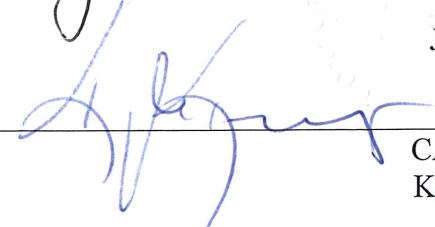
That this Council do now adjourn.

Carried

These minutes adopted by way of Resolution No. 2 as approved by Council at its meeting on the 11th day of April, 2023.



Mayor
Jim Palmer



CAO / Clerk
Kyle Kruger