



## December 7, 2023 Council Highlights

### **Education and Training Grant Received from Enbridge Gas**

Bayham's Fire and Emergency Services was successful with an application to the Safe Community Assist Program for a grant of \$5000 to obtain training materials. Fire Chief Harry Baranik and representatives from Enbridge Gas presented the books purchased with the grant money.

### **East Beach Bioswale Maintenance**

A report was presented to discuss bioswale maintenance and responsibilities. It was noted that new amendments to the Environment Protections Act surrounding consolidated linear infrastructure environments compliance approvals may require additional reporting and service from our end. Staff are investigating this further and proposed funds have been referred to the 2024 operating budget discussions.

### **Planning Reports**

Three (3) consent application reports were recommended for approval with conditions to the Elgin County Land Division Committee.

One (1) proposed zoning by-law amendment application, ZBA-11/23 Shaw & Shipway was deferred for a second time for additional information from the applicant.

### **Correspondence**

General correspondence items were received for information and three (3) items were considered for action:

- Susanne Schlotzhauer re Request for Action, Lighthouse Reserve Funds contained five (5) main requests. The correspondence was referred to the 2024 operating budget deliberations.
- Grand River Conservation Authority re Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Municipal Member Nomination was supported
- Long Point Region Conservation Authority re 2024 Draft Budget was received with no further comments to be provided to LPRCA.

### **Cemetery By-laws**

From an accepted recommendation from the Joint Cemetery Board, amendments to the Cemetery By-laws were presented and the by-laws formally passed later in the

meeting. These by-laws will be sent to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario for acceptance.

### **Update to Municipal Rates and Fees**

Proposed updates to Bayham's rates and fees were presented for discussion. The proposed fees will come back to Council on December 21<sup>st</sup> with the by-law to be in effect for January 1, 2024.

### **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Plan**

Elgin County and the local municipal partners developed a Joint DEI plan that has been adopted by County Council. Bayham adopted the plan as well.

### **Site Plan Agreements**

Council received for information two (2) site plan agreements – one for the Lighthouse Gospel Church and one for the Periscope Playhouse.

### **Straffordville Community Centre Expansion Timeline Update and Financial Impacts**

A report was presented for an update to the SCC expansion project. Unfortunately, confirmation on the reduced scope has still not yet been confirmed so tendering for the project has not yet taken place. Updated financial considerations were outlined. Council received for information with no further direction at this time.

**For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes [HERE](#)  
and watch the YouTube live-stream [HERE](#)**

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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