



October 17, 2024 Council Highlights

Award of Marine Museum Washroom Upgrades Tender

Council received a Report on the Tender results for the Marine Museum Washroom and Accessibility Upgrades. The lowest compliant bid was over budget, however, Council was able to allocate part of the funding from another public works project to ensure funding without having to use reserves.

Council approved the bid from PK Construction in the total amount of \$94,200 plus HST. The works are expected to be complete this year, and will use \$49,606 in funds from the Enabling Accessibility Fund, which the Municipality received in 2023.

Winter Operations Plan – Level of Service

Every fall, Council receives an update to the Municipality's Winter Operations Plan. Council received the 2024 Winter Operations Plan for the Public Works Department and it will be published on the website.

2024 3rd Quarter Reports

Building

The Q3 building report was quite positive. The Municipality is on pace for a significant increase in housing development in 2024, and is already well ahead of the budgeted building-department revenue. As of September 30, 2024, the Building department had taken in over \$187,000 in permit fees compared to the budgeted amount of \$120,000 for the whole fiscal year.

This year has been a major building success in Bayham!

Drainage

The Drainage Superintendent was busy in the third quarter with a number of necessary maintenance projects to upkeep various drains around Bayham. Council was supportive of the Drainage Superintendent's ongoing efforts to support Bayham and Council.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the Q3 variance report, which was well-received by Council. As inflation rates have slowed, the Municipality is beginning to realize savings in various functional areas and in the Capital portfolio.

Council provided staff direction for a 6 percent levy increase for 2025. The Draft 2025-2034 Capital Budget is available on the website and will be considered at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The Draft 2025 Operating Budget is expected to be public after Council provides formal direction in regards to the remaining HMCS Ojibwa debt in March 2025.

Development Reports

The Planning Coordinator presented a number of Reports including the following:

- OPA-03/24 & ZBA-24/24 – Part of Snow Street Road Allowance
- Official Plan Review 2024 – Shaping Our Future – Follow up from August 29th Special Council Meeting
- Consent Application E5-23

All staff and/or Planner recommendations in the in the Reports were approved by Council. By-laws to adopt the rezoning was adopted later in the meeting. The Arcadis memo regarding settlement area boundaries will be included in the first draft of the Official Plan, which will be open for public review later this fall. Support for Consent Application E5-23 was given by Council, and formal approval will be considered by the Elgin County Land Division Committee at a later date.

Support for Good Roads Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Council received correspondence from Good Roads regarding the creation of an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program. Council passed a resolution in support of this request.

Disposition of Ann Street Lands – Public Comments Received

Staff conducted a public comment period for the sale of Parts 1 through 8 of Plan 11R-11261. These Parts are to comprise four buildable lots fronting onto Ann Street in Vienna. No public comments were received during the comment period, and Council directed these Parts be sold by Municipal Realtor.

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Lighting Upgrade for the Straffordville Ball Diamond Support

Following Council's direction on October 3, 2024 to descope the LED ball diamond lighting from the Straffordville Community Centre expansion, Staff presented a Report on the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) and recommended the Straffordville ball diamond lighting might be a viable application option. The Fund closes October 29, 2024 so timelines are tight, but Council was supportive of staff making an application.

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

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 21st day of October, 2024.

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