



## June 20, 2024 Council Highlights

### **Bayham Wins EA Danby Award for Shared Services with Malahide**

Correspondence was received from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) regarding the 2024 EA Danby Award. Bayham and Malahide were jointly awarded the 2024 EA Danby Award in the area of Municipal Administration (under 20,000 residents) for their Shared Services Agreement with building and by-law enforcement services. The Mayor congratulated the staff and councils of both municipalities for their creativity to implement a model that increases service while saving costs.

The CAO formally accepted the award on behalf of Bayham at the recent AMCTO Conference.

### **Presentation –Water/Wastewater Rate Update – Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.**

Byron Tan from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. attended the Council meeting virtually to present on the 2024 Water/Wastewater Rate Study. The study included a number of components such as current and projected users on the system, upcoming capital needs, operational requirements, reserves and reserve transfers, all of which were used to determine the best options for new water and wastewater rates starting in 2025.

Two scenarios were presented for the Bayham water systems (Vienna/Port Burwell, and Richmond), with one solution for the wastewater system.

After a lengthy discussion, Council resolved to refer Scenario 1, which was the scenario with a fully-funded system with no debt, back to staff for revisions to shift the larger water rate increases on the Bayham system (Vienna and Port Burwell) to 2026 to accommodate Council's desire to continue on course to retire the HMCS Ojibwa debt in 2025. The revised Scenario 1 will return to Council in July 2024 for further consideration.

### **Planning Reports**

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

- Rezoning Application ZBA-14/24 Paget – 11681 Elliott Road
- Rezoning Application ZBA-16/24 Willow Hawk Farms Inc. – 56830 Talbot Line
- Consent Applications E46-24 Friesen – 55837 Fifth Street

- Development Agreement – Dan Froese Farms Inc.
- Development Agreements – Janzen, and PBR Excavating Ltd.

All staff and/or Planner recommendations in the in the Reports were approved by Council, or, in the case of the Consent Application, a recommendation of support was provided to Elgin County. By-laws to adopt the rezonings and development agreements were adopted later in the meeting.

### **Correspondence from the Straffordville Hall Foundation**

Marni Wolfe of the Straffordville Hall Foundation submitted correspondence in regards to the division of the costs associated with the Straffordville Community Centre (recreation space versus the Municipal office).

Council resolved to direct changes to the utility allocation formula and Straffordville Community Centre budget template for the 2025 fiscal year.

Marni Wolfe also spoke to her correspondence during the Open Forum.

### **Municipal Assistance – Second Intake**

In accordance with the Municipality's newly-adopted Municipal Assistance Policy, Council received a Report from the Clerk regarding the second and final official municipal assistance intake for 2024. Two applications were received, including a \$2,000 funding request from the Port Burwell Santa Claus Parade.

Council resolved to approve the two requests. However, no funding allocation was given to the Port Burwell Santa Claus Parade.

### **Lighthouse Options Revisited**

In light of recent discussions by Council around correspondence received on the Port Burwell Lighthouse, the CAO presented a Report to Council to revisit options for the rehabilitation of the Lighthouse. The Report brought back before Council the Class D estimate provided by a+LINK in August 2023, along with suggestions and possible cost implications identified in Report CAO-03/24, which Council received in February 2024.

Council resolved to seek an update to the August 2023 quote provided by a+LINK, and obtain a further quote that considers an alternative cladding on the Lighthouse so Council can consider the costs for both options before making a decision.

### **Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan**

Ontario Regulation 25/23 requires that municipalities update or create their Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan no later than July 1, 2024. Council received a draft Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan from the CAO for the 2024-2029 period. The Plan endeavours to continue the success of previous years by continuing to seek reductions in energy consumption and associated emissions.

Council was supportive of the Plan as presented.

The 2024-2029 Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan will be posted to the website under *Plans, Reports and Studies* for public consumption.

### **Support for Deputy Mayor Weisler's AMO Board Nomination**

Deputy Mayor Weisler was seeking Bayham Council support to run for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board once more. She was previously elected in 2022.

Council provided support to the Deputy Mayor, and a resolution is to be provided to AMO in support of her campaign.

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

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2024.

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