

Council Meeting Minutes**Regular Council Meeting**

March 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Location

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong
Councillor A. Hallman
Councillor C. Gordijk
Councillor B. Fisher
Councillor J. Gerber
Councillor J. Pfenning

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, S. Chambers
Director of Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Services S. Jackson
Director of Information and Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
D. Mittelholtz
Director of Public Works and Engineering J. Molenhuis
Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer P. Kelly
Director of Development Services H. O'Krafka
Manager of Information and Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk T.
Murray
Manager of Planning/EDO A. Martin
A. Romany, Manager of Finance

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1. **MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING (IF NECESSARY)**
 2. **MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING (IF NECESSARY)**
 3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
 4. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
 5. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
 6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2022- 75

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the Agenda as presented for Monday March 28, 2022 be adopted.

Motion Carried

7. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None disclosed.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2022- 76

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting, Monday March 14, 2022.

Motion Carried

9. PUBLIC MEETINGS

9.1 ZCA-04/22 – 85 Snyder's Road East, DS-2022-11

The Manager of Planning and Economic Development outlined the report.

The Manager of Planning and Economic Development clarified that the zoning for the property would remain commercial while the amendment permits residential use in the absence of a commercial use. It was noted that the space was vacant for a number of years and this zoning change application does not remove the ability for commercial tenants.

Resolution No. 2022- 77

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT Council approve Zone Change Application 04/22 made by Corre Enterprises Ltd., affecting Part of Lots 14 and 15, Plan 627 to amend the zoning of the property to permit residential units to exist in the building without a commercial use.

Motion Carried

10. PRESENTATIONS

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022- 78

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report Number PFRS-2022-10 be approved.

Motion Carried

11.1 Grass Cutting Contract(s) Award, PFRS-2022-10

12. REPORTS

12.1 INFORMATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Clerk outlined the report.

12.1.1 Award of RFP Alternative Voting Method for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections, ILS-2022-09

Resolution No. 2022- 79

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report No. ILS 2022-09 be received for information; and further,

THAT Council adopt the By-law No. 2022-12, authorizing online and telephone voting for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections.

Motion Carried

12.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

12.2.1 Halton Hills Moratorium on New Gravel Pits Resolution, DS-2022-

The Director of Development Services outlined the report.

Stephanie Goertz appeared as a delegation, representing the Food Systems of Waterloo Region, expressing support for the passing of the moratorium.

Graham Flint appeared as a delegation, his presentation is attached as Appendix A.

Council adopted a resolution

Resolution No. 2022- 80

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT Report receive report DS 2022-010 for information; and further,

THAT Council consider whether they wish to adopt a resolution in support of the Halton Hills request for a moratorium on the consideration of new gravel pit applications in the Province of Ontario.

Motion Carried

Amendment:

Resolution No. 2022- 81

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 5000 licensed pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry;

AND WHEREAS aggregate reuse and recycling is hampered by regulatory policies that result in redundant demand for new aggregate;

AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;

AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries are destructive of natural environments and habitats;

AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities and neighbouring properties in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;

AND WHEREAS the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;

AND WHEREAS removal of aggregates from land, and post extraction rehabilitation, significantly change its geological properties and thereby impact the value and potential of that land to produce food in the future;

AND WHEREAS there is an obligation to consult with First Nations peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel mining applications pending a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines to require reprocessing in order to create a closed loop aggregate life cycle and ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- Provide a requirement that any new or existing gravel operation be subject to a sunset clause limiting the length of time within which the site must be extracted and rehabilitated;
- Recommend a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;

- Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities; and,
- Proposes revisions to application procedures which fully honour First Nations' treaty rights;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), the Region of Waterloo, the City of Kitchener, the City of Cambridge, the City of Waterloo, the Township of Woolwich, the Township of Wellesley, the Township of North Dumfries, Mississaugas of the Credit, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Haudenosaunee Development Institute.

Motion Carried

12.3 PARKS, FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES

12.3.1 Mike Schout Wetlands Project Update, PFRS-2022-13

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services outlined the report, it was noted that the rails would stay in their rustic condition and would not be used for vehicular traffic, and that the design of this project is to have minimal maintenance needs.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering clarified that the costs for removal of the structure were considered in the original report and the costs for relocation would require a different approach.

It was noted that all safety concerns with the potential installation would be considered through the design process.

Resolution No. 2022- 82

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT Report PFRS 2022-13 be received for information; and further

THAT Staff be directed to explore the opportunity to relocate the side rails of the Bridge Street Bridge to the Mike Schout Wetlands; and further

THAT Staff be directed to work with Mr. Schout and Schout Corporation to seek sponsorship and/or donations to cover the cost of relocating and installing the Bridge Street Bridge side rails within the Wetlands; and

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council should sufficient funds be raised to include components of the Bridge Street Bridge in the Wetlands project design.

Motion Carried

12.3.2 Nith River Promenade Concept Design, PFRS-2022-18

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services, the Manager of Planning and Economic Development and the Project Coordinator outlined the report.

The Manager of Planning and Economic Development clarified that the plantings indicated in the design would affect the trail design. He further noted that flooding in the area would be taken into account for the design.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services noted that discussions are ongoing with GRCA regarding signage in terms of fishing and they would be responsible for that component and noted that fishing opportunities will be considered. It was noted that a new agreement with GRCA is underway.

The Manager of Planning and Economic Development confirmed there is no intention to change the current rocks in the river as they are outside the scope of the project; noting that the design of this project would hinder the ease of access to those rocks.

The Project Coordinator advised that the new design would allow for better fishing opportunities.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services noted that any lifesaving equipment would not be provided by the Township and that the GRCA has not indicated any intention.

The Manager of Planning and Economic Development noted the scope of work does not include the Nith river itself nor would works involving fish migration.

Resolution No. 2022- 83

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Report PFRS 2022–18, Nith River Promenade Concept Design be received for information purposes, and further

THAT the 90% complete concept design prepared by WSP Global Inc. (WSP) be approved in principle; and further

THAT staff be directed to proceed with public consultation on the concept design including an online review and comment opportunity on the Township website, and a review opportunity by the Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee, the New Hamburg Board of Trade, the Wilmot Trails Advisory Committee, and neighbouring businesses; and

THAT staff be directed to bring the 100% design drawings back to Council for approval while incorporating consultation feedback where possible, prior to tendering the project for construction.

Motion Carried

12.4 PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

12.4.1 Traffic and Parking By-law Schedule Update, PWE-2022-08

The Director of Public Works and Engineering outlined the report. It was noted that community safety zone requests for Rosebank and Mannheim Road can be sent to engineering@wilmot.ca, and a traffic and calming policy is anticipated later this year.

The Manager of Engineering noted that any Regional road inquiries will be passed along to the Region.

Resolution No. 2022- 84

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council accepts Report No. PWE 2022-08 for information;
and further,

THAT Council approve the amendment to the Traffic and Parking
By-law, By-law No. 2016-52, for Schedules “1”, “2”, “3”, “4”, “5”, “7”,
“10”, “11”, “12”, “13”, “15”, “16”, “18”, “22”, and “25” and the addition
of Schedule “26”.

Motion Carried

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Items 13.1, 13.2 and 13.5 were removed for consideration and will be brought
forward at a subsequent Regular Council meeting.

Resolution No. 2022- 85

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Correspondence Items 13.3, 13.4 be received for information.

Motion Carried

Amendment:

Resolution No. 2022- 86

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Correspondence Items 13.1, 13.2, and 13.5 be deferred to a subsequent
Council meeting for consideration.

Motion Carried

13.1 Town of Mono - Support for Ukraine

13.2 No Nuisance Noise Ontario

13.3 Town of Wasaga Beach - County of Simcoe Review Service Delivery Task
Force - Fire Services

13.4 Municipality of South Huron - Firefighter Certification

13.5 MZO Resolution

14. BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2022- 87

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT By-law Nos. 2022-12, 2022-13 and 2022-14 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

Motion Carried

14.1 By-law No. 2022-12 To Authorize the Use of Alternative Voting Methods at Municipal Elections

14.2 By-law No. 2022-13 Traffic and Parking By-law

14.3 By-law No. 2022-14 ZCA-04/22

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.1 Councillor A. Hallman noted that earth hour took place on March 26 and many area youth participated. She thanked everyone who participated.

16.2 Councillor A. Hallman recognized and thanked all the volunteers who continue to sign up to participate in the local youth sporting activities.

16.3 Councillor J. Pfenning thanked the community for the support of the Ukrainian community and encouraged continued support.

16.4 Councillor J. Pfenning noted that April 22 is Earth Day and there will be a trails and park clean-up day on Saturday April 23. Details will be posted on the Township social media channels and encouraged residents to sign up.

16.5 Councillor B. Fisher noted the Baden Community Association is holding a clean up on April 23 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Baden.

16.6 Councillor B. Fisher noted that the Baden Community Association has ordered 400 rainbow trout for the pond, with May 28th being the date for the fishing derby.

16.7 Councillor B. Fisher noted that the Cruisin' By the Pond car show starts again on June 1.

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No. 2022- 88

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT By-law No. 2022-15 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

Motion Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

9:02 PM

Resolution No. 2022- 89

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

Motion Carried