

## Woodstock City Council Regular Council Minutes

Date: March 7, 2024  
Time: 1:30 PM  
Location: Council Chambers

This meeting was held in person and electronically in accordance with section 238 (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, and section 16.6.24 of the City of Woodstock Procedure by-law. This meeting took place in Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 500 Dundas Street.

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### 1. **Closed Session**

Closed session commenced at 12:40 p.m. in the 2nd floor Boardroom followed by Open Session in Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. All members of Council were present, with the exception of Councillor D. Tait who arrived at 1:30 p.m. Mayor J. Acchione chaired the meeting.

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That Council now convenes in Closed Session for the consideration of:

- Matters related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations to be carried on by the municipality; and
- Matters related to a proposed disposition of land.

#### **Carried**

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Council adjourned the Closed Session portion of the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

#### **Carried**

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** - none
3. **Disclosure of New Business**
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**5. Minutes**

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on February 15, 2024 and the minutes of the Special Revenue Budget Meetings held on February 20 and February 22, 2024 be adopted.

**Carried**

**6. Additions to the Agenda**

**7. Presentations**

**8. Delegations**

8.a Patricia Mary Bernadette WITIW - Downtown Streetscape Suggestions

Patricia Mary Bernadette Witiw presented to Council a number of suggestions for art, seating, and façade treatments for the Downtown Streetscape.

Moved by Councillor D. Tait  
Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That Woodstock City Council receive the presentation from Patricia Mary Bernadette Witiw regarding the Downtown Streetscape as information.

**Carried**

8.b >John Bell - Request for Legal Review of the Planning Process

This Delegation was withdrawn.

**9. Consideration of Planning Reports**

9.a Woodstock Public Process for Applications Under the Planning Act

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council receive Report CP 2024-58 as information.

**Carried**

**10. Consideration of Correspondence**

10.a Councillor C. Lauder has requested the following correspondence be added to the agenda: Catch and Release Laws

Moved by Councillor C. Lauder  
Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council support the resolution from the City of Cambridge regarding additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the City of Cambridge; Woodstock Police Chief Rod Wilkinson; the Honourable Arpan Khanna Oxford MP; and the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Police Services**

- 10.b Councillor C. Lauder has requested the following correspondence be added to the agenda: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for ‘Ineligible’ Sources

Moved by Councillor C. Lauder

Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That Woodstock City Council support the resolution from the Township of Perry requesting that the Province amend the Blue Box Regulation for ‘Ineligible’ Sources so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Township of Perry; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; and the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Public Works**

- 10.c Martha Trepainer, WCI Teacher Lead, Maria Velda and Kim Stevens, CASS Teacher Lead - Request for use of Goff Gym, Mezzanine & The Red Pad to host #Growgirls+

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That Woodstock City Council approves the in-kind donation request for the #Growgirls+ event.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Administrative Services, Parks and Recreation, Engineering**

**11. Staff Presentations**

- 11.a Mary Reid, Woodstock Art Gallery Director and Aaron Dawson, WAG Advisory Board Chair- Woodstock Art Gallery 2024 Budget Presentation

Mary Reid, Director/Curator of the Woodstock Art Gallery and Aaron Dawson, WAG Advisory Board Chair presented an overview of the 2024 Revenue Budget and responded to Council's questions. This item will be dealt with as part of the budget revisions and approvals at the March 21, 2024 regular Council meeting.

11.b Lindsay Harris, CEO Woodstock Public Library, and Mary Anne Silverthorn, Woodstock Public Library Board Chair - Woodstock Public Library 2024 Budget Presentation

Megan Cook, Deputy CEO of the Woodstock Public Library, and Mary Anne Silverthorn, Woodstock Public Library Board Chair, presented an overview of the 2024 Revenue Budget and responded to Council's questions. This item will be dealt with as part of the budget revisions and approvals at the March 21, 2024 regular Council meeting.

11.c Rod Wilkinson, Woodstock Police Services Chief of Police and Leslie Farrell, Police Services Board Vice-Chair - Woodstock Police Services 2024 Budget Presentation

Rod Wilkinson, Police Chief of the Woodstock Police Service, and Leslie Farrell, Police Services Board Vice-Chair, presented an overview of the 2024 Revenue Budget and responded to Council's questions. This item will be dealt with as part of the budget revisions and approvals at the March 21, 2024 regular Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
Seconded by Councillor B. Martin

Whereas the Woodstock Police Services Budget presentation under Further Demand of Service calls, identifies an increase in unwanted persons, attempted or threats of suicide, overdoses, and school violence incidents;

And Whereas the Woodstock Police Services Budget presentation under Community Priorities identifies Emergency response capacity keeps pace with the growth of the City of Woodstock;

And Whereas the Woodstock Police Services Budget presentation under Wellness and Support Initiatives identifies 13 officers currently off work on long-term WSIB;

And Whereas the Woodstock Police Services Budget presentation under Wellness and Support Initiatives identifies a \$5000 benefit towards mental health assistance;

And Whereas section 10 (1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act which comes into force on April 1, 2024 states that the police service boards and the Commissioner shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area;

And Whereas section 11 (1) of the of the Community Safety and Policing Act states that adequate and effective policing means all of the following functions provided in accordance with the standards set out in the regulations, including the standards with respect to the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and with the

requirements of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code:

1. Crime prevention.
2. Law enforcement.
3. Maintaining the public peace.
4. Emergency response.
5. Assistance to victims of crime.
6. Any other prescribed policing functions

And Whereas MHEART, Mental Health Engagement and Response Team, pairs on-duty police officers with a Crisis and Outreach Clinician from CMHA to respond to police calls when mental health or addictions could be a factor;

And Whereas there is a visible need for additional MHEART clinicians in the City of Woodstock to assist Woodstock Police Officers and residents with crisis management;

Now therefore it be resolved that Woodstock City Council requests that the Woodstock Police Services Board consider reallocating \$180,000 within the 2024 Woodstock Police Services Budget to provide funding for 2 additional full-time MHEART clinicians to enhance community mental health response and support front-line officers in the City of Woodstock.

Yea (1): Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

Nay (6): Councillor B. Martin, Councillor C. Lauder, Councillor D. Tait, Mayor J. Acchione, Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer, and Councillor M. Schadenberg

Voter Type: Majority (Voted), Recorded

**Defeated (1 to 6)**

**12. Mayor's Reports**

**13. Councillor Reports**

## 14. **Department Reports**

### 14.a Administrative Services

#### 14.a.1 Expenses Not Included in 2024 Preliminary Revenue Fund Budget

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council approve the report regarding expenses excluded from the 2024 Preliminary Revenue Fund Budget.

**Carried**

**Action – Administrative Services**

### 14.b Engineering

#### 14.b.1 Cambridge Street Reconstruction - Contract No. 11310 - Tender Award

Moved by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer  
Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That Woodstock City Council award the tender for the reconstruction of Cambridge Street to Viewcon Construction Limited, in the amount of \$1,622,800.29 inclusive of HST;

And further that City Council approve the reallocation of \$16,000.00 from the surplus funding on the Leinster Street Reconstruction (11308) to fund the shortfall on the Cambridge Street Reconstruction (11310).

**Carried**

**Action – Administrative Services, Engineering**

### 14.c Cultural Services

### 14.d Parks and Recreation

### 14.e Economic Development

#### 14.e.1 Proposed Buy Back of 2 Acres of Industrial Land on Griffin Way from Norfinch Glass & Aluminum Inc.

Moved by Councillor M. Schadenberg  
Seconded by Councillor D. Tait

That Woodstock City Council authorize staff to initiate the buyback of the industrial lands on 433 Griffin Way from Norfinch Glass & Aluminum Inc. and that the municipality reacquire the lands at 100 percent of the original purchase price plus any land transfer taxes that may be incurred;

And further that the financing for the re-purchase be sourced from the Industrial Land Reserve Fund and that the necessary bylaw to re-acquire the lands be read.

**Carried****Action – Economic Development, Administrative Services****14.e.2 Proposed Closure and Sale of McQueen Street Between Reeve Street and Metcalf Street**

Moved by Councillor D. Tait  
 Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council close and declare surplus a portion of McQueen Street between Reeve Street and Metcalf Street;

And further that City Council approve the sale of a portion of McQueen Street between Reeve Street and Metcalf Street to 2595421 Ontario Inc.;

And further that the necessary by-laws be read.

**Carried****Action – Economic Development, Public Works****14.e.3 Proposed Sale of City-owned Industrial Land to 2211768 ONTARIO INC.**

Moved by Councillor M. Schadenberg  
 Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement of purchase and sale with 2211768 Ontario Inc. for the purchase of approximately 6.8 acres of City-owned industrial land on Alyea Street, and that the necessary By-law be read.

**Carried****Action – Economic Development****14.f Clerks****14.f.1 Update to Municipal Code Chapter 0232 - Fowl**

Moved by Councillor C. Lauder  
 Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council direct staff to prepare updates to Municipal Code Chapter 0232 Fowl – Pigeons to add or improve requirements for distance and location of coops, sanitary condition of coops, and limit the number of birds permitted;

And further that staff be directed to introduce the necessary set fines and short form wording schedule to improve enforcement efforts.

**Carried****Action – Clerks, Engineering**

- 14.g Chief Administrative Officer
- 14.h Human Resources
- 14.i Fire Services
- 14.j Public Works
- 14.k Information Technology
- 15. **Special Committee and Advisory Task Force Reports**
- 16. **Notice of Motion**
- 17. **New Business**
- 18. **Draft By-laws**

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor D. Tait

That the following by-laws be given a first and second reading:

- 9666-24 - A by-law to provide for the purchase of certain lands owned by Norfinch Glass & Aluminum Inc.
- 9667-24 - A by-law to provide for the stopping up and closing of part of a highway.
- 9668-24- A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2595421 Ontario Inc.
- 9669-24- A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2211768 Ontario Inc.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That the following by-laws be given a third and final reading:

- 9666-24 - A by-law to provide for the purchase of certain lands owned by Norfinch Glass & Aluminum Inc.
- 9667-24 - A by-law to provide for the stopping up and closing of part of a highway.
- 9668-24- A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2595421 Ontario Inc.
- 9669-24- A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2211768 Ontario Inc.

**Carried**



19. **Questions and Address by Members of Council**

20. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That the meeting adjourn at 4:03 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor – Jerry Acchione

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Deputy City Clerk – Sunayana Katikapalli