

Woodstock City Council Regular Council Minutes

Date: September 5, 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.

1. **Closed Session**

There was no closed session. Open session commenced at 1:37 p.m.

All members of Council were present. Mayor J. Acchione chaired the meeting.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. **Disclosure of New Business**

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

5. **Minutes**

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

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on August 15, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

6. **Additions to the Agenda**

7. **Presentations**

8. **Delegations**

8.a **Kristen Ralph, Executive Director - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County - Raising Awareness**

Kristen Ralph, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County, presented Council with information on the agency services and the need for mentors and funding.

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

That Woodstock City Council receive the presentation from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County as information.

Carried

9. Consideration of Planning Reports

10. Consideration of Correspondence

10.a Carlos Gregorio - Woodstock Curling Centre - Request for Lawn Signs

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

That Woodstock City Council approve the request from the Woodstock Curling Centre to post promotional signs for the Learn 2 Curl program for 2 weeks commencing on September 20, 2024, subject to staff approval.

Carried

Action – Parks and Recreation, Public Works

10.b Councillor C. Lauder has requested the following correspondence be added to the agenda - The Canada Community-Building Fund

Moved by Councillor C. Lauder
 Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That Woodstock City Council supports the resolution from the City of Quinte West calling on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CCBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the City of Quinte West; the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario; Association of Municipalities Ontario; The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; and the Honourable Arpan Khanna, Oxford MP.

Carried

Action - Clerks

11. Staff Presentations

12. Mayor's Reports

13. Councillor Reports

14. Department Reports

14.a Administrative Services

14.b Engineering

14.b.1 Transit Route Revision - Route #4 Northwest

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

That Woodstock City Council approve the change to Woodstock Transit Route #4 Northwest effective Tuesday, October 15th, 2024.

Carried

Action - Engineering

14.b.2 Replacement of Municipal Code Chapter 0232 - Fowl

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

That Woodstock City Council defer the report regarding 'Replacement of Municipal Code Chapter 0232 – Fowl' in order to consider options for exemptions with respect to racing pigeons.

Carried

Action - Engineering

14.b.3 CN Rail Pedestrian Bridge

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

That Woodstock City Council authorize the Mayor to submit a letter on behalf of Woodstock City Council urging CN Rail to take immediate action to replace the Finkle Street Pedestrian Bridge crossing.

Carried

Action – Marketing and Communications

14.c Cultural Services

14.d Parks and Recreation

14.d.1 Funding for Encampment Clean-Up

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

That Woodstock City Council provide an additional \$100,000 to be financed from the Community and Social Well Being Reserve Fund for Parks Cleanup – Purchased Services Account 0701-83125-0393;

And further that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Oxford Safe and Well Committee for information as well as the following representatives at Queen's Park: the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MP; the Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; the Honourable Michael Kerzner, MPP, and Minister of the Solicitor General; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

Carried

Action – Parks and Recreation, Administrative Services, Clerks

14.e Economic Development

14.f Clerks

14.f.1 Alternative Forms of Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

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

That Woodstock City Council support Option 2 and 3 as the vote casting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election;

And further that Staff be directed to prepare a report outlining the proposed election details and budget.

Carried

Action - Clerks

14.g Chief Administrative Officer

14.h Human Resources

14.i Fire Services14.i.1 Fire Department Minimum Staffing Increase

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

That Woodstock City Council approve the increase of minimum staffing within the Woodstock Fire Department Suppression Division from nine (9) to ten (10) effective September 9, 2024.

Carried

Action - Fire

14.j Public Works14.j.1 Public Works Addition & Renovation – Tender Award

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

That Woodstock City Council authorizes a \$525,000 increase to be funded by the Reserve for Capital Projects for the Public Works Addition and Renovations;

And further that City Council award the tender for the Public Works Addition and Renovations to Reid & Deleye Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$2,171,038.00, inclusive of HST.

Carried

Action – Engineering, Administrative Services

14.k Information Technology15. Special Committee and Advisory Task Force Reports16. Notice of Motion17. New Business18. Draft By-laws

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

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

- 9706-24 - A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2499364 Ontario Inc.

Carried

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

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

- 9706-24 - A by-law to provide for the sale of certain lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock to 2499364 Ontario Inc.

Carried

19. Questions and Address by Members of Council

20. Adjournment

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

That the meeting adjourn at 3:26 p.m.

Carried

Mayor – Jerry Acchione

City Clerk – Amelia Humphries