

# MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their second Regular Meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Balzer, Banbury Demarest, and Read.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, Mordue, and Richardson.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Call to Order

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

### RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of an item under section 7, Delegations/Presentations.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Mark Peterson, Mayor, Re: Employee Long Service Recognition

Mayor Mark Peterson presented the Employee Long Service Recognition Awards to Brady Edworthy for 10 years of service (absent), Trevor Baer for 15 years of service, and Rick Richardson for 20 years of service.

- b. Denise Krug, Director of Finance, re: Edits to 2022 Draft Capital Budget and 10 Year Capital Plan

Denise Krug, Director of Finance presented the edits to the 2022 Draft Capital Budget and 10 Year Capital Plan. Councillor Balzer had a comment about the lights and tiles in the Bright Station.

### RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Presentation of the Edits to 2022 Draft Capital Budget and 10 Year Capital Plan be received as information.

.Carried

## 8. Correspondence

### a. Specific

- i. Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk, City of St. Catharines, re: National Childcare Program

### RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the resolution of the City of St. Catharines that calls on the provincial government to work with the federal government on a bilateral agreement to ensure that the new national child care program be made available to Ontarians.

### b. General

None.

## 9. Public Meeting

None.

## 10. Staff Reports

### a. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-21-21 – November Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #5**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-21-21 be received as information.

.Carried

### b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-21-21 – Dust Suppressant Tender

**RESOLUTION #6**

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Read

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-21-21 be received as information;

And further to award the dust suppressant tender for a 3-year term including 2022, 2023 & 2024 to Pollard Highway Products at a unit price of \$0.099 in 2022; \$0.109 in 2023 and \$0.119 in 2024 per litre plus HST for the supply, delivery and application of 20% liquid brine solution (Dustmaster 20).

.Carried

### c. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

- i. CAO-21-23 – Asset Naming Policy

**RESOLUTION #7**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-21-23 be received; and,

That Council accept the names Hilborn and Swan to be added to the names registry for Township Assets.

.Carried

## 11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Balzer reported that the Plattsville Santa Claus Parade was well attended with possibly the largest turnout of residents ever. Councillor Balzer thanked the organizers and participants of both the Plattsville and Bright parades. Councillor Banbury reported that he met with retired Public Works Director Gary Crandall and that he is doing well. Councillor Demarest reported an excellent turnout for the Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking Ceremony and noted the extremely positive community spirit. Mayor Peterson reported that Councillor Demarest assisted him with his entry into the Bright and Plattsville Parades. Mayor Peterson noted that during the Bright and Plattsville parades a lot of food and toys were collected for people in need this holiday season. Peterson reported that nine families will be fed from the Helping Hands Blandford-Blenheim Foodbank this holiday season. Mayor Peterson reminded that this Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> is the Caroling in Drumbo with other festivities.

## 12. Unfinished Business

None.

## 13. Motions and Notices of Motion

### RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that, given the Province of Ontario has recognized a severe affordable housing shortage for the foreseeable future, given the population growth especially in Southwestern Ontario as well as the unprecedented industrial and commercial growth in the area and;

Whereas communities such as Princeton, located in the heartland of Southwestern Ontario are in a position, if given the opportunity, to provide some relief to the housing shortage and;

Whereas other Oxford County communities have been allowed to grow, being designated as growth areas and;

Whereas the County of Oxford has jurisdiction over planning matters and has assumed the cost of executing the planning process necessary to designate these growth areas in the past.

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim requests the County of Oxford to assume related costs and to commence the planning process involving growth projections and official plan amendments necessary in order to designate the settlement area of Princeton as a future growth area.

Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ernie Hardeman, MPP of Oxford.

.Carried

## 14. New Business

### a. COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Policy Review

#### RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that whereas by resolution # 14 passed October 6, 2021 Council adopted a COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Policy; and,

Whereas Council now deems it necessary to revise that policy,

Be It Resolved That the Township of Blandford-Blenheim COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Policy be amended to remove the provision for regular testing for individuals who do not provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19; and,

That Section 1.2 be amended by stating “An individual who does not qualify for an exemption as outlined in section 1.1 must have received their first dose by January 15, 2022 and be fully vaccinated by February 28, 2022.”

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Balzer	NO	
Councillor Banbury		YES
Councillor Demarest		YES
Mayor Peterson		YES
Councillor Read		YES

.Carried

## 15. Closed Session

None.

## 16. By-laws

- a. 2277-2021, Being a By-law to establish the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim Fees and Charges;
- b. 2278-2021, Being a By-Law to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Off-road Vehicles (ORV's) within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim; and,
- c. 2279-2021, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

### **RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2277-2021, 2278-2021, and 2279-2021.

.Carried

### **RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final reading: 2277-2021, 2278-2021, and 2279-2021.

.Carried

## 17. Other Business

Mayor Peterson thanked all of Council and Staff for their hard work and dedication this year and asked that everyone stay safe and enjoy the holiday season.

## 18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

### RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:53 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on  
Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim