

TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY

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October 8, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mayor, Joe Nowak,
Council – Carl Smit, Peter van der Maas, Herb Neher, Shelley Wagner
Staff - Grace Kosch, Clerk
- Rik Louwagie, CAO
- Theresa Bisch, Treasurer

The regular meeting of the Township of Wellesley was held at the Council Chambers in Crosshill at 6:45 P.M. on October 8th, 2019 with all members in attendance. The Council meeting opened with Grace Kosch leading in a moment of reflection and Mayor Nowak was in the chair.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

149 Moved by: Carl Smit – Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 24th, 2019 and the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held September 24th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Petitions

Delegations

150 Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Peter van der Maas
That Kai Reimer-Watts and Andres Fuentes be received as a delegation.

Carried

Kai Reimer-Watts and Andres Fuentes

Mr. Fuentes spoke to the power point presentation regarding climate change and further provided an update on the other area municipalities that have passed resolutions. See Appendix “A”.

Councillor van der Maas questioned the carbon budget, how would we do that? Mr. Fuentes responded to reference in staff reports how the subject of the report relates to the impact on carbon emissions similar to financial implications.

Mayor Nowak questioned the difference between climate emergency versus climate crisis, working with Sustainable Waterloo organization with Mr. Fuentes responding.

Mayor Nowak further commented that trees are a big part of what we can do. Mr. Fuentes responded, yes.

Councillor Neher commented people are not sure what their roll in this is, further posing the question how can we (residents and organizations) reduce the carbon footprint? Mr.

Fuentes responded, our group is working on communications and will be providing information to residents.

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Committee of the Whole

- A Moved by: Herb Neher – Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That the Council rise and go into a Committee of the Whole to receive reports and recommendations.

Carried

Planning & Development

Chairperson: Peter van der Maas

Road & Bridge

Chairperson: Shelley Wagner

Property & Fire

Chairperson: Carl Smit

- 151 Moved by: Shelley Wagner – Seconded by: Carl Smit
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley accept email correspondence from Karen Sciuk regarding the Declaration of a Climate Emergency, to be received as information.

Carried

Administration/Finance & Personnel

Chairperson: Joe Nowak

- A./F. & P. 31/19 – Resolution endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency
- 152 Moved by: Peter van der Maas – Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
WHEREAS the Canadian government has committed to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees as per the COP21 Paris Agreement;
AND WHEREAS Canada’s temperature is rising more than double the rate of the rest of the world;
AND WHEREAS cities are significant contributors to climate change, consuming more than two thirds of the world’s energy and accounting for more than 70% of its carbon emissions;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Wellesley is committed to climate action and understand our role as a global citizen and the need to be prepared for the effects of climate change;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Wellesley has approved Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, which is a detailed strategy for reducing our corporate level GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Wellesley will continue to strive to reduce our overall municipal energy consumption from all facilities and streetlights;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Wellesley has committed to participating in the Partners for Climate Protection Program;
AND WHEREAS effective accountability is a key element of meeting targets;

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THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED that the Township of Wellesley is declaring a climate emergency with the directive to provide continued support to corporate and community climate action at the Township and work towards improved targets where possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be directed to create an issue paper to outline how a carbon budget could use existing corporate carbon inventory data to support the reduction of our carbon footprint as committed to through the Regional Sustainability Initiative, as our emissions as a corporation are part of the community wide emissions and long term target through ClimateActionWR.

Carried

Rik Louwagie, CAO provided information on the current initiatives underway for the Township of Wellesley as requested by Mayor Nowak.

Recreation

Chairperson: Herb Neher

For Information

153 Moved by: Herb Neher – Seconded by: Carl Smit
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley approve the For Information agenda as presented.

Carried

B Moved by: Peter van der Maas - Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That the Committee of the Whole rise and Council resume and report.

Carried

C Moved by: Carl Smit - Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as set forth in the motions and actions detailed above.

Carried

Accounts

154 Moved by: Herb Neher – Seconded by: Carl Smit
That the accounts in the amount of \$2,811,695.81 for Accounts Payable and \$192,311.84 for Payroll totaling \$3,004,007.65 dated October 3rd, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

155 Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That the financial statements dated October 3rd, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Unfinished Business:

New Business

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Other Reports

Notice of Motion

Closed Session

By-Laws

D Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Carl Smit
By-law No.
46/2019 – Confirming

Carried

E Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That By-law No. 46/2019 pass first and second readings.

Carried

F Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Shelley Wagner
That By-law No. 46/2019 be read a third time and passed and the Mayor and Clerk be
authorized to sign and seal the By-Laws under the Corporate Seal.

Carried

Next Meetings

Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting	October 22, 2019	6:45p.m.
Regular Council Meeting	November 5, 2019	6:45p.m.
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting	November 19, 2019	6:45p.m.

156 On a motion by Shelley Wagner, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Clerk - Grace Kosch

Mayor – Joe Nowak