



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLETON

COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

MAPLETON TOWNSHIP OFFICES

PRESENT: Gregg Davidson, Mayor  
Dennis Craven, Councillor  
Paul Douglas, Councillor  
Michael Martin, Councillor  
Marlene Ottens, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT: Manny Baron, Chief Administrative Officer  
Barb Schellenberger, Municipal Clerk – Items 1 to 16  
Sam Mattina, Director of Public Works  
John Morrison, Director of Finance  
Larry Wheeler, Deputy Clerk – Items 1 to 16  
Patty Wright, Chief Building Official  
Helen Edwards, Seniors' Centre for Excellence Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Davidson welcomed attendees & called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **O Canada**

**Presentation of Athletic Bursary Awards - Rourke Martin**

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – none**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4.1 Council Meeting dated February 11, 2020

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-01**

Moved: Councillor Craven

Seconded: Councillor Martin

THAT the minutes of the Township of Mapleton Council Meeting held on February 11, 2020 be confirmed as circulated in the agenda package.

**CARRIED**

5. **Matters arising from Minutes – none**

6. **Matters under The Planning Act and Matters Arising**

Public Meeting Minutes for the following applications are a separate document and will be placed into the public record.

- 6.1 a) ZBA2020-03 - Notice of Public Meeting, Part Lot 17, Concession 5 (Peel), 7329 Fourth Line, Laurence Martin  
b) Matters arising under The Planning Act (Council Direction)

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-02**

Moved: Councillor Martin

Seconded: Councillor Craven

THAT Zoning application ZBA2020-03 located at Part Lot 17, Concession 5, (Peel) 7329 Fourth Line, (Laurence Martin) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft amending by-law as circulated in the agenda be presented at the next meeting of Council for first, second and third reading.

**CARRIED**

## **7. Delegations and Matters Arising from Delegations**

- 7.1 b) Moorefield & District Horticultural Society, Representative Hannah Veld (Co-President) and Cherie Seadon (Treasurer)  
Re: Use of Moorefield Community Centre for meetings.  
Ms. Seadon distributed copies of their pamphlet 'Mapleton Buds & Blooms 2018' to all those seated at the Council table.

### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-03**

Moved: Councillor Craven

Seconded: Councillor Martin

THAT the delegation of Moorefield & District Horticultural Society be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Township of Mapleton Council hereby supports Moorefield & District Horticultural Society regarding their request for permission to use the Moorefield Community Centre for their monthly meetings (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month – schedule permitting) beginning April 2020 at no cost;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fees and Charges By-law be modified to reference this decision as an Appendix to the existing Schedule "I".

**CARRIED**

## **8. Minutes from Committees**

- 8.1 Park Recreation Committee  
Re: Minutes dated February 20, 2020

### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-04**

Moved: Councillor Martin

Seconded: Councillor Craven

THAT the Minutes of the Mapleton Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2020 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **9. Reports and Updates from Staff**

- 9.1 Building Department

- i) Building Report BD2020-03  
Re: Report for February Month End and Year to Date (YTD)

### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-05**

Moved: Councillor Craven

Seconded: Councillor Martin

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive Building Department Report BD2020-03 dated March 10, 2020 regarding February Month End and Year to Date (YTD).

**CARRIED**

- ii) Building Report BD2020-04  
Re: Annual Report 2019

### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-06**

Moved: Councillor Martin

Seconded: Councillor Craven

THAT Report BD2020-04 regarding Building Department 2019 Annual Report be received.

**CARRIED**

9.2 Close To Home (Seniors' Centre for Excellence)

- i) Close To Home Report CTH2020-01  
Re: Multi-Service Accountability Agreement Amendment (MSSA)

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-07**

Moved: Councillor Craven

Seconded: Councillor Martin

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive the Close to Home Report 2020-01 dated March 10, 2020 regarding amendments to the Multi-Service Accountability Agreement.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the CAO to execute the amended Multi-Service Accountability Agreement.

**CARRIED**

9.3 Finance Department

- i) Finance Report FIN2020-06  
Re: Council and Committee Remuneration

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-08**

Moved: Councillor Martin

Seconded: Councillor Craven

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive FIN Report 2020-06 dated March 10, 2020 regarding Council and Committee Remuneration and Expenses;

AND FURTHER THAT Finance Report FIN2020-06 dated March 10, 2020 is accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- ii) Finance Report FIN2020-07  
Re: Application for Tile Loan

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-09**

Moved: Councillor Craven

Seconded: Councillor Martin

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive Finance Report FIN2020-07 dated March 10, 2020 regarding Application for Tile Loan – Form 6;

AND FURTHER THAT Township of Mapleton Council approve the Application for Tile Loan - Form 6 for property located at West Part Lot 13, Concession 10, former Township of Maryborough in the amount of \$34,900 provided that funds are available from the Province.

**CARRIED**

- iii) Finance Report FIN2020-08  
Re: Water and Wastewater Rates

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-10**

Moved: Councillor Martin

Seconded: Councillor Craven

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive Finance Report FIN2020-08 regarding Water and Wastewater rates for the years 2020 to 2023; and

FURTHER STAFF be directed to amend the Fees and Charges By-law for Water and Wastewater rates per appendix "A" of this report; effective April 1, 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### 9.4 Public Works Department

- i) Public Works Report PW2020-03  
Re: Award of Tender 2020-01 Reconstruction of Culvert MB015

##### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-11**

Moved: Councillor Douglas

Seconded: Councillor Ottens

THAT The Township of Mapleton Council receive Public Works Report PW2020-03 dated March 10, 2020 regarding the Award of Tender 2020-01 for the replacement of Culvert MB015;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to award Tender 2020-01, to Moorefield Excavating LTD., in the amount of \$371,324.86 including H.S.T., (\$328,606.07 plus H.S.T.), for the replacement of Culvert MB015.

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender agreement with Moorefield Excavating Contractors Inc., and to consider the associated signatory bylaw.

AND FURTHER THAT Council draw the required funds from the approved 2020 capital budget account number 2-4-3011-77100, Project sheet #18055.

**CARRIED**

- ii) Public Works Report PW2020-04  
Re: Maintenance Gravel Tender RFT 2020-02 Award

##### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-12**

Moved: Councillor Ottens

Seconded: Councillor Douglas

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive Public Works Report PW2020-04 dated March 10, 2020 regarding Maintenance Gravel Tender No. 2020-02 Award;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to award Maintenance Gravel Tender No. 2020-02 to The Murray Group Limited for the amount of \$229,000 plus H.S.T for the supply and delivery of approximately 20,000 metric tonnes of OPSS 1010 Crushed Granular "A" (7/8").

**CARRIED**

#### 10. Approval of By-Laws

##### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-13**

Moved: Councillor Douglas

Seconded: Councillor Ottens

THAT By-laws Numbered:

- 2020-016 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk to execute an Access Agreement between North Frontenac Telephone Corporation Ltd and The Corporation of the Township of Mapleton
- 2020-017 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement between Paula C. Ferreirinha & Khen Hopmans and The Corporation of the Township of Mapleton
- 2020-018 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement between Lloyd Bauman and Alice Bauman and The Corporation of the Township of Mapleton

be hereby read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

**CARRIED**

## 11. Correspondence for Council's Direction

### 11.1 Draft Resolution re Rural Urban Challenges with attached County of Wellington Committee Report dated January 16, 2020 regarding Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

#### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-14**

Moved: Councillor Ottens

Seconded: Councillor Douglas

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario implemented changes to property assessment and introduced taxation reform which came into effect in 1998;

AND WHEREAS prior to 1998 farm properties were subject to taxation at the base residential tax rate and qualified farmers applied annually to the province to be reimbursed 75% of the farm portion of the taxes paid to the local municipality;

AND WHEREAS the province changed the method of delivering farmer's rebates by creating the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA);

AND WHEREAS rather than apply annually and wait for property tax rebates, the delivery of the programme shifted to local municipal governments and onto the property tax system;

AND WHEREAS eligible farmland assessment values are now locally subsidized by 75% of their full current value assessment (CVA) to produce a lower weighted assessment base which is used for tax rate setting purposes;

AND WHEREAS the effect of the locally subsidized weighted assessment shifts an increased burden of tax onto all other property classes within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS these taxation reforms were originally supposed to be revenue neutral and offset by funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and its predecessor the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF);

AND WHEREAS the province has been reducing support from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund while the cost of the farm tax rebate programme is continuously increasing;

AND WHEREAS an economically competitive agricultural industry provides affordable food and agricultural products to all Ontarians and is a provincial objective that should

be cost shared amongst all of its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the cost of this programme disproportionately falls upon property taxpayers in rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS higher property taxes in rural municipalities is creating economic competitiveness issues between rural and urban municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the province hasn't undertaken a review of this programme since it was implemented in 1998;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mapleton requests that:

1. The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme to determine:
  - a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
  - b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme;
  - c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
  - d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
  - e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate programme to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Hon. Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**CARRIED**

- 11.2 Enbridge correspondence dated February 20, 2020 regarding Natural Gas Expansion Program Update

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-15**

Moved: Councillor Douglas

Seconded: Councillor Ottens

THAT Township of Mapleton Council support Enbridge correspondence dated February 20, 2020 regarding the Natural Gas Expansion Program Update; AND FURTHER THAT Township Staff stipulate the Cumnock project within the letter of support document.

**CARRIED**

- 11.3 Wellington Federation of Agricultural correspondence dated February 5, 2020 regarding Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-16**

Moved: Councillor Ottens

Seconded: Councillor Douglas

THAT Township of Mapleton Council hereby supports the new proposed legislation 'Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act.' AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to complete and send the Wellington Federation of Agriculture supplied letter of support to the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

**CARRIED**

- 11.4 Wellington County correspondence dated February 28, 2020 regarding Turtle Crossing signs on County Roads

**RESOLUTION 2020-04-17**

Moved: Councillor Douglas

Seconded: Councillor Ottens

THAT Township of Mapleton Council receive County of Wellington correspondence concerning their approved Roads Committee recommendation regarding Turtle Crossing signs.

**CARRIED**

12. **Correspondence for Council's Information** was circulated with the agenda.

13. **Notices of Motion**

Councillor Craven provided a verbal notice of motion regarding staff investigating a sidewalk along Wellington Rd 17 towards Highway 6 from Wellington Rd 7 intersection for the length of six houses due to safety concerns.

14. **Notice Provision**

- 14.1 Notice Provision, Fees and Charges for Water & Wastewater to be considered March 10, 2020 with draft by-law to be considered March 24, 2020

- 14.2 Notice of Public Meeting Development Charges By-law, April 7, 2020 at 7275 Sideroad 15, Council Chambers

15. **Other Business** – none

16. **Council Tracking Sheet**

Council requested the tracking sheet to be updated as follows;

- Add Concession 3

## 17. Closed Session

### **RESOLUTION 2020-04-18**

Moved: Councillor Ottens

Seconded: Councillor Douglas

THAT Mapleton Township Council move into closed session for the following reasons:

1. Closed Session Minutes February 11, 2020
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, CAO update with written submission (7374 Wellington Road 11)
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, CAO verbal information (Drayton Industrial Park, Phase 2)
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (CAO Performance Review)

**CARRIED**

### **Open Session Resumed**

**Mayor Davidson disclosed closed session decisions as follows:**

### **RESOLUTION (ABRIDGED)**

A Resolution to reconsider Resolution 2019-21-08 (Surplus Lands, 7374 Wellington Road 11) and to approve the sale of these lands for an offered price.

**NOT SUPPORTED**

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT Mapleton Council accepts in principle an offer for the remaining lands (3.82 ac.) located in the Drayton Industrial Park, Phase 2;

AND THAT Council will consider an authorizing bylaw declaring the lands surplus; AND the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to proceed with the execution of all ancillary documents.

**CARRIED**

**CAO performance review took place.**

## 18. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Gregg Davidson

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Clerk Barb Schellenberger

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