

The Council of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock met at the Innerkip Community Centre, Innerkip, Ontario at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 5, 2023.

Members Present: Mayor Phil SCHAEFER, Deputy Mayor Brad SMITH and Councillors Matthew GILLESPIE, Jeremy SMITH, Steven VAN WYK and Scott ZEHR.

Members Absent: Councillor Scott RUDY.

Staff Present: CAO-Treasurer Karen DePrest, Clerk Will Jaques, Chief Building Official John Scherer and Fire Chief Scott Alexander.

Mayor SCHAEFER welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor SMITH noted the success of the recent Innerkip Home & School Association fundraising dance, and also noted a number of other upcoming events in the Township:

- Innerkip Lions Good Friday Fish Fry
- Family Skate fundraising event for the family of Dan Varey, to be held on Good Friday in Tavistock
- Innerkip and Tavistock Easter Egg hunts, to be held on Saturday April 8th

Councillor SMITH also offered his congratulations to Bill and Janice McIntosh on their recent award from the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, as well as to the Tavistock Royals on recently winning the WOAA hockey championship.

Approve
Agenda

1. Moved by: Scott ZEHR
Seconded by: Brad SMITH
Resolved that Council approve the agenda for the April 5, 2023, meeting as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

- Jeremy SMITH – Item #4(e) (Consent Application B23-09-2A (peopleCare Inc.))

Confirm
Minutes -
Council

2. Moved by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Seconded by: Steven VAN WYK
Resolved that Council confirm the Minutes of the March 15, 2023, Council Meeting, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Correspondence & Reports – No Resolutions:

- ERTH Corp. – 2023 AGM (Save The Date)
- March 15, 2023 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes
- March 22, 2023 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Staff Report - #CBO2023 – 04 re: Building, Development & Drainage Reporting
- Staff Report - #PW2023 – 04 re: Public Works Reporting
- Staff Report - #FC2023 – 03 re: Fire Department Reporting

Correspondence & Reports – Resolutions Following:

Woodstock –
Municipal
Insurance Costs
Resolution

Council reviewed the correspondence from the City of Woodstock regarding reducing municipal insurance costs.

3. Moved by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that Council support the resolution from the City of Woodstock regarding municipal insurance costs.

CARRIED.

ERTH Corp. –
2023 AGM
(Save The
Date)

Council reviewed the correspondence from ERTH Corp. regarding saving the date for the 2023 Annual General Meeting, which is to be held May 25, 2023.

Consent
Application
B22-95-2
(Leslie)

4. Moved by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that Council voice no objection to consent application B22-95-2 (Leslie).

CARRIED.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Jeremy Smith left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Consent
Application
B23-09-2A
(peopleCare
Inc.)

5. Moved by: Brad SMITH
Seconded by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Resolved that Council voice no objection to consent
application B23-09-2A (peopleCare Inc.)

CARRIED.

Jeremy Smith returned to the meeting at
9:23 a.m.

County Council-
Updates &
Questions

Mayor SCHAEFER provided an update on Oxford
County Council activities.

March 15, 2023
Police Services
Board Meeting
Minutes

Council reviewed the Minutes from the March 15,
2023 Police Services Board meeting.

March 22, 2023
Recreation
Advisory
Committee
Meeting Minutes

Council reviewed the Minutes from the March 22,
2023 Recreation Advisory Committee. Council also
confirmed its support of the Committee's
recommendation to amend the Terms of Reference
to acknowledge meeting "quorum" as five (5)
members.

Staff Report
#CBO2023 - 04
re: Building,
Development &
Drainage
Reporting

CBO John Scherer reviewed the Monthly Building,
Development & Drainage Report with Council.

At 9:45 a.m., Shirley McCall-Hanlon attended the
meeting to discuss her proposal for a memorial
tree program in the Township.

6. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Resolved that Council direct staff to create a report
investigating memorial tree program options, as
well as potential locations for tree plantings in the
Township.

CARRIED.

Staff Report
#PW2023 - 04
re: Public Works
Reporting

Council reviewed the Monthly Public Works Report,
as submitted by Public Works Manager Tom
Lightfoot.

Staff Report
#FC2023 – 02
re: Fire
Department
Reporting

Fire Chief Scott Alexander reviewed the Monthly Fire Department Report with Council.

Other and
Unfinished
Business

CAO-Treasurer Karen DePrest provided an update on the Township 2023 budget process.

7. Moved by: Scott ZEHR
Seconded by: Steven VAN WYK
Resolved that Council hold a special meeting of Council on May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to review and discuss the 2023 budget.

CARRIED.

Confirming
By-law

8. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that By-law #2023-10 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council held Wednesday April 5, 2023, be read a first, second and third time this 5th day of April, 2023;

And further that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the same and affix the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

Adjourn

9. Moved by: Brad SMITH
Seconded by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Resolved that Council does now adjourn at 11:29 a.m.

CARRIED.

Will Jaques, Clerk

Phil Schaefer, Mayor