

The Council of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock met at the Innerkip Community Centre, Innerkip, Ontario at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 4, 2023.

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

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: CAO-Treasurer Karen DePrest, Clerk Will Jaques, CBO John Scherer, Public Works Manager Tom Lightfoot and Fire Chief Scott Alexander.

Mayor SCHAEFER welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor SMITH noted that October 5th is World Teacher’s Day. Councillor ZEHR noted that at the recent UTRCA Board Meeting, discussion occurred regarding the Conservation Authority’s plan for handling encampments on UTRCA lands. Councillor VAN WYK noted the Public Information Centre being held on October 5th in Tavistock for the Punkydoodles Corners Intersection.

Approve
Agenda

1. Moved by: Brad SMITH
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that Council approve the agenda for the October 4, 2023, meeting as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

- None.

Confirm
Minutes -
Council

2. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Steven VAN WYK
Resolved that Council confirm the Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Council Meeting, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Correspondence & Reports – No Resolutions:

- September 20, 2023, Police Services Board (PSB) Minutes
- Staff Report - #CBO2023 – 09 re: Building, Development & Drainage Reporting
- Staff Report - #PW2023 – 10 re: Public Works Reporting
- Staff Report - #FC2023 – 08 re: Fire Department Reporting
- Staff Report - #CAO2023 – 11 re: CAO Reporting

Correspondence & Reports – Resolutions Following:

Conferences and Seminars

Council discussed attendance at the upcoming ROMA Conference in January, 2024.

3. Moved by: Scott RUDY
 Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
 Resolved that Council approve the attendance of the following members at the 2024 ROMA Conference, to be held January 21-24, 2024, in Toronto:
 - Jeremy Smith
 - Phil Schaefer
 - Steven Van Wyk
 - Matthew Gillespie
 - Scott Zehr

CARRIED.

County Council– Updates & Questions

Mayor SCHAEFER provided an update on County Council activities including the recent budget survey results, confirmation of the County’s AAA credit rating, and the County’s deliberations regarding housing density.

September 20, 2023 Police Services Board (PSB) Minutes

Council reviewed the September 20, 2023, Police Services Board (PSB) Minutes.

Staff Report #CBO2023 – 09 re: Building, Development & Drainage Reporting

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

Staff Report #PW2023 – 10 re: Public Works Reporting

Public Works Manager Tom Lightfoot reviewed the Monthly Public Works Report with Council.

Staff Report
#FC2023 – 08
re: Fire
Department
Reporting

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

Staff Report
#CSM2023 – 11
re: Accessibility
- IASR Policy &
Multi-Year
Accessibility
Plan

Clerk Will Jaques presented his report to Council regarding implementation of an Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) Policy, and an updated Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

4. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that Council approves the recommendations in Staff Report #CSM2023-11.

CARRIED.

Staff Report
#CAO2023 – 11
re: CAO
Reporting

CAO-Treasurer Karen DePrest reviewed the Monthly CAO Report with Council.

Staff Report
#CAO2023 – 12
re: Tavistock
Royals MAP
Exception
Request

CAO-Treasurer Karen DePrest presented her report to Council regarding the Tavistock Royals request for an exception, under the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP).

5. Moved by: Scott ZEHR
Seconded by: Steven VAN WYK
Resolved that Council authorizes the Tavistock Royals to license the tiered seating area of the Tavistock Arena in conjunction with their Special Occasion Permit for the month ending October 31, 2023, subject to the conditions and requirements under of the Township Municipal Alcohol Policy, and Option 2 of Report #CAO2023-12.

CARRIED.

Confirming
By-law

6. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that By-law #2023-29 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council held Wednesday October 4, 2023, be read a first, second and third time this 4th day of October, 2023;

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

CARRIED.

Adjourn

7. Moved by: Brad SMITH
Seconded by: Matthew GILLESPIE
Resolved that Council does now adjourn at 10:19 a.m.

CARRIED.

Will Jaques, Clerk

Phil Schaefer, Mayor