

The Council of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock met at the Innerkip Community Centre, Innerkip, Ontario at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 1, 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, Fire Chief Scott Alexander and Corporate Initiatives Officer Meaghan Vader.

Mayor SCHAEFER welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor SMITH advised that Southwestern Public Health is now offering the latest COVID-19 vaccine to everyone over the age of six months. Councillor SMITH also advised that the "Great Pumpkin Rescue" (collection of pumpkins, gourds and squash) is happening between November 1-6, with these collected items from the public being repurposed for community meals and feed for livestock. Lastly, Councillor SMITH noted that the community Remembrance Day ceremony in Innerkip is being held on November 10th at the cenotaph, at the Innerkip Cemetery.

Approve
Agenda

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

CARRIED.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

- None.

Confirm
Minutes -
Council

2. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Scotty RUDY
Resolved that Council confirm the Minutes of the October 18, 2023, Council Meeting, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Correspondence & Reports – No Resolutions:

- ROEDC – July-September 2023 Activity Report
- Oxford County – Organics Feasibility Study
- Oxford County – William St. SPS Study Public Consultation Centre
- Staff Report - #PW2023 – 11 re: Dust Suppressant Trial Results

Correspondence & Reports – Resolutions Following:

ROEDC –
July-September
2023 Activity
Report

Council reviewed the July–September 2023 Activity Report from the Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC).

Oxford County–
Organics
Feasibility
Study

Council reviewed the correspondence from the County of Oxford regarding Organics Resource Recovery Technologies Feasibility.

Oxford County–
William St. SPS
Study Public
Consultation
Centre

Council reviewed the correspondence from the County of Oxford regarding the Public Consultation Centre in Tavistock for the William Street Sanitary Pumping Station. The Public Consultation Centre has been subsequently postponed until early 2024.

At 9:15 a.m., Gord Hough from the County of Oxford made a presentation to Council regarding service agreements with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), as well as the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA).

3. Moved by: Scott ZEHR
Seconded by: Steven VAN WYK
Resolved that Council advise the County that the Township supports entering into MOU/agreements with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Grand River Conservation Authority for Programs and Services, as outlined in County Report CP 2023-358.

CARRIED.

Conferences
and Seminars

Mayor SCHAEFER and Deputy Mayor SMITH spoke to their recent attendance at the Small Business Centre’s “Bridges to Better Business” event, at Craigowan Golf Course.

County Council–
Updates &
Questions

Mayor SCHAEFER provided an update on County Council activities.

Staff Report
#CIO2023 – 07
re: Municipal
Alcohol Policy
Updates

Corporate Initiatives Officer Meaghan Vader presented her report to Council regarding various proposed updates to the Township’s Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP).

- 4. Moved by: Scott ZEHR
Seconded by: Brad SMITH
Resolved that Council approve the changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy, as included in and attached to Staff Report #CIO2023-07;

And further that the Tavistock Royals Hockey Club be instructed to apply for delegation for their requested exception event dates.

CARRIED.

Staff Report
#PW2023 – 11
re: Dust
Suppressant
Trial Results

Public Works Manager Tom Lightfoot presented his report to Council regarding the results from various dust suppressant trials that were completed on the Township’s gravel roads, in 2023.

Other and
Unfinished
Business

Councillor RUDY brought forward discussion regarding future Township owned building projects, including public works and fire department facilities. An opportunity will be dedicated at a future meeting for Council to continue to discuss this matter.

Confirming
By-law

- 5. Moved by: Jeremy SMITH
Seconded by: Scott ZEHR
Resolved that By-law #2023-32 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council held Wednesday November 1, 2023, be read a first, second and third time this 1st day of November, 2023;

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

CARRIED.

Adjourn

- 6. Moved by: Brad SMITH
Seconded by: Scott RUDY
Resolved that Council does now adjourn at 11:51 a.m.

CARRIED.