

The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
January 16, 2025 – 7:00p.m.
Virtual Meeting - <https://youtu.be/LNKordRvOo8>

The Malahide Township Council met at the Springfield & Area Community Services Building, at 51221 Ron McNeil Line, Springfield, at 7:00p.m. The following were present:

Council: Mayor D. Giguère, Deputy Mayor M. Widner, Councillor S. Leitch, Councillor J. Wilson, Councillor S. Lewis, Councillor R. Cerna and Councillor C. Glinski

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer N. Dias, Clerk A. Adams, Director of Corporate Services A. Boylan, Director of Public Works J. Godby, Director of Emergency Services J. Spoor and HR Manager S. Loewen.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Giguère took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No. 25-001

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the January 16 ,2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented with the following addition:

- Section P – Closed Session - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Section 239 (2)(b)

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature thereof:

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items PW-2501-Learn Drain Extension, PW-25-02-Petition for Drainage-Glencolin Line, and FIN-25-01-Community Grant Requests. The nature of the conflict being that a Partner at Spriet Associates is an immediate relative of his and that he is a member of the Harvest Bowl Committee and Malahide Community Policing Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No items.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

No. 25-002

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 19, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

No items.

DELEGATIONS:

No items.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS (CONSENT AGENDA):

No items.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Severance Conditions of E13-23 & E18-23 – Conveyance from Loewen to Township of Malahide Resolution

No. 25-003

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Severance applications E-13-23 and E-18-23, presented to Council on May 16, 2024, were approved with the recommended conditions;

AND THAT Condition 7 for E-13-23 and Condition 6 for E-18-23, which require land dedications for consent approval, including a turning circle and road widening on Woolleyville Line, be fulfilled;

AND THAT upon completion of these conditions, the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary agreements.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- F-25-01- Fire Protection Grant

No. 25-004**Moved By: John H. Wilson****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT Report No. F-25-01 entitled “Fire Protection Grant” be received for information;

AND THAT Malahide Council approves and authorizes the agreement between the Township and the Province, granting the Director of Fire and Emergency Services and the Director of Corporate Services the authority to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Township.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items J– PW-25-01 – Learn Drain Extension and PW-25-02 – Petition for Drainage – Glencolin Line. He retired from the meeting and abstained from all discussions and voting on the matter.

- PW-25-01 – Learn Drain Extension

No. 25-005**Moved By: Chester Glinski****Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT Report No. PW- 25-01 entitled “Learn Drain Extension” be received;

AND THAT the extension of the Learn Drain be included in the engineer’s report currently being prepared by Mike Devos, P. Eng., of Spriet Associates pursuant to *Section 78 of the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990.*

Carried

- PW-25-02 – Petition for Drainage – Glencolin Line

No. 25-006**Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT Report No. PW- 25-02 entitled “Petition for Drainage – Glencolin Line” be received;

AND THAT the Director of Public Works or his designate be authorized to add the Township of Malahide to the existing Wagler petition for drainage under Section 4 of the Drainage Act.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Widner returned to his seat at the Council table.

- PW-25-03 – Drain Update

No. 25-007

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT Report No. PW- 25-03 entitled “Drain Update Report” be received.

Carried

BY-LAWS:

No. 25-008

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

THAT the following by-laws be now read a first, second and third time and finally passed:

- 25-01 – Establish Fire & Emergency Fees
- 25-02 – 2025 Municipal Water Rates
- 25-03 – 2025 Municipal Sewage Rates
- 25-04 – Road Assuming By-law – Portion of Springwater Road

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

No. 25-009

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

RESOLVED THAT we do now move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

Business for Consideration

- FIN-25-01 – Community Grant Requests

Councillor Wilson inquired about a grant application for a newly formed board, Springfield Stingers baseball, and about an opportunity to apply now. Mayor Giguère stated that since money left

perhaps to show some flexibility this could be reviewed by the committee if they wished to submit. The committee agreed with this approach.

Councillor Cerna inquired about the conditional approval for the Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce, noting that the event appeared to be primarily taking place in Aylmer, this funding amount should be removed. Director Boylan responded that to date, he had not received any correspondence regarding the formal letter he had sent to the applicant outlining the condition.

Councillor Leitch raised the issue of funding for the Aylmer-Malahide Museum, expressing her desire to see an increase in funding to help preserve the community's history. Mayor Giguere asked the committee members if they wished to discuss the matter further or refer it back to the grant committee for reconsideration. Councillor Cerna and other members agreed that the items should be sent back to the grant committee for further consideration.

No. 25-010

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT Report FIN-25-01 entitled "Community Grant Requests" be received for information;

AND THAT the committee recommend to council that the Community Grants in the amount of \$40,910 be approved and distributed as recommended by the Community Grants Committee with the exception of the Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce event.

AND THAT the committee request the grant application of the Springfield Stingers be submitted for review by the grant committee.

AND THAT the committee request an increase to the Aylmer Malahide Museum grant be reviewed by the grant committee.

Carried

- 2025 Draft Budget Discussions – Continuation

Deputy Mayor Widner inquired about the study fees associated with the Official Plan. CAO Dias explained that he had spoken with the planners, and the amount of consultation required can be controlled, allowing it to be managed within the operating budget. He suggested repurposing the funds for this purpose. Mayor Giguère confirmed it was necessary to align with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the County Official Plan, and there is no way around this requirement. CAO Dias confirmed this understanding, and reiterated the Mayor's point that compliance with both is mandatory. Although the work to be done is beyond just housekeeping, the process can be made more efficient, and a letter of engagement can be developed to obtain better cost estimates, ensuring we do what's needed without unnecessary expenditure. Before passing the resolution, Mayor Giguère asked what the resolution should specify regarding the Official Plan funding. Director Boylan noted that the amount staff spend on the project could be limited if desired. Mayor Giguère then asked Deputy Mayor Widner if he agreed with this approach, to which he confirmed and suggested that the maximum for the study be set at \$30,000.

Councillor Wilson inquired about the zero-value listed for the concession booth at MCP. Director Boylan clarified that this reflects the absence of a current contract, but it does not indicate that a contract is not being considered. Director Godby added that staff are working on an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be sent to potential vendors. After discussing the EOI, members concluded that measures would be implemented to ensure commitment and fairness. Director Godby further stated that he hoped to have something back before Council regarding the outcome of this.

No. 25-011

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT Report No. FIN-24-32 entitled “2025 Draft Budget be received;

AND THAT the Committee of the whole recommend to council the 2025 Draft Budget in principle as presented with the exception of the OP Project Budget be limited to \$30,000;

AND THAT the Committee of the whole recommend to Council the approval the User Fee Schedules for 2025 as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget.

Carried

Unfinished Business

No items.

New Business

No items.

Correspondence

- Correspondence Items

No. 25-012

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

BE IT RESOLVED that all correspondence items be received and filed:

1. Town of Aylmer – Opposition to Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes and Support for Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning
2. Municipality of Bayham – Official Plan Conformity Review 2024 – First Draft Official Plan
3. County of Elgin – Council Highlights - December 12, 2024
4. Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Minutes – November 20, 2024
5. Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Minutes – December 5, 2024
6. Long Point Region Conservation Authority 2025 Budget Apportionment

7. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Amendment to O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Regulation (“Excess Soil Regulation”)
8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Announcement of additional funding for ending encampments

Carried

No. 25-013

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

RESOLVED THAT we do now move out of Committee of the Whole and reconvene the regular council meeting.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION:

No. 25-014

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT Council move into Closed Session at 8:19p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss the following:

- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Municipality or local board relating to a Township facility. Section 239(2)(k)
- A matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees respecting a matter relating to a job evaluation. Section 239 (2) (d)(b)
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Section 239 (2)(b)

Carried

No. 25-015

Moved By: John H. Wilson

Seconded By: Mark Widner

THAT Council move out of Closed Session and reconvene at 9:12p.m. in order to continue with its deliberations;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with adjusting the position, following the Job Evaluation Reconsideration, to the appropriate level and implementing the corresponding step increase;

AND THAT there is nothing further to report.

Carried

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:

No. 25-016

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT By-law No.25-05, being a Confirmatory By-law, be given first, second and third readings, and be properly signed and sealed.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

No. 25-017

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Council adjourn its meeting at 9:13p.m. meet again on January 30, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By:

Mayor – D. Giguère

Original Signed By:

Clerk – A. Adams