

The Corporation of the Township of Malahide**January 30, 2025 – 7:00p.m.**Virtual Meeting - <https://youtu.be/nzYOx5EQlro?si=2j9b7khcvYgK7vFT>

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, 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

Via Zoom: Deputy Mayor M. Widner

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No. 25-018

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT the January 30, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented with the following additions:

Section J – New Business – Verbal update on Port Bruce Ice Mitigation measures

Section J – New Business – Citizen Police Academy

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature thereof:

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items F – Meeting to Consider – Ashton Street Drain and Meeting to Consider – D. Versnick Drain. The nature of the conflict being that a Partner at Spriet Associates is an immediate relative of his.

Councillor Cerna disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items DS-25-02 – Application to Consent to Sever No. E7-25 of J and L Walker Farms Ltd. The nature of the conflict being that he holds interest in the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Widner shared an update on his recent participation at the ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Conference, offering valuable insights and information gathered during the event. He also drew attention to a recent announcement by Conservative Leader Doug Ford about a \$1 billion investment to develop a new police college. Deputy Mayor Widner expressed his hope that Malahide, which is home to the original college, would be selected as the site for the new facility.

Councillor Wilson expressed his happiness at the return of the variety store in Springfield, highlighting how its reopening is a great asset for the community. He pointed out that the store's presence offers residents convenient access to everyday essentials, making it a valuable resource for the area.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

No. 25-019

Moved By: John H. Wilson

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 16, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

- Public Meeting - Zoning By-law Amendment Application – D14-Z14-24 - Baertsoen – 47323 and 47325 Talbot Line

No. 25-020

Moved By: Chester Glinski

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Public Meeting relating to the Zoning By-Law Amendment D14-Z14-24 - Baertsoen – 47323 and 47325 Talbot Line be called to order at 7:08p.m.

Carried

Mayor Giguère advised that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to consider an application to amend the zoning of the subject property.

Mayor Giguère asked the Clerk to advise and confirm on the method and date of notice given for this meeting. The Clerk advised that this public meeting was advertised in the Aylmer Express for two consecutive weeks on January 16th and January 22nd. In addition, affected property owners within 120 meters were sent a notice by mail at minimum 20 days prior to this meeting.

Mayor Giguère requested that Eric Steele of Monteith Brown provide an overview of the Application.

Mayor Giguère asked if anyone in attendance wished to make comment and there was no one in attendance.

Mayor Giguère invited comments from Council Members and there were none.

No. 25-021

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT the Public Meeting relating to the Zoning By-Law Amendment D14-Z14-24 - Baertsoen – 47323 and 47325 Talbot Line be adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Carried

No. 25-022

Moved By: John H. Wilson

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT Report No. DS-25-03 entitled “Zoning By-Law Amendment Application of Arnold & Joanna Baertsoen (Authorized Agent: Civic Planning Solutions Inc.) relating to the property located at PLAN 15 PT LOTS 1,2,3 PLAN; 15 LOT 3 S/S TALBOT (47323 and 47325 Talbot Line, Malahide) be received;

AND THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-Z14-24 of Arnold and Joanna Baertsoen relating to the property located at PLAN 15 PT LOTS 1,2,3 PLAN; 15 LOT 3 S/S TALBOT, and known municipally as 47323 and 47325 Talbot Line, BE APPROVED for the reasons set out in this Report.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items F– Meeting to Consider – Ashton Street Drain and Meeting to Consider – D. Versnick Drain. He retired from the meeting and abstained from all discussions and voting on the matter.

- Meeting to Consider – Ashton Street Drain relating to Lot 48, Plan 71, Village of Springfield, Township of Malahide, geographic South Dorchester

Mr. Spriet provided a detailed overview of the application, outlining its key components and objectives.

Abraham Wall, a resident of 51238 Clinton Street, inquired about the exact location of the drain and whether it would impact his property. Mr. Spriet confirmed that the drain would not cross his property, ensuring that no costs would be assessed to him.

No. 25-023

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Engineer's Report for the Ashton Street Drain be accepted;

AND THAT By-law No. 25-07 being a by-law to provide for the Ashton Street drainage works be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted.

Carried

No. 25-024

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT the Court of Revision for the Ashton Street Drain be scheduled to be held on March 6, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Carried

- Meeting to Consider – D. Versnick Drain relating to part of lot 11, Concession 11, Township of Malahide

No. 25-025

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT the Engineer's Report for the D. Versnick Drain be accepted;

AND THAT By-law No. 25-06 being a by-law to provide for the D. Versnick drainage works be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted.

Carried

No. 25-026

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT the Court of Revision for the D. Versnick Drain be scheduled to be held on March 6, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Carried

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

DELEGATIONS:

No items.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS (CONSENT AGENDA):

No. 25-027

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

Whereas, at its January 16th, 2025 meeting, the Committee of the Whole recommended to Council resolutions;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the recommendations b-d from the Committee of the Whole.

- b. AND THAT Report No. FIN-24-32 entitled "2025 Draft Budget be received;

AND THAT the 2025 Draft Budget be approved in principle as presented, with the exception of the OP Project Budget, which is to be limited to \$30,000;

AND THAT the User Fee Schedules for 2025 be approved as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget;

- c. AND THAT the 2025 EECC Operational Budget be approved in the total amount of \$626,320.00 (\$313,160 per municipal partner);

AND THAT the 2025 EEECC Capital Budget in the total amount of \$ 1,717,507.00 (\$858,753.50 per municipal partner) be approved;

AND THAT the 2024 EECC carry forward projects in the total amount of \$598,397.00 (\$299,198.50 per municipal partner) be approved;

- d. AND THAT the correspondence received from the Elgin OPP Detachment Board, regarding the request for contribution to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board During Inaugural Phase be received;

AND THAT the \$5,000 request for contribution to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board During Inaugural Phase be approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Grant Committee Funding Requests
 - Springfield Stingers

No. 25-028**Moved By: John H. Wilson****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT the grant committee recommends that the Springfield Stingers be awarded a \$1000 grant upon submission of their application.

Carried

- Aylmer-Malahide Museum

Moved By: Rick Cerna**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the grant committee recommends that the \$5,000 grant for the Aylmer-Malahide Museum remain unchanged;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township continues conversations with the museum to further explore the nature of its support to the museum and ultimately to achieve and agreed upon alignment in governance and funding approach.

After the original motion, and some initial discussion, Deputy Mayor Widner presented a motion to increase the amount by \$1000.

Moved By: Mark Widner**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the Aylmer-Malahide Museum grant be increased by \$1000.00.

Councillor Lewis clarified with Deputy Mayor Widner the purpose of the \$1,000 increase. He stated that the increase was intended regardless of participation in the Chamber event. Councillor Cerna agreed that if the increase was intended for the Chamber event, it could potentially lead to inquiries for additional funding. Mayor Giguère clarified that the motion on the table was specifically for the Museum and was not related to supporting the Heritage Festival. There were no further questions regarding the \$1,000 increase to the grant. The Mayor confirmed that if there were no further questions, it was time to proceed with the vote.

Carried**No. 25-029****Moved By: Rick Cerna****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the grant committee recommends that the \$6,000 grant for the Aylmer-Malahide Museum;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township continues conversations with the museum to further explore the nature of its support to the museum and ultimately to achieve and agreed upon alignment in governance and funding approach.

Carried

- Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce Heritage Festival

No. 25-030

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT the grant recommendation for the Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce Heritage Festival be adjusted to \$1,000 to support the promotion and advertising of a minimum of four participating Malahide locations.

Carried

No. 25-031

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Grants in the amount of \$43,910 be approved and distributed as recommended by the Community Grants Committee.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- DS-25-01 - Application for Consent to Sever No. E8-25 of Kevin and Katie Vis

No. 25-032

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT Report No. DS-25-01 entitled "Application for Consent to Sever No. E8-25 of Kevin and Katie Vis" be received;

AND THAT the Application for Consent to Sever of Kevin and Katie Vis (c/o Civic Planning Solutions) relating to the property located at Concession 7, Part Lot 21; Part Lot 94, (Geographic Concession North of Talbot Road), and known municipally as 51147 Glencolin Line be supported for the reasons set out in this Report;

AND THAT this report be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its review and consideration.

Carried

- DS-25-04 - Application for Consent to Sever No. E13-25 of Michael & Jennifer Shackelton

No. 25-033**Moved By: John H. Wilson****Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT Report No. DS-25-04 entitled "Application for Consent to Sever No. E13-25 of Michael & Jennifer Shackelton" be received;

AND THAT the Application for Consent to Sever of Michael and Jennifer Shackelton (Authorized Agent: Civic Planning Solutions Inc.), relating to the property located at Concession 10, Part Lot 4, (Geographic Concession North of Talbot Road), and known municipally as 51516 and 51570 Lyons Line be supported for the reasons set out in this Report;

AND THAT this report and the recommended conditions be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its review and consideration.

Carried

Councillor Cerna disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Council Agenda items DS-25-02 – Application to Consent to Sever No. E7-25 of J and L Walker Farms Ltd. He retired from the meeting and abstained from all discussions and voting on the matter.

- DS-25-02 - Application for Consent to Sever No. E7-25 of J and L Walker Farms Ltd.

No. 25-034**Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT Report No. DS-25-02 entitled "Application for Consent to Sever No. E7-25 of J and L Walker Farms Ltd." be received;

AND THAT the Application for Consent to Sever of J and L Walker Farms Ltd (c/o Civic Planning Solutions), relating to the property located at Concession 5, Part Lots 26 and 27, (Geographic Concession South of Talbot Road), and known municipally as 7717 Anger Road be supported for the reasons set out in this Report;

AND THAT this report and the recommended conditions be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its review and consideration.

Carried

Councillor Cerna returned to his seat at the Council table.

- PW-25-04 – CHIF Letter of Support

No. 25-035

Moved By: Chester Glinski

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Report No. PW- 25-04 entitled “CHIF Letter of Support” be received;

AND THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Malahide supports Malahide’s participation in a joint application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) for the rehabilitation of the Port Burwell Area Secondary Water Supply System’s transmission main on Nova Scotia Line;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor be authorized to prepare and sign a Letter of Support from Malahide for the CHIF application.

Carried

- DS-25-06 - 2024 Building Permit Activity

No. 25-036

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT Report No. DS-25-06 entitled “2024 Building Permit Activity” be received.

Carried

- DS-25-03 – CRED Update 2024

No. 25-037

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT Report No. DS-25-03 entitled “CRED Update 2024” be received for information;

AND THAT this report and the information contained therein inform the Mayor and Members of Council the Economic Development initiatives completed over the year for the Township.

Carried

Although it is not the usual practice to allow this, the Mayor acknowledged that Abe Giesbrecht, owner of BDR International, a business in Malahide, was present to speak about the important role

this position plays for the township. He shared how it has been beneficial to him, particularly after facing a challenging start in the planning and building process.

- Section J – New Business – Verbal update on Port Bruce Ice Mitigation measures

Director Spoor provided an update, mentioning that they have been closely monitoring the weather in collaboration with the CCCA. They have conducted some ice breaking, and while the ice is quite thick, they have managed to remove some ice from the channel. The dragline can now reach a bit further. The hope is for a slow, gradual warm-up to allow the ice to move freely and not become stuck in the channel. They will continue to keep the channel clear under the guidance of the CCCA.

Councillor Wilson inquired if there was anything more that could be done, despite already knowing the answer, as he sought clarification. Councillor Lewis, who sits on the CCCA board, responded that while sediment removal is an option, the process is quite specific in how it is carried out. He emphasized that, given the constraints and lack of a perfect solution, they are doing everything they can at this point, with preparation being the key to managing the situation effectively.

- Section J – New Business – Citizen Police Academy

Mayor Giguère noted she has received a request from Elgin OPP Detachment for Malahide be the host of the Elgin Citizen Police Academy commencing on March 19th. The program will consist of one 2-hour session per week for 9 weeks, covering various aspects of law enforcement. The sessions will be led by the OPP, community partners, and professionals, with the goal of engaging participants in discussions and practical demonstrations to promote proactive public safety. In hosting the event, they are looking for space and will handle all other arrangements.

They are seeking approximately \$1,000, and local organizations and businesses have been asked to contribute \$250 in sponsorship. She is inquiring whether Malahide Council would also consider providing a \$250 sponsorship to help make this program available, which will be offered free of charge to participants.

The discussion was positive, with Council members commending the event and recognizing its value. Mayor Giguère clarified that although the request didn't meet the criteria of the grant committee, it was considered a sponsorship for a one-time event.

No. 25-038

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT Council approve the request from the Elgin OPP Detachment to host the Elgin Citizen Police Academy event;

AND THAT Malahide Council support a \$250 sponsorship to the Elgin Citizen Police Academy event.

Carried

BY-LAWS:**No. 25-039****Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

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

- 25-09 – 2025 Budget By-law
- 25-10 – 2025 User Fee By-law
- 25-08 – Baertseon By-law

AND THAT the following by-laws be now read a first and second time:

- 25-06 – D. Versnick Drain
- 25-07 – Ashton Street Drain

Carried**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:****No. 25-040****Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

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

Carried**Business for Consideration**

- CLERK-25-01 - Information Technology Services Contract Extension

No. 25-041**Moved By: Sarah Leitch****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT Report No. CLERK-25-01 entitled Information Technology Services Contract Extension be received;

AND THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff be authorized to take the necessary actions to finalize and formalize the two-year contract extension with Zouling Technologies.

Carried

Unfinished Business

No items.

New Business

No items.

Correspondence

- Correspondence Items

No. 25-042

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

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

1. Elgin County – From the Council Chambers Meeting Highlights– January 14, 2025
2. Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Minutes – December 18, 2024
3. Kettle Creek Conservation Authority – Notice of Confirmation - 2025 Municipal Apportionment
4. Public Advisory Committee – North Shore Resilience Project
5. Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposed regulation regarding Minister's Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act
6. Ministry of Solicitor General – Welcome and Introduction of the newly appointed Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform

Carried

No. 25-043

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

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

Carried

CLOSED SESSION:**No. 25-044**

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT Council move into Closed Session at 8:49p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss the following:

- Training and education for the purpose of professional development relating to Development Services Department – By-law Enforcement. 239(3.1)(1)

Carried

No. 25-045

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Council move out of Closed Session and reconvene at 9:56p.m. in order to continue with its deliberations;

AND THAT Council provided direction to staff and there is nothing further to report.

Carried

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:

No. 25-046

Moved By: John H. Wilson

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT By-law No.25-11, being a Confirmatory By-law, be given first, second and third readings, and be properly signed and sealed.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

No. 25-047

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Council adjourn its meeting at 9:56p.m. meet again on February 20, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By:

Mayor – D. Giguère

Original Signed By:

Clerk – A. Adams