

The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

March 6, 2025 – 7:00p.m.

Virtual Meeting - <https://youtu.be/rTA6Xw1Kd6w?si=GMIqIYXPeJwDRy5F>

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 R. Cerna, Councillor S. Lewis, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Giguère took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No. 25-063

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT the March 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as modified with the following additions:

- Announcements Section - Township Updates, Port Bruce Updates, Citizen Police Academy, and Tariff updates

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature thereof:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chief Spoor provided an update on the flood warning issued for Port Bruce, confirming that Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) had downgraded the warning and provided an all clear statement within its watershed. Council noted that they had received positive feedback from residents, who were pleased with the interaction and efforts made. The Mayor recommended continuing efforts to improve the process and proposed a debrief after the season to review the response.

Mayor Giguère provided information about the 2025 OPP Citizen Police Academy program, which will be held at Malahide Community Place starting on March 20th for 9 weeks, and directed where to find further details.

Mayor Giguère made a statement regarding the ongoing developments related to the current tariff discussions.

Deputy Mayor Widner congratulated Rob Flack on his recent election win as MPP and extended best wishes to MP Karen Vecchio on her retirement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

No. 25-064

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 20, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

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

- Court of Revision – D. Versnick Drain

No. 25-065

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide does hereby appoint the following members to sit on the Court of Revision for the D. Versnick Drain:

Mayor Dominique Giguère (Chair)
Councillor Scott Lewis
Councillor Rick Cerna

Carried

No. 25-066

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Court of Revision for the D. Versnick Drain be called to order at 7:15 p.m.

AND THAT Dominique Giguère be appointed Chair.

Carried

No. 25-067

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Court of Revision members for the D. Versnick Drain do hereby accept the recommendations of Drainage Engineer John M. Spriet; and further, does hereby confirm the drainage assessments as outlined in the Report of the Drainage Engineer dated November 1, 2024.

Carried

No. 25-068

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Court of Revision relating to the D. Versnick Drain be adjourned and the Council Meeting reconvene at 7:18p.m.

Carried

- Court of Revision – Ashton Street Drain

No. 25-069

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide does hereby appoint the following members to sit on the Court of Revision for the Ashton Street Drain:

Mayor Dominique Giguère (Chair)
Councillor John H. Wilson
Councillor Sarah Leitch

Carried

No. 25-070

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

THAT the Court of Revision for the Ashton Street Drain be called to order at 7:19p.m.

AND THAT Dominique Giguère be appointed Chair.

Carried

No. 25-071**Moved By: Sarah Leitch****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT the Court of Revision members for the Ashton Street Drain do hereby accept the recommendations of Drainage Engineer John M. Spriet; and further, does hereby confirm the drainage assessments as outlined in the Report of the Drainage Engineer dated November 7, 2024.

Carried**No. 25-072****Moved By: Sarah Leitch****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT the Court of Revision relating to the Ashton Street Drain be adjourned and the Council Meeting reconvene at 7:21p.m.

Carried

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

- Public Meeting – Zoning By-law Amendment Application – D14-Z01-25-Wenninger Farms Ltd. – 49888 Nova Scotia Line

No. 25-073**Moved By: Sarah Leitch****Seconded By: Mark Widner**

THAT the Public Meeting relating to the Zoning By-Law Amendment D14-Z01-25 – Weninger Farms Ltd. – 49888 Nova Scotia Line be called to order at 7:22p.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 February 26th and March 5th. In addition, affected property owners within 120 meters mailed a notice 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 were none.

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

No. 25-074

Moved By: Chester Glinski

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT the Public Meeting relating to the Zoning By-Law Amendment D14-Z01-25 – Weninger Farms Ltd. – 49888 Nova Scotia Line be adjourned at 7:26p.m.

Carried

No. 25-075

Moved By: Chester Glinski

Seconded By: Scott Lewis

THAT Report No. DS-25-07 entitled “Zoning By-Law Amendment Application of Weninger Farms Ltd. Weninger Farms Ltd, (c/o Civic Planning Solutions Inc.) relating to the property located at Concession 2, Part Lot 14, Township of Malahide (49888 Nova Scotia Line) be received;

AND THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-Z01-25 of Weninger Farms Ltd. (c/o Civic Planning Solutions Inc.) relating to the property located at Concession 2, Part Lot 14, Township of Malahide, and municipally addressed as 49888 Nova Scotia Line, BE APPROVED for the reasons set out in this Report.

Carried

DELEGATIONS:

- Elgin County Library - Springfield Library Presentation

No. 25-076

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: Mark Widner

THAT the presentation from the Elgin County Library regarding the Springfield Library branch be received for information.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS (CONSENT AGENDA):

No items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No items.

NEW BUSINESS:

- FIN-25-02 – 2024 Council Remuneration and Expenses

No. 25-077

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

THAT Report No. FIN-25-02 entitled “2024 Council Remuneration and Expenses” be received.

Carried

BY-LAWS:

No. 25-078

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

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

- 25-12 – Wenninger Farms Ltd. Rezoning

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

No. 25-079

Moved By: Sarah Leitch

Seconded By: John H. Wilson

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

Carried

Business for Consideration

No items.

Unfinished Business

No items.

New Business

- DS-25-07 - Municipal By-law Enforcement Fees Update

No. 25-080**Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT Report No. DS-25-07 entitled "Municipal By-law Enforcement Fees Update" be received;

AND THAT the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to amend the user fee schedule to include the changes proposed.

Carried

- Discussion on the proposal to include "O Canada" at the start of Council Meetings

No. 25-081**Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council the inclusion of 'O Canada' at the beginning of Council meetings as a temporary measure until the tariffs are removed.

CarriedCorrespondence

- Correspondence Items

No. 25-082**Moved By: Rick Cerna****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

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

1. Elgin County – From the Council Chambers Meeting Highlights– February 25th
2. AMOWatchfile – February 27, 2025

Carried**No. 25-083****Moved By: Sarah Leitch****Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

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

Carried

CLOSED SESSION:

No items.

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:

No. 25-084

Moved By: Rick Cerna

Seconded By: Mark Widner

THAT By-law No.25-14, being a Confirmatory By-law, be given first, second and third readings, and be properly signed and sealed.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

No. 25-085

Moved By: Mark Widner

Seconded By: Rick Cerna

THAT Council adjourn its meeting at 8:15p.m. meet again on March 20, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By:

Mayor – D. Giguère

Original Signed By:

Clerk – A. Adams