

**The Corporation of the Township of Malahide**  
**January 15, 2026 – 7:00p.m.**  
 Virtual Meeting - <https://youtu.be/QRxcqBi2MMw>

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 Public Works J. Godby, Director of Fire & Emergency Services J. Spoor, Manager of Strategic Initiatives T. Jones, Deputy Treasurer T. Hoover, and Community Relations Economic Development Manager S. Tripp.

**Absent:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Giguère took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**No. 26-001**

**Moved By: Sarah Leitch**

**Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT the January 15, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented with the following additions:

- Correspondence item OPA03-25 ZBA04-25 – Town of Aylmer Notice of Public Meeting

**Carried**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature therefore:**

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Section G – Meeting to Consider Avon Drain and Meeting to Consider Hotke Drains. The nature of the conflict being that a Partner at Spriet Associates is an immediate relative of his. Deputy Mayor Widner also disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Section M - Community Grant Requests. The nature of the conflict being his membership on two boards, Harvest Bowl and Malahide Community Policing, both of which are being considered for grants

Councillor Leitch disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Section M – Community Grants Requests. The nature of the conflict being her involvement with the two community groups,

South Dorchester Optimist Club and Harvest Bowl, both of which are being considered for grants.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**No. 26-002**

**Moved By: Mark Widner**

**Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 18, 2025 be adopted.

**Carried**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to this agenda item. He retired from the meeting and abstained from all discussions and voting on the matter.

- Meeting to Consider – Avon Drain - parts of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 7

**No. 26-003**

**Moved By: John H. Wilson**

**Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT the Engineer's Report for the Avon Drain be accepted;

AND THAT By-law No. 26-01 being a by-law to provide for the Avon Drain drainage works be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted.

**Carried**

**No. 26-004**

**Moved By: Scott Lewis**

**Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT the tenders for the construction of the Avon Drain be requested for February 9, 2026 at 12:00p.m.

**Carried**

**No. 26-005**

**Moved By: Chester Glinski**

**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the Court of Revision for the Avon Drain be scheduled to be held on February 19, 2026 at 7:00p.m.

**Carried**

- Meeting to Consider – Hotke Drains - serving parts of Lot 88, Concession S.T.R.E

**No. 26-006**

**Moved By: Scott Lewis**

**Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT the Engineer's Report for the Hotke Drains be accepted;

AND THAT By-law No. 26-02 being a by-law to provide for the Hotke Drains drainage works be read a first and second time and provisionally adopted.

**Carried**

**No. 26-007**

**Moved By: Rick Cerna**

**Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT the Court of Revision for the Hotke Drains be scheduled to be held on February 19, 2026 at 7:00p.m.

**Carried**

**No. 26-008**

**Moved By: John H. Wilson**

**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT Report No. DS-25-44 entitled "Zoning By-Law Amendment Application of Van Gorp Enterprises relating to the property located at Concession 7, Part Lot 5, RP 11R5963 Part 2 (South Dorchester) (51200 Yorke Line)" be received;

AND THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-Z15-25 BE APPROVED for the reasons set out in this Report.

**Carried**

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

- Public Hearing – Minor Variance Application – D13-MV-08-25 – Gary & Beverly Bullas - 51117 Ashton Street

**No. 26-009****Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Malahide be called to order at 7:13p.m. and that Mayor Dominique Giguère be appointed Chairperson for the “Committee of Adjustment”.

**Carried**

Chair Giguère requested that Eric Steele of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (MBPC) provided an overview of the application.

Chair Giguère asked if any person in attendance wished to make any comments and there were none.

Chair Giguère asked if any Committee members wished to make any comments regarding the application and there were none.

**No. 26-010****Moved By: Rick Cerna****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT Report No. DS-26-01 entitled “Minor Variance Application of Gary & Beverly Bullas relating to the property located at PLAN 120 PT MCINTOSH BLK, RP 11R4013 Part 1 (51117 Ashton Street)” be received;

AND THAT the Township of Malahide Committee of Adjustment APPROVE Minor Variance Application No D13-MV-08-25 to permit an accessory structure with a maximum floor area of 179 m<sup>2</sup>;

AND THAT the approval shall be subject to the following condition(s):

- 1) That the owner/applicant obtain the necessary Building Permit within 2 years from the date of decision to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official, ensuring that the approved variance applies only to the proposed accessory structure as illustrated with the application; and,
- 2) That a Lot Grading & Drainage Plan be provided to the Township to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official.

**Carried**

**No. 26-011****Moved By: Rick Cerna****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

THAT the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Malahide be adjourned and the Council meeting reconvene at 7:17p.m.

**Carried****DELEGATIONS:**

- J.L. Richards & Associates- Presentation by Jane Wilson & Christie Kent – Community Evaluation for Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan

**No. 26-012****Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT the presentation from Christie Kent & Jane Wilson of J.L. Richards & Associates regarding the Community Evaluation for Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan be received for information;

AND THAT Council direct J.L. Richards & Associates to proceed with further review and evaluation of servicing options and alternatives for the community of Springfield, Orwell, Mount Salem and Luton for further serving evaluation.

**Carried****APPROVAL OF BUSINESS (CONSENT AGENDA):****None.****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****None.****NEW BUSINESS:**

- DS-26-02 - Application for Consent to Sever No. E-07-26 of John Weninger

**No. 26-013****Moved By: Rick Cerna****Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT Report No. DS-26-02 entitled "Application for Consent to Sever of John Weninger, relating to the property located at Concession II, Part of Lot 7 (Malahide), and known municipally as 48776 Jamestown Line" be received;

AND THAT the Application for Consent to Sever No. E-07-26 of John Weninger 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**

- FIN-26-01 - 2026 Interim Tax Levy By-law

**No. 26-014**

**Moved By: Chester Glinski**

**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT Report No. FIN-26-01 entitled “2026 Interim Tax Levy By-law” be received;

AND THAT By-Law # 26-03 be giving a first, second and third reading.

**Carried**

- PW-26-01 - Implications of the County of Elgin Transportation Master Plan

**No. 26-015**

**Moved By: Rick Cerna**

**Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

THAT Report No. PW-26-01 entitled “Implications of the County of Elgin Transportation Master Plan” be received;

AND THAT Council endorses the formal submission of the comments contained within Attachment 1 of this report as part of the Master Plan process.

**Carried**

**BY-LAWS:**

**No. 26-016**

**Moved By: John H. Wilson**

**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

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

- 26-01 – Avon Drain
- 26-02 – Hotke Drain

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

- 26-03 – Interim Tax Levy
- 26-04 – Colin Street Property Acquisition

**Carried**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

**No. 26-017**

**Moved By: Rick Cerna**

**Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

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

**Carried**

Council took a brief recess before beginning consideration of the Committee of the Whole items.

**Business for Consideration:**

Deputy Mayor Widner disclosed a pecuniary interest regarding this agenda item and would abstain from any discussion pertaining to grants involving the two community groups of which he is a member. No discussion on this matter occurred.

Councillor Leitch disclosed a pecuniary interest regarding this agenda item and would abstain from any discussion pertaining to grants involving the two community groups of which she is a member of South Dorchester Optimist and a volunteer of Harvest Bowl. No discussion on this matter occurred.

- DS-26-03 – Community Grant Requests

**No. 26-018**

**Moved By: John H. Wilson**

**Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

THAT Report DS-26-03 entitled “Community Grant Requests” be received for information;

AND THAT the committee recommend that the community grants in the amount of \$60,784 be approved and distributed as recommended by the Community Grants Committee.

**Carried**

**Unfinished Business**

- 2026 Draft Budget Deliberations

Following a discussion by members regarding questions raised at the previous budget meeting, two amendments were made to the proposed 2026 budget.

- **Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Funding Allocation**

**No. 26-019**

**Moved By: Scott Lewis**

**Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT the Committee recommend an amendment to the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority's proposed 2026 allocation, such that the Catfish Creek line item reflects an increase of \$17,650, 10%, over the 2025 allocation.

Recorded vote requested by Councilor Lewis

**RECORDED VOTE:**

| <b><u>Member Name:</u></b> | <b><u>Vote:</u></b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Councillor Leitch          | Not In Favour       |
| Councillor Wilson          | In Favour           |
| Councilor Cerna            | In Favour           |
| Councillor Lewis           | In Favour           |
| Councillor Glinski         | Not In Favour       |
| Deputy Mayor Widner        | In Favour           |
| Mayor Giguère              | In Favour           |

**Carried**

- Council Signage Upgrade

**No. 26-020**

**Moved By: Chester Glinski**

**Seconded By: Scott Lewis**

THAT the Committee recommend an amendment to the Council signage upgrade, such that the line item totaling \$20,000 be removed.

**Carried**



**No. 26-021****Moved By: Scott Lewis****Seconded By: Chester Glinski**

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has reviewed the proposed 2026 budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the 2026 budget, as amended, to include the Catfish Creek line-item amendment and the signage update line-item amendment.

**Carried****No. 26-022****Moved By: John H. Wilson****Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

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

**Carried****CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:****No. 26-023****Moved By: Mark Widner****Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT Council acknowledges the correspondence regarding the Elgin OPP Detachment Board proposal request and directs that staff submit a proposal;

THAT item 6,7, and 8 be acknowledged for their submission;

AND THAT the remaining items be noted and filed.

1. AMOWatchfile – December 18, 2025 and January 8, 2026
2. Township of Malahide – Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2025
3. Joint Board of Management Minutes – Aylmer Area Secondary Water Supply System & Port Burwell Area Secondary Water Supply System – September 17, 2025
4. Long Point Region Conservation Authority – Board of Directors Minutes – December 3, 2025
5. Kettle Creek Conservation Authority – Full Authority Minutes – November 19, 2025
6. Kettle Creek Conservation Authority - ERO#025-1257 Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities
7. Municipality of Central Elgin - Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

8. Tay Valley Township - Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities.
9. City of Brantford - Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
10. Township of Nairn and Hyman – Support for Steel and lumber sectors
11. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville - Bill 9, the Municipal Accountability Act, 2025.
12. City of Peterborough - Sustainable Funding for Police Resolution
13. Elgin OPP Detachment Board Correspondence - Administrative Support and Financial Management Services for the Elgin OPP Detachment Board

**Carried**

- EECC – 2026 User Fee Approval

**No. 26-024**

**Moved By: Scott Lewis**

**Seconded By: John H. Wilson**

THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide approve the 2026 EECC user fees

**Carried**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:**

**No. 26-025**

**Moved By: Rick Cerna**

**Seconded By: Sarah Leitch**

THAT By-law No.26-05, being a Confirmatory By-law, be given first, second and third readings, and be properly signed and sealed.

**Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

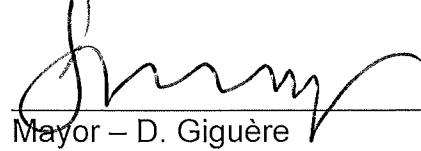
**No. 25-026**

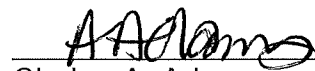
**Moved By: Mark Widner**

**Seconded By: Rick Cerna**

THAT Council adjourn its meeting at 9:46p.m.to meet again on February 5, 2026 at 7:00p.m.

**Carried**

  
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Mayor – D. Giguère

  
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Clerk – A. Adams