



**MINUTES
Regular Council**

March 14, 2023
6:00pm
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Aylward
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Luna
Councillor Pridham

Council Regrets: Councillor Edney
Councillor Lucas

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk

Conference Line
Sarah Andrews, Library CEO
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Amy Cubberley, Curatorial Services Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2023-03-14-01

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the March 14, 2023 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Maggie Kerr re: PC Connect Quarterly Update

Resolution 2023-03-14-02

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT the quarterly update regarding the PC Connect program from Maggie Kerr of the County of Perth be received.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council - February 28, 2023

Resolution 2023-03-14-03

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the February 28, 2023 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Proclamation Request - April is Poetry Month

Resolution 2023-03-14-04

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the correspondence from the St. Marys Poetry Circle regarding a request to proclaim April as Poetry Month in St. Marys be received; and

THAT Council proclaim April as Poetry Month in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

7.2 Municipality of North Perth re: Funding Request for Galbraith Conservation Area

Resolution 2023-03-14-05

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from the Municipality of North Perth regarding a funding request to support the Galbraith Conservation Area be received.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 14-2023 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program 2023

Resolution 2023-03-14-06

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT ADMIN 14-2023 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program 2023 report be received; and

THAT Council approve the terms and conditions of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program agreement; and

THAT Council consider By-law 24-2023 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the agreement with the Solicitor General for the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program.

CARRIED

8.1.2 ADMIN 15-2023 Enbridge Gas Renewal Update

Resolution 2023-03-14-07

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT ADMIN 15-2023 Enbridge Gas Renewal Update report be received; and

THAT Council consider providing third and final reading to By-law 113-2022, being a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement

between The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and Enbridge Gas Inc.

CARRIED

8.2 Community Services

8.2.1 DCS 08-2023 Heritage Property Grant Program Expansion

Resolution 2023-03-14-08

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT DCS 08-2023 Heritage Property Grant Program Expansion report be received; and

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee to expand the Heritage Property Grant Program to include designated heritage properties located outside of the Central Commercial District; and

THAT Council consider By-Law 23-2023, being a by-law to repeal and replace the former heritage grant with the updated eligibility requirements.

CARRIED

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 COR 25-2023 Agreement MTO Transit – Phase 4

Resolution 2023-03-14-09

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT COR 25-2023 Agreement MTO Transit – Phase 4 report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 25-2023 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk be to sign the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Safe Restart Agreement Phase 4 Funding for Municipal Transit.

CARRIED

8.3.2 COR 26-2023 Agreement Ontario Gas Tax

Resolution 2023-03-14-10

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 26-2023 Agreement Ontario Gas Tax report be received; and

THAT Council confirm that the Town of St. Marys continues to be the host of transit joint service for the Town of St. Marys, Municipality of Perth South, Municipality of Zorra, and Municipality of Thames Centre; and

THAT Council consider By-law 26-2023, authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the Letter of Agreement for Provincial Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

CARRIED

8.3.3 COR 27-2023 Adoption of 2023 Budget

Resolution 2023-03-14-11

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT COR 27-2023 Adoption of 2023 Budget report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 27-2023, being a by-law to adopt the 2023 Budget and Tax Levy; and

THAT Council consider By-law 28-2023, being a by-law to set tax ratios for prescribed property classes for municipal purposes for the year 2023; and

THAT Council consider By-law 29-2023, being a by-law to levy the rates of taxation for the year 2023.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Resolution 2023-03-14-12

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Committee and Board minutes listed under agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.7 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.15 be received; and,

THAT the verbal updates provided by Council representatives on those Committee and Board meetings be received.

CARRIED

9.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile

9.1.2 Business Improvement Area - Coun. Aylward

9.1.3 Huron Perth Public Health - Coun. Luna

9.1.4 Library Board - Mayor Strathdee, Couns. Aylward and Pridham

**9.1.5 Municipal Shared Services Committee - Mayor Strathdee,
Coun. Edney**

9.1.6 Spruce Lodge Board - Couns. Lucas, Luna

9.1.7 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - Coun. Craigmile

9.2 Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

9.2.1 Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum - Coun. Edney

9.2.2 Committee of Adjustment

**9.2.3 Community Policing Advisory Committee - Couns. Edney and
Luna**

**9.2.4 Downtown Service Location Review Committee - Mayor
Strathdee, Coun. Pridham**

9.2.5 Flats Revitalization Committee - Coun. Edney

9.2.6 Green Advisory Committee - Coun. Aylward

9.2.7 Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee - Coun. Lucas

**9.2.8 Huron Perth Healthcare Local Advisory Committee - Coun.
Luna**

9.2.9 Planning Advisory Committee - Couns. Craigmile, Lucas

9.2.10 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

9.2.11 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile

9.2.12 St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Board - Coun. Craigmile

**9.2.13 St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee - Couns.
Craigmile, Edney**

9.2.14 Stratford Perth Chamber of Commerce - Coun. Lucas

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2023-03-14-13

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT By-Law 113-2022 be read a third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Resolution 2023-03-14-14

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Laws 23-2023, 24-2023, 25-2023, 26-2023, 27-2023, 28-2023 and 29-2023 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

12.1 By-Law 113-2022 Authorize a Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

12.2 By-Law 23-2023 Heritage Grant and repeal 53-2009 and 27-2017

12.3 By-Law 24-2023 Agreement with Ministry of Solicitor General for court security and prisoner transportation program

12.4 By-Law 25-2023 Agreement with Minister of Transportation for Safe Restart Phase 4 Funding

12.5 By-Law 26-2023 Agreement with Province of Ontario for Dedicated Gas Tax Funds

12.6 By-Law 27-2023 Adopt 2023 Tax Levy

12.7 By-Law 28-2023 Tax Ratios for 2023

12.8 By-Law 29-2023 Tax Rates 2023

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 21, 2023 - 9:00 am, Strategic Priorities Committee

March 28, 2023 - 6:00 pm, Regular Council

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2023-03-14-15

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Law 30-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of March 14, 2023 regular Council meeting be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-03-14-16

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk