



**MINUTES
Regular Council**

February 11, 2025
6:00pm
Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Manager

Conference Line
Sarah Andrews, Library CEO
Jennifer Knechtel, Director of Human Resources
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer

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 2025-02-11-01

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the February 11, 2025 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

None

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council - January 28, 2025

Resolution 2025-02-11-02

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Resolution 2025-02-11-03

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 04-2025 Rotary Club of St. Marys Request for Refreshment Vehicle By-law Exemption.

Resolution 2025-02-11-04

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT ADMIN 04-2025 Rotary Club of St. Marys Request for Refreshment Vehicle By-law Exemption report be received; and

THAT Council approves the by-law exemption request as identified in staff report ADMIN 04-2025; and

THAT notwithstanding any provisions of By-law 92-2022, a License shall not be required to operate a Refreshment Vehicle if part of the 2025 Rotary Brews and Food Fest; and

THAT nothing within this license exemption shall exempt Refreshment Vehicle operators from their obligation to meet the food safety regulations administered by the Huron Perth Health Unit or the fire safety regulations administered by the Town of St. Marys Fire Department.

CARRIED

8.1.2 ADMIN 05-2025 Business Improvement Area Board Call for Nominations

Resolution 2025-02-11-05

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT ADMIN 05-2025 Business Improvement Area Board Call for Nominations report be received; and

THAT Council direct the Clerk to open the nomination period for the Business Improvement Area Board of Management.

CARRIED

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 COR 08-2025 Lind Park Upgrades Partnership Opportunity

Resolution 2025-02-11-06

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT COR 08-2025 Lind Park Upgrades Partnership Opportunity report be received; and

THAT Council supports a partnership with the Avon Maitland District School Board's High Skills Major Program for the Lind Park Upgrades project and direct staff to bring forward an implementation recommendation with revised budget after the design process is completed.

CARRIED

8.3 Public Works

8.3.1 PW 01-2025 Landfill Container Service Options

Resolution 2025-02-11-07

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT report PW 01-2025, Landfill Container Service Options be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with Option #3 as detailed in staff report PW 01-2025, and competitively procure up to seven containers for waste container services across the Town; and,

THAT up to \$87,500.00 of the remaining Municipal Modernization Funding be approved to be used to facilitate the procurement of containers for waste management programs for the Town of St. Marys; and,

THAT staff be directed to procure landfill container hauling services from qualified vendors following receipt of the owned containers.

CARRIED

8.3.2 PW 02-2025 Remnant Recycling Fees

Resolution 2025-02-11-08

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council table staff report PW 02-2025 Remnant Recycling Fee until staff can report back on impacted IC&I properties that are not eligible for the PRO program.

CARRIED

8.3.3 PW 04-2025 Award for PW-29-2024-RFT Pruning, Removal and Disposal of Town Trees

Resolution 2025-02-11-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT PW 04-2025 Award for PW-29-2024-RFT Pruning, Removal, and Disposal of Town Trees report be received; and,

THAT the procurement for PW-29-2024-RFT Pruning, Removal, and Disposal of Town Trees for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027 be

awarded to Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada for the unit prices provided in Table 2. Bid Unit Prices as listed in staff report PW 04-2025;

THAT Council consider By-Law 08-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement with Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada.

CARRIED

8.3.4 PW 06-2025 Trackless Attachments Sole Source Award

Resolution 2025-02-11-10

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT PW 06-2025 Trackless Attachments Sole Source Award report be received; and

THAT Council approves a sole source procurement of Trackless attachments to Work Equipment Ltd. for the procured price of \$120,514.50, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

THAT Council consider By-Law 09-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement with Work Equipment Ltd.

CARRIED

8.3.5 PW 07-2025 Award for PW-01-2025-RFT Supply and Delivery of One (1) Half Tonne Pick-Up Truck

Resolution 2025-02-11-11

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 07-2025 Award for PW-01-2025-RFT Supply and Delivery of One (1) Half Tonne Pick-Up Truck report be received; and,

THAT the procurement for PW-01-2025-RFT be awarded to Blue Mountain Chrysler Ltd. for the procured price of \$63,470.97, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

THAT Council approves a variance of \$7,157.57 to be incurred in the delivery of this project as identified in staff report PW 07-2025, to be funded from Fleet Reserve account; and,

THAT Council authorize staff to sign the associated purchase order.

CARRIED

8.3.6 PW 09-2025 Follow Up Beautification Program Service Level Changes

Resolution 2025-02-11-12

Moved By Councillor Aylward

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 09-2025 Follow Up Beautification Program Service Level Changes report be received; and

THAT the flower bed conversion costs as outlined in staff report PW 09-2025, be awarded to St. Marys Landscaping for the price of \$53,612.85 inclusive of all taxes; and,

THAT Council consider By-Law 10-2025 to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement with St. Marys Landscaping.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Resolution 2025-02-11-13

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT Committee and Board minutes listed under agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.7 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.14 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

Resolution 2025-02-11-

THAT the Board does recommend to Council to proceed with an election for new Board Members.

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 - Mayor Strathdee, Couns. Edney, Pridham

9.2.6 Green Advisory Committee - Coun. Aylward

9.2.7 Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee - Coun. Lucas

9.2.8 Planning Advisory Committee - Couns. Craigmile, Lucas

9.2.9 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

9.2.10 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile

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

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

9.2.13 Stratford Perth Chamber of Commerce - Coun. Lucas

9.2.14 Adhoc Racket Sport Committee - Couns. Luna and Pridham

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 Councillor Craigmile re: Library Core Services Review

Resolution 2025-02-11-14

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council requests the Library Board to conduct a core services review to be presented to Council by July 1, 2025:

- Outlining the minimum services required to be provided as legislated by the Public Libraries Act, including the current costs to provide the minimum legislated services, and
- Outlining current services and service levels that are beyond the minimum service required under the Public Libraries Act, including the current costs to provide those services.

WITHDRAWN

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2025-02-11-15

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT By-Laws 08-2025, 09-2025, and 10-2025 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 08-2025 Agreement with Davey Tree Co. of Canada for the pruning, removal and disposal of trees from 2025 to 2027

12.2 By-law 09-2025 Agreement with Work Equipment Ltd. for the supply and delivery of Trackless Vehicle Attachments

12.3 By-law 10-2025 Agreement with St. Marys Landscaping Ltd. for the conversion of annual flower beds to perennial flower beds

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 18, 2025 at 9:00 am, Strategic Priorities Committee, Council Chambers

February 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm, Regular Council, Council Chambers

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2025-02-11-16

Moved By Councillor Lucas

Seconded By Councillor Aylward

THAT By-Law 11-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of February 11, 2025 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 2025-02-11-17

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:08 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk