



MINUTES Regular Council

October 14, 2025

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

Council Regrets: Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Luna

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Dave Blake, Environment Services Manager
Kelly Deeks Johnson, Tourism and Economic Development Manager

Conference Line

Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Jennifer Knechtel, Director of Human Resources
Mark Stone, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-10-14-01

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the October 14, 2025 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. PUBLIC MEETING - 178 THOMAS STREET

5.1. Procedural Comments

Mayor Strathdee opened the public meeting and informed the public that if they wished to be notified of Council's decision related to the planning application, to contact the Clerk.

Jenna McCartney, Clerk, advised how notice was provided to the public.

5.2. Planner Presentation - M. Stone

Mark Stone, Planner, presented an overview of the planning application.

5.3. Agent / Applicant Presentation

The applicant and their agent provided an overview of the planning application.

5.4. Public Comments

No comments made

5.5. Council Comments

No comments related to the zoning by-law amendment

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution 2025-10-14-02

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the September 23, 2025 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Scott Layland regarding Water Bill

Resolution 2025-10-14-03

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT the correspondence from Scott Layland regarding a water bill be received and referred for consideration with staff report PW 53-2025.

CARRIED

7.2. Community Living St. Marys and Area re: Disability Employment Awareness Month

Resolution 2025-10-14-04

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the correspondence from Community Living St. Marys regarding the Light It Up 2025 campaign be received; and

THAT Council proclaim October 2025 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in St. Marys.

CARRIED

7.3. ICI Recycling Collection

Resolution 2025-10-14-05

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from Allen Langdon, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and Bluewater Recycling Association be received; and

THAT staff report back to Council regarding the impact to the Town of the recent correspondence related to the Producer Responsibility Organizations Blue Box decision for industrial, commercial, and institutional properties.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1. ADMIN 46-2025 Milt Dunnell Field (the Flats) Project Update

Resolution 2025-10-14-06

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT ADMIN 46-2025 Milt Dunnell Field (the Flats) Project Update be received; and

THAT Council directs staff to make the following modifications and additions to the list of proposed Milt Dunnell Field improvements:

- Placement of pavilion and dugouts to preserve as much green space as possible
- solar lighting along the pedestrian pathway
- basketball court
- communication board with tourism information

CARRIED

8.2. ADMIN 47-2025 Distribution of Staff's Proposed 2026 Capital and Operating Budget

Resolution 2025-10-14-07

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT ADMIN 47-2025 Distribution of Staff's Proposed 2026 Capital and Operating Budget report be received; and

THAT Council acknowledges receipt of staff's proposed 2026 Capital and Operating Budget.

CARRIED

8.3. COR 33-2025 Heritage Festival Debrief and Proposal for a 2026 Stonetown Heritage Summer Series

Resolution 2025-10-14-08

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT COR 33-2025 Heritage Festival Debrief and Proposal for a 2026 Stonetown Heritage Summer Series report be received; and

THAT Council supports the implementation of the "Stonetown Heritage

Summer Series” and collaboration between the Stonetown Heritage Festival and Kinsmen Summerfest for 2026.

CARRIED

8.4. DEV 30-2025 Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z03-2025) for 178 Thomas Street

Resolution 2025-10-14-09

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT DEV 30-2025 Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z03-2025) for 178 Thomas Street report be received; and

THAT Council approves the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z03-2025) for 178 Thomas Street; and,

THAT Council consider enacting Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z161-2025.

CARRIED

8.5. PW 50-2025 Information Update Regarding Ontario’s Environmental Compliance Policy

Resolution 2025-10-14-10

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT report PW 50-2025, Information Update Regarding Ontario’s Environmental Compliance Policy be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6. PW 51-2025 Amending Agreement for Source Water Protection Services

Resolution 2025-10-14-11

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT report PW 51-2025, Amending Agreement for Source Water Protection Services be received; and,

THAT Council approves the amending agreement for continued source

water protection services with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority through December 31, 2027.

CARRIED

8.7. PW 52-2025 Bell Mobility Lease Agreement

Resolution 2025-10-14-12

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT report PW 52-2025, Bell Mobility Lease Agreement be received; and
THAT Council approves the Bell Mobility Inc. Lease Amending Agreement.

CARRIED

8.8. PW 55-2025 Water Leak Forgiveness Policy

Resolution 2025-10-14-13

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT report PW 55-2025, Water Leak Forgiveness Policy be received; and
THAT Council approves the Water Leak Forgiveness Policy to address adjustments to water bills resulting from severe or unexpected water usage caused by leaks; and

THAT Council consider By-law 55-2025 being a by-law to authorize the Water Leak Forgiveness Policy.

CARRIED

8.9. PW 53-2025 Consideration for Water Leak Forgiveness

Resolution 2025-10-14-14

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT report PW 53-2025, Consideration for Water Leak Forgiveness be received; and

THAT Council approve the water leak forgiveness request for 100 Church Street North in the amount of \$594.09; and,

THAT Council direct staff to coordinate with Festival Hydro to apply the necessary credit to the water account.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Resolution 2025-10-14-15

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT Committee and Board minutes listed under agenda items 9.1 to 9.18 be received; and,

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

CARRIED

- 9.1. Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile**
- 9.2. Business Improvement Area - Coun. Aylward**
- 9.3. Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum - Coun. Edney**
- 9.4. Committee of Adjustment**
- 9.5. Community Policing Advisory Committee - Couns. Edney, Luna**
- 9.6. Downtown Service Location Review Committee**
- 9.7. Green Advisory Committee - Coun. Aylward**
- 9.8. Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee - Coun. Lucas**
- 9.9. Huron Perth Public Health - Coun. Luna**
- 9.10. Library Board - Mayor Strathdee, Couns. Aylward, Pridham**
- 9.11. Municipal Shared Services Committee - Mayor Strathdee, Coun. Edney**
- 9.12. Planning Advisory Committee - Coun. Craigmile, Lucas**
- 9.13. Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham**
- 9.14. St. Marys Community Cement Liaison Committee - Couns. Craigmile, Edney**
- 9.15. St. Marys Minor Hockey Association - Coun. Craigmile**
- 9.16. St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile**
- 9.17. Spruce Lodge Board - Couns. Lucas, Luna**
- 9.18. Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - Coun. Craigmile**

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2025-10-14-16

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT By-Laws 53-2025, 54-2025, 55-2025 and Z161-2025 be approved by Council.

CARRIED

12.1. BY-LAW 53-2025 Amendment to 100-2022 Committee and Board Appointments

12.2. BY-LAW 54-2025 Appoint Deputy Division Registrar

12.3. BY-LAW 55-2025 Water Leak Forgiveness Policy

12.4. Z161-2025 178 Thomas Street Zoning Amendment

Council took a brief break at 7:50pm.

Mayor Stratthdee called the meeting back to order at 7:55pm.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2025-10-14-17

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 7:55pm as authorized under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, Section 239(2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

13.1. CLOSED Minutes

13.2. PW 54-2025 CONFIDENTIAL Parks Service Delivery

14. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2025-10-14-18

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT Council rise from a closed session at 8:12pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Stratthdee reported that a closed session was held with one matter being discussed. Council will consider a motion related to the matter.

14.1. Parks Service Delivery

Resolution 2025-10-14-19

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT Council rejects all bid submissions for PW-28-2025-RFT; and,

THAT, in an effort to avoid annual contract cost increases estimated at \$100,000 per year, Council supports in principle an internalized service delivery model for Town parks operations, turf management, and beautification services with a projected annual savings of \$16,200 as compared to 2025, to be deliberated during the 2026 budget discussion; and

THAT Council approves pre-budget approval of \$165,000 for the procurement of the necessary equipment to implement the internalization of turf maintenance and beautification services for 2026 and recommends the Mayor to issue a mayoral decision to implement this pre-budget approval; and

THAT Council waives its rights under O. Reg. 530/22 to make a budget amendment or override the Mayor's budget decision as it relates to the possibility of a mayoral decision regarding pre budget approval of \$165,000 to procure the necessary equipment to implement the internalization of turf maintenance and beautification services for 2026; and

THAT , contingent upon pre budget approval from the Mayor, and subject to the review and approval of the CAO, and subject to a budget limit of \$165,000, the Director of Public Works be authorized to sole-source and

negotiate, as necessary, the procurement of equipment to implement the internalization of turf maintenance and beautification services for 2026.

CARRIED

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 21, 2025 - 9:00 am, Special Council (budget), Council Chambers

October 28, 2025 - 6:00 pm, Regular Council, Council Chambers

November 11, 2025 to be cancelled in recognition of Remembrance Day

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2025-10-14-20

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT By-law 56-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of October 14, 2025 regular Council meeting, be approved by Council.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2025-10-14-21

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT this regular Council meeting be adjourned at 8:17pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk