



**Township of East Garafraxa
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
In-Person and Virtual (Hybrid)
065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa ON L9W 7J8**

Council Members Present: Mayor Guy Gardhouse

Deputy Mayor John Stirk
Councillor Lenora Banfield
Councillor Dave Halls
Councillor Jeremy Zukowski

Staff/Consultants Present: Dave Knight, Director of Public Works

Alan Selby, Treasurer
Jessica Kennedy, Clerk
Shannon Peart, Administration/Clerk's Dept.
Matthew Wick

1. Meeting Notice

Meeting was held as a hybrid meeting, with in-person and remote participation.

Mayor Gardhouse, Deputy Mayor Stirk and Councillors Banfield, Halls and Zukowski were in attendance in-person.

2. Opening of Meeting

Mayor Gardhouse called the meeting to order.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4.1 Councillor Zukowski - SV Law Comments dated January 23, 2025

Councillor Zukowski declared with respect to agenda item 8.1.3 - SV Law comments dated January 23, 2025 as he is related to the owners of Greenwood Construction.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Zukowski

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 14, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

5.2 Business arising from Minutes

Nothing at this time.

6. Public Question Period

Nothing at this time.

7. Delegation(s) / Presentation(s) / Petition(s)

Nothing at this time.

8. Statutory Public Meeting(s) 4:00 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now hold a Statutory Public Meeting pursuant to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, to consider the following application(s):

Township initiated Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z8-24.

CARRIED

8.1 Township Initiated Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment File Z8-24

Mayor Gardhouse provided remarks on how members of the public can participate in the meeting when joining remotely/virtually.

Debbie Vandenaeker, Planscape Consultant and the Township's Policy Planning Consultant, attended the meeting remotely and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Township-initiated Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment.

Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendments are intended to correct minor anomalies, clerical inconsistencies, and inadvertent omissions, as well as to clarify minor matters. They are not a tool for making sweeping changes and are administrative in nature. The Township's current Comprehensive Zoning By-Law came into force in 2004, and municipal staff have been tracking minor changes to be addressed in a housekeeping amendment. Key changes were reviewed.

Comments received to date include internal Township Consultants R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited, and Stovel and Associates Inc, public comments from SV Law, and agency comments from the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), and Enbridge Gas.

Two revisions are proposed to the draft Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment based on comments received. The revisions include changes to provisions for accessible parking, incorporating regulatory requirements with a minimum parking width of 3m under draft By-Law item 9, and the removal of the proposed definition for a Portable Asphalt or Concrete Batching Plant under draft By-Law item 22(h). It was noted that comments submitted by SV Law regarding the Portable Asphalt or Concrete Batching Plant definition, as well as comments from Stovel and Associates Inc, will be held for review during the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law review project.

A revised proposed draft Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment document will be included on the February 11, 2025, Council meeting for consideration.

No public comments were received at the Public Meeting.

8.1.1 Notice of Public Meeting dated December 24, 2024

8.1.1.1 Proposed Draft Housekeeping Zoning By-Law Amendment (Township-Wide)

8.1.2 Township Planning Consultant Presentation

8.1.3 SV Law Comments dated January 23, 2025

Councillor Zukowski declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Zukowski declared with respect to agenda item 8.1.3 - SV Law comments dated January 23, 2025 as he is related to the owners of Greenwood Construction.)

Councillor Zukowski did not leave the meeting regarding the declared pecuniary interest as the individual comments were not discussed/considered by Council.

8.1.4 Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Comments dated January 3, 2025

8.1.5 Enbridge Comments dated December 31, 2024

8.2 Public Meeting Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby adjourn the Public Meeting and resume regular business.

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Town of Orangeville

9.1.1 Request to Provincial and Federal Government Regarding Distribution of Taxes on Property Transactions

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Township of East Garafraxa hereby support the Town of Orangeville resolution with respect to the request to the Provincial and Federal governments regarding distribution of taxes on property transactions.

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion(s)

Nothing at this time.

11. Staff / Consultant Report(s)

Nothing at this time.

12. County of Dufferin Business

12.1 County Council Meeting (Video - YouTube), January 9, 2025

12.1.1 Dufferin County Council Highlights January 9, 2025

12.2 Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan

12.2.1 County Council Resolution - January 9, 2025

12.3 Access Dufferin Meeting Agenda for January 15, 2025

13. Local Boards and Committees

13.1 Grand Valley and District Medical Dental Board

13.1.1 Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2024

Councillor Banfield reported on the Board and noted that the establishment of a new advisory board for recruitment and retention purposes will be considered at a later date. No action is required at this time. Council will determine whether they wish to participate on the new board, if established.

The dissolution of the current Board was discussed, and any remaining funds following the audit of the Board will be considered by the participating municipalities. East Garafraxa no longer participates on the current Board.

13.2 Grand Valley and District Fire Board

13.2.1 Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2024

Mayor Gardhouse reported that no increase to the Board's 2025 proposed budget is anticipated.

13.3 Grand Valley and District Community Centre

13.3.1 Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2024

Councillor Zukowski reported that no increase to the Board's 2025 proposed budget is anticipated. East Garafraxa's financial commitment, under a separate agreement regarding Community Centre renovations, will be considered following the tendering process for the changeroom project.

13.4 Grand Valley Library Board

13.4.1 Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2024

Councillor Banfield reported a minimal increase to the Board's proposed 2025 budget. Joanne Stevenson, CEO of the Grand Valley Public Library, will present the 2025 Library Board Budget to Council at Council's request. Presentation not required at this time.

14. General Business and Correspondence

14.1 Item(s) Extracted from the Information Items Package (if any)

Nothing at this time.

14.2 Orangeville Public Library Board

14.2.1 Collection Agreement for 2025

Council requested the number of library card reimbursements for the year 2024.

14.3 MPAC's 2024 Municipal Partnership Report

14.4 Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos

14.4.1 Municipality of South Huron

14.4.1.1 Township of East Garafraxa and Township of Kirkland Lake Resolutions

15. New Business

15.1 Orangeville Food Bank

15.1.1 Coldest Night of the Year 2025 - February 22, 2025 Participation Request

Individuals are welcome to register to participate.

16. Closed Meeting

Nothing at this time.

17. By-Law(s)

Nothing at this time.

18. Confirming By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Zukowski

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a by-law, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa at its meeting held on January 28, 2025, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 5-2025.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Halls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Special Council (Budget) Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 4:30 p.m., and the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk

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