

**Township of South-West Oxford
Minutes
Special Council Meeting
June 27, 2023**

Members Present: Mayor: Mayor David Mayberry, Paul Buchner (Ward 1), Peter Ypma (Ward 2), Valerie Durston (Ward 3), George Way (Ward 4), Jim Pickard (Ward 5), Craig Gillis (Ward 6)
Councillors:

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mary Ellen Greb, CAO/Treasurer
Rob Serson, Fire Chief
Julie Middleton, Clerk

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor David Mayberry and a quorum was present.

Motion to Accept Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by George Way
Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the regular meeting agenda for the June 27th, 2023 meeting of council be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Staff Reports

CL 32-2023: 2022 Mount Elgin Parks and Recreation Survey Responses

Clerk Julie Middleton presented a report to provide Council with the results of the 2022 Mount Elgin Parks and Recreation Survey, as requested by Councillor Peter Ypma at the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 2 Moved by Peter Ypma

Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 32-2023 2022 Mount Elgin Parks and Recreation Survey Responses as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Strategic Planning

Anne Becker, Climb Consulting Inc. - Strategic Planning Session

- Anne Becker provided a brief update for Council in relation to the next steps in the strategic planning process. It was noted that the community consultation period has ended for data collection and a preliminary review of the data has been done by staff.
- Anne led Council through an exercise to review, consider and discuss various options the updated Township vision, mission, values and strategic priorities.
- The following comments were made and discussed:

VISION:

- Alternative One: Township of South-West Oxford... A safe, secure and accessible place to live, work, play and visit.
- Alternative Two: Township of South-West Oxford ... A welcoming, safe and inclusive rural community for living, learning, working and thriving, at its best.

Comments/Alternatives that were discussed:

- A safe, secure, accessible and rural community for life at its best.
- Safe, secure and sustainable place to live;
- A welcoming, safe and inclusive rural community for living, learning and working at its best;
- A welcoming safe, accessible and rural community for life at its best;
- A welcoming, safe, sustainable and rural community for life at its best;
- **A welcoming, safe and inclusive rural community for life at its best.**

MISSION:

- Alternative One: To responsibly serve our residents, with integrity and care, to grow a community where everyone feels safe and secure.

- Alternative Two: To responsibly serve our residents, with integrity, accountability and courage, fostering communities of care where individuals and families are safe, supported, engaged and enabled to live a higher quality of life.

Comments/Alternatives that were discussed:

- To responsibly serve residents with integrity and to empower all persons to live a higher quality of life.
- Empower all persons to live fully.
- To responsibly serve our residents with integrity and transparency to empower all persons to live fully.
- To responsibly serve our residents with integrity to empower all persons to live fully.
- To responsibly serve our communities with integrity to empower all persons to live fully.
- To responsibly serve our communities with integrity, accountability and courage to empower and enable them to achieve their goals
- **To responsibly serve our communities with integrity, accountability and courage to empower and enable them to live fully.**
- To responsibly serve our Township with integrity, accountability and courage.

VALUES: for Council and residents within the Township – to guide how we behave, make decisions, how we treat residents, partners, etc.

Alternative One:

- Accountability
- Trust
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Responsibility
- Sustainability

Alternative Two, as amended:

- Accountability
- Trust and Integrity
- Sustainability
- Safety
- Community Well-being
- Working together

Alternative Three:

- **Respect**
- **Excellence**
- **Trust and Integrity**
- **Well-being**
- **Collaboration**
- **Compassion**

Emerging Strategic Themes and comments re: objectives/goals:

1. An informed and engaged community.
 - Engaged residents and volunteers
 - Involved residents
2. A healthy and active community.
 - Residents have access to more recreational activities within the Township
 - Residents are supported to age well
 - Residents experience active public spaces
 - Families have access to local child care
3. A connected and compassionate community.
 - Residents from marginalized groups feel listened to and valued
 - Residents can live free of bias
 - Every resident feels listened to and valued
 - Residents experience value of place – where I am is where I want to be
 - Advance the mobility of residents within the Township and connecting communities
 - Residents have access to high-speed internet
4. A safe and secure community.
 - Residents feel safe and supported living and working in SWOX
5. A thriving and sustainable community.
 - Farmland is valued and preserved
 - SWOX is an environmentally responsible Township
 - Businesses feel supported to prosper
 - Access to full load roads
 - Residents have access to affordable, quality housing

Members of Council and staff will need to give further consideration to the objective and goals which are a priority for the Township to support the emerging strategic themes noted above.

Once the outcomes have been determined, Council will have further discussion in relation to specific goals and actions to achieve each objective. Staff will compile the notes and comments from today's session and review them with Anne prior to bringing the information back to Council for further discussion.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 3 Moved by Craig Gillis
 Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to meet again in special session on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CLERK: Julie Middleton

MAYOR: David Mayberry

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