



Township of East Garafraxa
Electronic Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa held an Electronic/Virtual Meeting of Council by video conference at 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024.

Members Present: Mayor Guy Gardhouse
Deputy Mayor John Stirk
Councillor Lenora Banfield
Councillor Dave Halls
Councillor Jeremy Zukowski

Staff/Consultants Present: Peter Avgoustis, CAO
Jessica Kennedy, Clerk
Alan Selby, Treasurer
Dave Knight, Director of Public Works
Shannon Peart, Administration/Clerk's Dept.
Jennifer Maestre, Township Planning Consultant, Fotenn
Consultants Inc. (For item 7)

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution

MOVED BY BANFIELD, SECONDED BY HALLS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Nothing at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting Minutes

Nothing at this time.

4.2 Business arising from Minutes – None.

5. Public Question Period

Nothing at this time.

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

6.1 Proclamation

6.1.1 Headwaters Communities in Action National Volunteer Week April 14-20, 2024

Mayor Gardhouse, on behalf of Council, proclaimed April 14-20, 2024 as National Volunteer Week.

6.2 Orton Community Association

6.2.1 Fence Installation at Orton Community Park Letter Dated March 28, 2024

Discussion ensued regarding the request and potential liability matters with respect to volunteers constructing the fence. Staff directed to report back to Council on managing the project and including the costs in the 2024 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding Township volunteers. Staff directed to look into creating a volunteer program.

6.3 Wounded Warriors Canada

6.3.1 Sponsorship Request – Ontario Edition of Canadian Military History

Council will not be moving forward with the request at this time.

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

A recess was held from 2:43 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. Dave Knight, Director of Public Works and Alan Selby, Treasurer left the meeting at the recess and did not return to the meeting.

Resolution

MOVED BY ZUKOWSKI, SECONDED BY 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):

Consent Application B3-24 by applicant/owner Ken DeGrace for property location 072574 10th Line, Concession 10, Part Lots 19 and 20.

CARRIED

Mayor Gardhouse read a statement on how to provide oral and/or written comments on the application.

7.1 Consent Application B3-24; 072574 10th Line

7.1.1 Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting

7.1.2 Fotenn Consulting Inc. Presentation

Jennifer Maestre, Township Planning Consultant, was in attendance and went over the PowerPoint presentation. The purpose of the application is to sever a surplus farm dwelling an area of 0.5 ha/1.3 ac from an existing 60.1 ha/ 148.5 ac site zoned Agricultural (A). The retained lands will be 59.6 ha/ 147.2 ac. Severed lands will include the existing dwelling and accessory buildings. The property is designated Agricultural under the Township Official Plan and zoned Agricultural (A) under Township Zoning By-Law 60-2004, as amended. Noted the documents submitted in support of the application, discussed the circulation in accordance with the Planning Act and provided next steps and anticipated decision date of April 23, 2024.

Comments were received from R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited, County of Dufferin Building Service and Planning Division and Grand River Conservation Authority. Comments were also received from an area resident with respect to constructing a dwelling on the retained lands and the potential MDS impact on their farm operation/buildings. It was noted that a requirement of an approval of a surplus dwelling severance is to rezone the retained farm/agricultural lands to prohibit residential development/dwellings.

The applicant was in attendance. There were no public questions.

Resolution

MOVED BY STIRK , SECONDED BY ZUKOWSKI

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council do hereby adjourn the Public Meeting and resume regular business.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

9. Notice of Motion(s)

Nothing at this time.

10. Staff / Consultant Report(s)

- 10.1 2023 Suppliers Payment List
- 10.1.1 Staff Report dated April 9, 2024

Resolution

MOVED BY STIRK , SECONDED BY HALLS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receives the 2023 Suppliers Payment List for information.

CARRIED

- 10.2 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- 10.2.1 Marsville Drinking Water System Inspection Report dated April 4, 2024

Resolution

MOVED BY HALLS, SECONDED BY ZUKOWSKI

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receives the Marsville Drinking Water System Inspection Report dated April 4, 2024 for information and to be posted on the Township’s website.

CARRIED

11. County of Dufferin Business

- 11.1 County Council Meeting(s)
- 11.1.1 [April 11, 2024 County Council Meeting](#)
- 11.1.2 [March 14, 2024 Council Meeting Video \(YouTube\)](#)
- 11.2 Official Plan Amendment No. 4
- 11.2.1 Notice of Passing of By-Law 2024-14 dated March 26, 2024

Discussion ensued regarding the Township’s employment lands in the Farmington area. To be confirmed that the employment lands were included in the submission to the Ministry.

12. Local Boards and Committees

- 12.1 Grand Valley Public Library Board
- 12.1.1 February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 12.2 Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA)
- 12.2.1 Summary of General Meeting – March 22, 2024
- 12.3 Public Health Wellington Dufferin Guelph
- 12.3.1 Approval and Assistance with West Nile Larvicide Program

For information. Annual letters that the Township sign to authorize the Public Health Unit to conduct the larvicide program in the Township.

(Includes Municipalities within Dufferin County)

- ## 14. New Business

15. Closed Meeting

16. By-Law(s)

17. Confirming By-Law

CARRIED

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Head of Council