

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer**

**February 4, 2025, 5:00 PM  
Council Chambers in the Municipal Building**

**Member Present:**     **Mayor Heather Watson**  
                               **Deputy Mayor Harold Nelson**  
                               **Councillor Thomas Watt**  
                               **Councillor Adam Vervoort**  
                               **Councillor Ray Johnston**

**Staff Present:**        **C.A.O. - Todd Davis**  
                               **Clerk - Deputy C.A.O. - Martina Chait-Hartwig**  
                               **CBO - Don Helleman**  
                               **Treasurer - Paul Creamer**  
                               **Manager of Public Works - Jake Condon**  
                               **Manager of Recreation Facilities - Mike Mood**  
                               **Planner - Christina Coulter**  
                               **Fire Chief - Chuck Pedersen**

1.     Call to Order

With a quorum of Council being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and recognized Township Planner Christina Coulter, extending congratulations on her retirement.

2.     Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3.     Moment of Silent Reflection

Council observed a moment of silent reflection.

4.     Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

The Mayor reminded members of Council of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interest they might have. None were declared.

5. Adoption of Agenda: February 4, 2025

**Resolution Number 029-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated February 4, 2025, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025

6.2 Special Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2025

**Resolution Number 030-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2025, and Special Council Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2025, both be received and approved.

Carried

7. Consent Agenda (Reports voted upon by ONE motion) - No Debate

7.1 Peterborough County Council Minutes - December 18, 2024

7.2 Ministry of the Solicitor General - Strengthening Public Safety: Partnership on Auto Theft and Bail Reform

7.3 Ministry of Rural Affairs - Letter regarding Enable Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy

**Resolution Number 031-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

The Consent Agenda for February 4, 2025, be received.

Carried

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Public Meeting - Presentation - Township of Douro-Dummer 2025 Budget

**Resolution Number 032-2025**

**Moved by: Councillor Watt**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson**

That the Public Meeting regarding the Draft 2025 Capital and Operating Budget be declared open (5:13 p.m.). Carried

Paul Creamer, Treasurer, reviewed the draft 2025 budget.

Council recessed from 5:49 p.m. to 5:54 p.m. due to a technical issue with the hybrid portion of the meeting.

**In attendance and Comments from Public:**

Donna Peacock – Posed questions regarding the Joint Public Works-Fire Station project and the request for Council Chambers AV equipment

Alan Bulmer – Posed questions regarding the timing of the release of the Township's audited Financial Statements for 2023

Pat Smallman - Posed questions regarding the Township's audited Financial Statements for 2023

Council recessed from 6:01 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. due to a technical issue, after which the meeting continued in person and an audio-only for those online.

**Resolution Number 033-2025**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Public Meeting regarding the Draft 2025 Capital and Operating Budget be declared closed and that Council receives all comments from the public. (6:27 p.m.). Carried

### **Resolution Number 034-2025**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That Council approves all the consensus items from the Working Session held on January 23, 2025 listed below:

- Add Fire Pickup Truck Replacement \$65,000 (0.9%)
- Remove Clintonia Park Shelter -\$14,000 (0.2%)
- Remove donation to the Morton Medical Centre -\$3,800 (0.1%)
- Do not add Surface Treatment Projects from the Recommended List

Carried

#### 8.2 Delegation - Lois Wallace, Environment Council for Clear, Stoney and White Lakes - Concerns regarding Proposed Subdivision at Hall's Glen on County Road 6

### **Motion**

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the delegation from Lois Wallace, Environment Council for Clear, Stoney and White Lakes regarding concerns with the proposed subdivision on County Road 6, be received and that staff be requested to review the questions listed in the delegation and bring a report back to Council for review.

Defeated

### **Resolution Number 035-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Delegation from Lois Wallace, Environment Council for Clear, Stoney and White Lakes, regarding proposed subdivision at Hall's Glen on County Road 6 be received.

Carried

#### 9. Public Comment Period - No Debate or Decision: None

10. Staff Reports: None

11. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

11.1 Committee of Adjustment meeting Minutes - December 13, 2024

**Resolution Number 036-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the minutes from the Committee of Adjustment meeting held on December 13, 2024, be received.

Carried

12. Correspondence – Action Items:

12.1 Township of Puslinch – Resolution regarding the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) Letter on Pre-Budget Announcement

**Resolution Number 037-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the letter from the Township of Puslinch, dated December 13, 2024, regarding the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) and its response to the Pre-Budget announcement, be received and supported.

Carried

12.2 Township of Woolwich - Resolution regarding Election Advocacy and Preparation

**Resolution Number 038-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the letter from the Township of Woolwich, dated January 17, 2025, regarding the Resolution on Election Advocacy and Preparation, be received.

Carried

- 12.3 City of Peterborough - Resolution regarding - Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

**Resolution Number 039-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the letter from the City of Peterborough, dated January 13, 2025, regarding the Resolution on Bill 242, *Safer Municipalities Act, 2024*, be received and supported

Carried

- 12.4 Town of Halton Hills - Requested for support - Sovereignty of Canada

**Resolution Number 040-2025**

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the letter from the Town of Halton Hills dated January 29, 2025, requesting support for the Sovereignty of Canada, be received.

Carried

13. By-laws:

- 13.1 By-law 2024-45 – Authorizing the Third and Final Reading of the Franchise Agreement Between the Township of Douro-Dummer and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the By-law 2024-45 – Authorizing the Third and Final Reading of the Franchise Agreement Between the Township of Douro-Dummer and Enbridge Gas Inc. be passed, in open Council this 4th day of February 2025 and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Carried

14. Reports derived from previous Notice of Motions: None

15. Notices of Motion - No Debate: None
16. Announcements: None
17. Closed Session: None
18. Rise from Closed Session with or without a Report: None
19. Matters Arising from Closed Session: None
20. Confirming By-law - 2025-07

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That By-law Number 2025-07, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council, held on the 4th day of February 2025, be passed in open Council and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

21. Next Meeting:

Committee of the Whole - February 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting - February 18, 2025

22. Adjournment

**Resolution Number 041-2025**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That this meeting adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor, Heather Watson

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Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig