

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

**April 15, 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
Treasurer - Paul Creamer
Fire Chief - Chuck Pedersen
CBO - Don Helleman
Manager of Public Works - Jake Condon
Manager of Recreation Facilities - Mike Mood**

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of Council being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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.

4.1 Councillor Johnston - Request to Stop-up, Close and Sell unopened Road South East of White Lake - Clerk's Office-2025-11

Councillor Johnston declared direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10.5. as it regarding his child.

5. Adoption of Agenda: April 15, 2025

Resolution Number 108-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, dated April 15, 2025, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes and Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2025

6.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2025

Resolution Number 109-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the minutes for both Special and Regular Council meeting, dated March 18, 2025, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

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

7.1 Peterborough County Council Minutes - March 5, 2025

7.2 Cambium - 2024 Annual Report, Hall's Glen Waste Transfer Station

7.3 Municipal Appraisal Forms (MAF) for Severance Files B-7-25 and B-16-25

7.4 Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility - 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year

7.5 City of Peterborough - Resolution Regarding Use of X

Resolution Number 110-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

The Consent Agenda for April 15, 2025, be received.

Carried

8. Delegations, Petitions, Presentations or Public Meetings:

8.1 Richard J. Taylor, Barrister & Solicitor - Presentation of petition regarding Demers Road and Consent Files B-104-24 and B-105-24 2075

Resolution Number 111-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That Council defer any decision at this time to allow for the collection of additional information, including a record of previous maintenance on Demers Road and the reasons for such maintenance.

Carried

9. Public Comment Period - No Debate or Decision

9.1 List of Registered Speaker for Public Comment Period

Nate Jackson – Item 10.5 – Request to Stop-up, Close and Sell unopened Road South East of White Lake - Clerk's Office-2025-11

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Report and Capital Project Status - April 2025

Resolution Number 112-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the Report and Capital Project Status document be received. Carried

10.2 Liquor License Renewal - Recreation Facilities-2025-02

Resolution Number 113-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report Recreation Facilities-2025-02 dated April 15, 2025, regarding the renewal of the Township's Liquor License be received and that the license be renewed and that Staff be directed to bring a follow-up report to Council outlining the options presented in the report along with results of discussions with user groups. Carried

10.3 Procurement Update - April 2025 - Treasurer-2025-10

Resolution Number 114-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the report Treasurer-2025-10, dated April 15, 2025, regarding Purchasing Report – April 2025 be received; and

That Husky Farm Equipment Limited be awarded the contract to supply and deliver the water storage tank for the Public Works vehicle. Carried

10.4 2024 Building Department Reserve Transfer - Treasurer-2025-11

Resolution Number 115-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the report Treasurer-2025-11, April 15, 2025, regarding the 2024 Building Department Reserve Transfer be received and that \$104,038.80 be transferred from the Building Department Reserve to the Accumulated Surplus/Deficit Account. Carried

Councillor Johnston declared a conflict on Item 10.5. as it is regarding to his child.

Councillor Johnston left the Council Chamber at 5:56 p.m. and did not participate in the discussion.

10.5 Request to Stop-up, Close and Sell unopened Road South East of White Lake - Clerk's Office-2025-11

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That the report Clerk's Office-2025-11 dated April 15, 2025, regarding the request to stop up, close, and sell an unopened road southwest of White Lake be received and that notice be given to the requester and that the request will not be entertained. Defeated

Moved by: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

That Council direct staff to initiate the consultation process and inform the applicants that they will be responsible for any associated costs. Defeated

Councillor Johnston returned to Council Chambers at 6:21 p.m.

10.6 Fire Protection Grant Top-Up Payment - Clerk's Office-2025-12

Resolution Number 116-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Report , dated April 15, 2025, regarding the 2024-2025 Fire Protection Grant be received and that Council approve the spending of the additional funds (\$361.73) on the purchase of particulate style hoods as outlined in the initial grant application. Carried

10.7 2025 Storm Update - C.A.O.-2025-06

Resolution Number 117-2025

Moved by: Mayor Watson

Seconded by: Councillor Watt

Whereas the recent ice storm that severely impacted the Township of Douro-Dummer and the subsequent response from Hydro One; and

Whereas there is a need to address key areas of concern with the service provided by Hydro One during and after the storm and to enhance future operations and communications between the Township and Hydro One; and

Whereas the Township is facing an increased number of severe storms leading to prolonged electricity outages and highlighting the urgent need for improved infrastructure resilience; and

Whereas the Township extends its appreciation for the diligent efforts of ground crews, both local and those deployed from distant areas, who worked tirelessly under challenging conditions; and

Whereas communication between Hydro One and Douro-Dummer officials and emergency staff was inconsistent, oftentimes inaccurate and was exacerbated by the dissemination of misinformation to the public regarding the Township's support or obstruction of on-the-ground recovery operations; and

Whereas despite the Township of Douro-Dummer offering services to aid recovery operations, these offers were initially declined. When services were offered a second time, the service and information provided by the Township was mismanaged by Hydro One and required repetition, leading to a waste of Fire Department resources and the efforts of volunteer fire fighter; and

Whereas Decision-making was hindered by Hydro One's reliance on outdated mapping from the early 2000s, which reduced efficiency and efficacy of the recovery operations;

Therefore the Township formally requests that Hydro One undertake a comprehensive debriefing session with the Township to create a collaborative approach to review the storm response, lessons learned and enact strategic improvements in storm response protocols and communication channels; and

Finally, that this Resolution be circulated to MPP Dave Smith, the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines and the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. Carried

Resolution Number 118-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson
Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That a request for a debrief with Nexicom, Rural Linx and Bell regarding service performance during the April 2025 storm be requested. Carried

Resolution Number 119-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt
Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the report 2025 Storm Update - C.A.O.-2025-06, dated April 15, 2025, regarding the Ice Storm update be received. Carried

11. Committee Minutes and Other Reports:

11.1 Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board - Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2025

Resolution Number 120-2025

Moved by: Councillor Johnston
Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board meeting minutes from February 24, 2025 be received. Carried

11.2 Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board - Budget Letter to Member Municipalities

Resolution Number 121-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board's budget letter to member municipalities, dated March 24, 2025, be received and that the budget request be approved. Carried

12. Correspondence – Action Items: None

13. By-laws:

13.1 By-law 2025-13 - Being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment for 2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the By-law 2025-13 - Being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment for 2025 be passed, in open Council this 15th day of April 2025 and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

13.2 By-law 2025-14 - Being a By-law to Stop-Up and Close and Sell portions of Dummer Sixth Line Road North

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

That the By-law 2025-14 - Being a By-law to Stop-Up and Close and Sell portions of Dummer Sixth Line Road North be passed, in open Council this 15th day of April 2025 and that the Mayor and the Clerk be directed to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

13.3 By-law 2025-15 - Being a By-law to Realign the Twelfth Line Road Dummer

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That the By-law 2025-15 - Being a By-law to Realign the Twelfth Line Road Dummer be passed, in open Council this 15th day of April 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:

2025 Easter Egg Hunt – The Township of Douro-Dummer's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Douro Park North, Douro Second Line Road.

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 2025-16

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That By-law Number 2025-16, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special and Regular Meetings of Council, held on the 15 day of April 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 – April 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting – May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

22. Adjournment

Resolution Number 122-2025

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Vervoort

That this meeting adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Carried

Mayor, Heather Watson

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig