

*The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional*

RR # 2, 38 Railway Crescent

Bruce Mines ON POR ICO

Tel: (705) 785-3479

Fax: (705) 785-3135

email: [info@plummertownship.ca](mailto:info@plummertownship.ca)

Minutes Feb 16, 2022

Regular Council and Planning Meeting

Electronic Meeting Zoom - 6:00 pm

Present:

Mayor~Beth West; Councillors~Mike Jones, Boris Koehler, Keith Hoback, Kelly Warwick

Staff~Clerk Vicky Goertzen-Cooke, Deputy Clerk~Lars Moffatt, Road Working Foreperson~ Chad Mullen

Committee of Adjustment (COA) and Planning Meeting:

COA 1 Minor Variance – Cormier, Jeff - #84 Waltonen Rd

a) Chris Jones, Planner Report

b) Decision – deferred: Council to do a site inspection Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

COA 2 Chris Jones, Planner comments re: Site Plan NOEL, Guy & Ann -#296 Waltonen Rd

a) Site Plan Agreement By-Law (#10)

Follow up to Zoning approval from last fall:

2022-20 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

WHEREAS Guy and Ann Noel (roll #5719 000 006-10400 0000) have made an application to enter into a Site Plan Agreement with the Township subsequent to a recently obtained zoning approval (2021-38) to construct a new dwelling and detached garage.

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is prepared to authorize such construction subject to the owner entering into a Site Plan Agreement;

WHEREAS the proposal has been reviewed by Chris Jones, Municipal Consulting Services (Township Planner) and Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves by-law 2022-10 which is a Site Plan Agreement (including all Schedules) with Noel at 296 Waltonen Road on lands legally described as Part 7, PCL 4896 ACS and PCL 8446, ACS, Part 5, Plan 1R-8507, located in Part Lot 4, Concession 2, PT RP AR9 Township of Plummer Additional, District of Algoma.

This Site Plan will be registered upon the lands to which it applies. CARRIED

COA 3 Adjourn COA and Planning Meeting

2022-21 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Committee of Adjustment – Planning Act meeting at 6:31 pm. CARRIED

Chris Jones, Coleen Roy, Karen & Jeff Cormier left the meeting.

1. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA n/a

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Kelly Warwick declared a conflict with #21 disbursements as the owner ANP Office Supply

3. Municipal Staff Report – Roads

a) Roads Working Foreperson Report (Chad Mullen)

i. Jan 13 – Feb 7, 2021 – reviewed

• Single axle leaf spring not parallel – needs repair

• C. Mullen to verify tire warranty regarding blowout

b) Ferrovial – cancellation of access to treated sand in Bruce Station

- i. Area Municipalities – treated sand storage-buildings, various costs/estimates
- ii. Extra time/fuel required for Road Crew to drive to Thessalon to re-stock

c) Tire Training - \$400/per person

2022-22 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves Chad Mullen, Len Bringleson, Josh MacFarlane and Tom Brown to take the Commercial Vehicle Wheel Service Training Certification Course; registration \$400 (+ HST) per person. CARRIED

d) CASS – Road Co-op Student March-June (see also by-laws)

- Job shadowing of Roads Crew - 3 days per week
- WSIB, Insurance covered by the School Board
- C. Mullen to oversee

e) Gravel Tender (Road/Stockpile)

2022-23 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Road Working Foreperson to tender out for Gravel in the following quantities:

400m<sup>3</sup> of 2" stockpiled at Twp. Yard

800 m<sup>3</sup> of 5/8" M stockpiled at Twp. Yard

800 m<sup>3</sup> of 5/8" M to be placed on Road(s). CARRIED

\*800 m<sup>3</sup> scheduled to be placed on Ledyit Line.

f) Brushing – Copper Bay

- Algoma Power completed brushing/vegetation management under the lines in 2021
- C. Mullen confirmed that the Road Crew will complete the brushing in-house opposite of where the power lines are.

g) Truck #14 Axle repair quotes

2022-24 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the quote from Traction Heavy Duty Parts in the amount of \$2,139.16 for repairs on the axle on Truck #14 (Single Axle). CARRIED

h) Kresin – Booth Bridge Monitoring Report

2022-25 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

WHEREAS the Kresin Engineering has submitted a Monitoring Report for Booth Bridge with the following conclusions;

1. A clear and rapid settlement of concern at any of the four foundations is not yet apparent.
2. Data collected appears to support that there may be some settlement occurring at the south end of the bridge.
3. Apparent elevation increases noted between December 17 and January 13 may be the result of frost jacking/heaving.

WHEREAS the following recommendations were provided by Kresin Engineering for the Township's consideration:

1. Continue monitoring surveys, at monthly intervals, through the spring.

2. Following the spring snowmelt, complete a visual inspection of the foundations to review the previously observed damage.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the monthly survey inspections through spring with a complete visual inspection of the foundations as well as the completion of the OSIM Bi-Annual Inspection on Booth Bridge. CARRIED

Chad Mullen left the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 6:45 pm – n/a

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

2022-26 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Minutes of January 19, 2022. CARRIED

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORT'S continued:

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (K. Morris)

a) Building Permit Summary – No change from prior report

7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ (V. Goertzen-Cooke)

a) FONOM Conference (in person); May 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>; North Bay; \$400 registration fee

2022-27 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves Beth West and Keith Hoback to attend the FONOM Conference in North Bay, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Registration fee \$400 (+ HST). CARRIED

b) AMCTO Conference (in person) June 12-15; Niagara Falls; \$875 registration fee – decision deferred to Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

c) FONOM Debate question (of regional importance) – Councillors to submit suggestions by March 4<sup>th</sup>, Clerk to submit to FONOM.

d) Municipal Modernization Program – Intake 3 – awarded up to \$120,770 towards digital modernization (see also by-laws)

2022- 28 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

WHEREAS the Township has been awarded Municipal Modernization Program - Intake 3 to implement a records management system with the goal of modernizing service delivery and realizing cost savings and efficiencies which includes the purchase of records management software and updated Information Technology hardware assets that will allow the Recipient's records to be archived, secured and easily accessible to its staff and residents;

WHEREAS EncompassIT-The Managed Municipality is the Township's IT Department, staff is authorized to work in conjunction with them regarding the purchase, installation and implementation of the technology hardware and records management software. CARRIED

e) Municipal Modernization Program – Intake 2 – Digital Transformation Report (The Managed Municipality).

2022-29 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Digital Transformation Report as submitted by the Managed Municipality. CARRIED

f) 2021 Tax Arrears & Property Registration status.

g) Draft Retention by-law – for review; no changes provided by Council at this time. Staff to work with EncompassIT-the Managed Municipality on finalizing the by-law in conjunction with the MMP#3 Digital Transformation project. Final By-law to come back to a future meeting for council approval.

h) Inclusive Community Grant – up to \$60,000 – deadline March 3<sup>rd</sup>

2022-30 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council applies for the Inclusive Community Grant to engage the services of a vendor to complete a study for the feasibility of Senior housing, develop recreation opportunities and enhance senior services. CARRIED

i) OCIF Funding for 2022 has increased to \$100,000

8. Community Fire Safety: n/a

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (M. Jones): n/a

10. Animal Control: n/a

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health & Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)

a) MMAH – re-opening steps (subsequent further opening information 02-14)

b) Town - Health Centre Janitorial – Ellen Barber

2022-31 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

Whereas the Health Centre's Custodian has retired;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council jointly approves with the Town of Bruce Mines, Ellen Barber as the Health Centre Custodian until a permanent solution can be found. CARRIED

c) Letter to Minister of Health – Health Team RNPGA

d) Health Centre – without permanent Doctors in the clinic; The Town of Bruce Mines will process staff payroll, clinic expenses as long as the Ministry of Health will fund the locums & nurses.

12. Recreation ~ (B. Koehler)

a) Ontario Trillium Funding – awarded – sport court @ Hall (see also by-laws)

b) Recreation Draft Plan – reviewed

i. Cost concerns noted regarding the estimates for lighting; options to be provided.

2022- 32 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves staff to work with the Recreation Committee to develop a 5-year recreation plan. CARRIED

- Recreation members, Keith Hoback and Kelly Warwick will be working with Lars Moffatt on a plan; for review/input by present council/public and forwarded to new composition of council in 2023 after the Municipal Election for further input/approval.

## c) Hall Sport Court

- i. Notes
- ii. Estimate budget

2022-33 Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves staff to tender out for the Hall-Sport Court with the option for the Vendor(s) to quote for the whole project or individual components of the project. CARRIED

13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ (B. Koehler)

a) 2022 02 09 Minutes - reviewed

14. Cemetery ~ (Keith Hoback)

- a) Priority listing from Cemetery Board – forwarded to the Budget Committee
- b) Minutes January 11, 2022 - reviewed

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. West)

- a) Library – Feb 9 Minutes, Financials -reviewed
- b) Defer to Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - NOHFC Funding - Rural Enhancement – Hall upgrades up to 90% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$200,000.

Council previously approved staff to apply for funding models:

- Bump out the north wall of the Hall
- Add a cloak room
- Move the bathroom to the west side away from the kitchen
- Expand the kitchen into the bathroom space

Other options for consideration:

- upgrade HVAC
- upgrades to stage/flooring
- Facia, minor roof repairs – south side
- outside lighting

Road Staff to confirm roofing needs of the hall prior to Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones) n/a

17. Personnel:

- a) Vacation Schedule (moved to after closed session)

18. Other:

- a) Ontario Connects: Bringing High Speed Internet to Every Community – staff has responded - no further action at this time.
- b) Twsp of Adjala-Tosorontio - Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities.

2022-34 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Plummer Additional supports the requests of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, the Township of Adelaide-Metcalf, the Township of Lake of Bays, the Township of Amaranth and Northumberland County for the Federal and Provincial Government to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, and AMO, CARRIED

c) Municipality of Shuniah – Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine – Doctors in the North  
2022-35 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Plummer Additional hereby supports the resolution most strongly from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario, and;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). CARRIED

d) City of Brantford – Closing the Revolving Door of Justice

2022-36 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

WHEREAS per the City of Brantford;

- it has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and
- the increase in criminal activity is due in part to the failure of the justice system to hold in pre-trial custody many of the likely-to-reoffend individuals, including those who are in serious breach of prior bail conditions, a situation commonly referred to as the "revolving door of justice"; and
- those involved in the justice system, from Justices of the Peace to those who have been arrested, acknowledge the "catch and release" bail system contributes to the increase in crime.
- concerns continue to be raised by businesses, post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, and citizens regarding the increased criminal activity; and
- there is a pressing need for common sense bail reform that gives priority to the dignity and safety of victims over the wellbeing of criminals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Plummer Additional supports the City of Brantford in their efforts to lobby the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, requesting that steps be taken immediately by his government to strengthen the bail system, including:

- a. imposing more demanding and stringent surety and supervision requirements; and
- b. imposing more substantive and effective consequences for continued breaches of a judicial interim release order (as known as "bail") resulting in pre-trial incarceration, which changes are required to safeguard law abiding citizens and to restore the citizens faith in the criminal justice system; and

FURTHER THAT staff forward a copy of this resolution to the local MP, MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), FONOM, and the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM); as well as the local Police Board Members. CARRIED

e) Ontario Trap Rock – Councillors to recommend citizen Rep

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: n/a

20. NEW BUSINESS: n/a

21. DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:

- a) Expenditures Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2022 (Health Centre Jan 24, 2022)
- b) Monthly Financial Statements

2022-37                    Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for Jan 1 - 31, 2022:

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| a) General                  | \$199,767.04        |
| b) Cemetery                 | \$467.85            |
| c) Health Centre Jan 24/22) | \$18,191.34 CARRIED |

22. BY-LAWS:

2022-38                    Mike Jones Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves the following By-Laws:

- a) 2022-05 Fees & Charges
- b) 2022-06 Fence Viewer
- c) 2022-07 Municipal Modernization Program – Intake #3
- d) 2022-08 Ontario Trillium Foundation Funding Agreement
- e) 2022-09 CASS Cooperative Student Placement Agreement
- f) 2022-11 RW Thomlinson Sale Agreement Trunk Road. CARRIED
- g) *Stop up and close section of Trunk Road – Notice ONLY*

23. NOTICE OF MOTIONS n/a

24. MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS) n/a

25. CLOSED SESSION:

2022-39                    Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 8:49 pm to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act. S.239 (2):Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes; The receiving of advice solicitor; Labour relations or employment negotiations; the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

2022-40                    Kelly Warwick Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed session and returns to open meeting at 9:30 pm. CARRIED

2022-41                    Mike Jones Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the vacation schedule as presented noting that dates are subject to change. CARRIED

26. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2022-42                    Mike Jones Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves By-Law No. 2022-12, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting(s) held prior to and on February 16, 2022. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

2022-43 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 9:32 pm to meet again on March 16, 2022 for the next regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

- COA Site inspection visit February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm @ 84 Waltonen Road; 5:00 pm @ the Hall for meeting.

  
Mayor: Beth West  
Clerk: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke**Acronyms:**

@ = at

ADSSAB – Algoma District Social Services Administration Board

AGM – Annual General Meeting

AHPS – Arthur Henderson Public School

AODA – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

CBO – Chief Building Official

CEMC – Community Emergency Measures Committee

CERB – Central Emergency reporting Bureau

CF- Carry Forward

CFSO- Community Fire Safety Officer

CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees

EARS – East Algoma Roads Superintendents

FYI – for your information

Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario

FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Frd – forwarded from prior meeting

HNWDRRC - Huron Northwest Doctor Recruitment &amp; Retention Committee

ICIP Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program

OCIF – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

OMB – Ontario Municipal Board

OMAFRA – Ministry of Agriculture, Food &amp; Rural Affairs

OPP – Ontario Provincial Police

Orig. - Original

OTF – Ontario Trillium Foundation

POA – Provincial Offences Act

Min. – Ministry

MMP – Municipal Modernization Program

MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources

MAH – Ministry of Municipal Affairs

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MPAC – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Mtg - Meeting

MTO – Ministry of Transportation

MWRC – Municipal Waste &amp; Recycling Consultants

N/A – not applicable

POA – Provincial Offences Act

RBC – Royal Bank of Canada

RED – Rural Economic Development

Reg. - registration

Rep – Representative

Resln – Resolution

RFQ – Request for Quote

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

TMM – The Managed Municipality

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP - Township