



Township of Southgate
Minutes of Council Meeting

September 4, 2024
9:00 AM
Holstein Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Brian Milne
Deputy Mayor Barbara Dobreen
Councillor Jason Rice
Councillor Jim Ferguson (left at 2:12PM)
Councillor Martin Shipston
Councillor Joan John
Councillor Monica Singh Soares (left at 2:21PM)

Staff Present: Dina Lundy, Chief Administrative Officer
Lindsey Green, Clerk
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager
Kayla Best, HR Manager
Derek Malynyk, Fire Chief
Lacy Russell, Librarian CEO
Ken Melanson, Senior Manager, Development & Community Services
Holly Malynyk, Legislative and Records Coordinator
Brenna Carroll, Economic Development Officer
Victoria Mance, Junior Planner

Others: Bill White, Senior Planning Consultant Triton Engineering

1. Call to Order

Mayor Milne called the meeting to order at 9:01AM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

As we gather, we recognize and acknowledge the traditional keepers of this land with whom we share today. The Township of Southgate is a

part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek, Six Nations of the Grand River, Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Haudenosaunee, and Saugeen Métis. The land that surrounds us is part of who we are as it reflects our histories; may we live in peace and friendship with all its diverse people.

3. Open Forum - Register in Advance

No members of the public spoke at open forum.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

No. 2024-403

Moved By Councillor Rice

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council confirm the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Singh Soares declared a conflict of interest on item 8.1.1 EDO2024-009 MOU Renewal South Grey Chamber of Commerce and item 8.1.2 By-law 2024-108 South Grey Chamber of Commerce Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) due to being a member on the Board of Directors and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matters.

Councillor Rice declared a conflict of interest on item 8.4.1 PW2024-033 SDR 49 Culvert Replacements Tender Award Recommendation due to the successful proponent of the tender award being a family member and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

Deputy Mayor Dobreen declared a conflict of interest on item 14.1 Litigation or Potential Litigation, Including Matters Before Administrative Tribunals, Affecting the Municipality or Local Board (Sec239(2)(e))(Subject Litigation Matter Update) due to lands adjacent to her residence having a nexus with the subject matter, and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

6. Delegations & Presentations

6.1 Delegation - Mount Forest Aquatic Committee Proposed Outdoor Pool Project - Al Leach

No. 2024-404

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council receive the Mount Forest Aquatic Committee delegation presented by Al Leach regarding the proposed outdoor pool project in Mount Forest for information; and

That Council refer the delegation to staff for consideration in the 2025 budget.

Carried

6.2 Delegation - Dundalk Water and Sanitary Servicing Strategy - Dustin Lyttle and Ray Kirtz, Triton Engineering Services Limited

No. 2024-405

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that Council receive the Dundalk Water and Sanitary Servicing Strategy presented by Dustin Lyttle from Triton Engineering Services Limited for information.

Carried

Council recessed at 10:00AM and returned at 10:07AM.

6.3 Delegation - Flato Developments General Update - Shakir Rehmatullah, President, Kory Chisholm, MHBC and Brittany Robertson, Crozier

No. 2024-406

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council receive the Flato Developments General Update delegation presented by Shakir Rehmatuallah, Kory Chisholm and Brittany Robertson for information.

Carried

Council recessed at 11:11AM and returned at 11:17AM.

7. Adoption of Minutes

No. 2024-407

Moved By Councillor Rice

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024 Special Council and Closed Session meetings as presented; and **That** Council approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024 Council and Closed Session meetings as presented.

Carried

8. Reports of Municipal Officers

8.1 Economic Development Officer Brenna Carroll

8.1.1 EDO2024-009-MOU Renewal South Grey Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Singh Soares declared a conflict of interest on item 8.1.1 EDO2024-009 MOU Renewal South Grey Chamber of Commerce due to being a member of the South Grey Chamber of Commerce Board, and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

No. 2024-408

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report EDO2024-009 for information; and

That Council approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Grey Chamber of

Commerce (SGCC) from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.1.2 By-law 2024-108 - South Grey Chamber of Commerce Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Councillor Singh Soares declared a conflict of interest on item 8.1.2 By-law 2024-108 South Grey Chamber of Commerce Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) due to being a member of the South Grey Chamber of Commerce Board, and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

No. 2024-409

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Be it resolved that by-law number 2024-108 being a by-law to authorize a memorandum of understanding between the South Grey Chamber of Commerce and the Corporation of the Township of Southgate be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Carried

8.1.3 EDO2024-010-Dundalk Mural Installation and Festival

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report EDO2024-010 for information; and

That Council approve the installation of 10 new murals in downtown Dundalk and an accompanying festival in accordance with the grant agreement.

Councillor Ferguson moved the following amendment to the main motion.

Amendment:

No. 2024-410

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

That Council amend the resolution to add a third clause stating: "**That** Council approve placing murals on the Library and the Dundalk Pool Building in Memorial Park."

Carried

No. 2024-411

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report EDO2024-010 for information; and

That Council approve the installation of 10 new murals in downtown Dundalk and an accompanying festival in accordance with the grant agreement; and

That Council approve placing murals on the Library and the Dundalk Pool Building in Memorial Park.

Carried

8.2 Chief Administrative Officer Dina Lundy

8.2.1 CAO2024-015 Township of Southgate - 25th Anniversary

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Staff report CAO2024-015 be received for information; and

That Council approve the proposed events, activities and 25th anniversary logos outlined in this report; and

That Council consider approving a \$25,000 overall budget through the 2025 budget process.

Deputy Mayor Dobreen moved the following amendment to the main motion.

Amendment:

No. 2024-412

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council amend the second clause to state: "**That** Council approve the proposed events, activities and consider options for the 25th Anniversary logos outlined in this report."

Carried

No. 2024-413

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Staff report CAO2024-015 be received for information; and

That Council approve the proposed events, activities and consider options for the 25th Anniversary logos outlined in this report; and

That Council consider approving a \$25,000 overall budget through the 2025 budget process.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Dobreen moved the following motion.

No. 2024-414

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council proceed past noon.

Carried

8.3 Finance Department

8.3.1 FIN2024-018 Wellington County Library Board Agreement

No. 2024-415

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that Staff report FIN2024-018 be received for information; and

That Council support the Southgate Public Library Board entering into an agreement for library services with the Wellington County Library Board; and

That Council approve funding the remaining \$7,440 out of reserve funds for 2024.

Carried

8.4 Public Works Manager Jim Ellis

8.4.1 PW2024-033 SDR 49 Culvert Replacements Tender Award Recommendation

Councillor Rice declared a conflict of interest on item 8.4.1 PW2024-033 SDR 49 Culvert Replacements Tender Award Recommendation due to the successful proponent of the tender award being a family member, and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

No. 2024-416

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that Staff report PW2024-033 be received for information; and

That Council approve the staff recommendation to award the Southgate Sideroad 49 culvert replacements to

12473020 Canada Inc o/a Rice Construction Contracting,
in the amount of \$184,900.00 plus HST.

Carried

8.5 Senior Manager, Development & Community Services Ken Melanson

8.5.1 PL2024-077 - Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension Edgewood Greens Phase 9

No. 2024-417

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Singh Soares

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PL2024-077 Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval Extension Edgewood Greens Phase 9 for information; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the County of Grey endorsing the applicant request for extension of the Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval.

Carried

8.6 Planning Department

8.6.1 PL2024-075 - ZBA C21-24 Tubegate Inc

No. 2024-418

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PL2024-075 for file C21-24 Tubegate Inc 260219 Southgate Road 26 for information; and

That Council approve By-law 2024-109 to rezone 260219 Southgate Road 26 to permit a 750 square metre On-Farm Diversified Use (shop and power room) with 380 square metre outdoor storage and 120 square metre covered

storage; and

That Site Plan Approval apply to the On-Farm Diversified Use (OFDU).

Carried

**8.6.2 By-law 2024-109- ZBA C21-24 Tubegate 260219
Southgate Road 26**

No. 2024-419

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that by-law number 2024-109 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 19-2002, entitled the "Township of Southgate Zoning By-law" be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Carried

8.6.3 PL2024-080 - Holding Removal Flato Phase 11

No. 2024-420

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PL2024-080 Application to Remove Holding Provision, Flato Phase 11, Dundalk Meadows Inc; and

That Council considers the conditions related to the placing of the holding zone in By-law 2017-024 being met; and

That Council approve By-law 2024-110 to remove the holding provision for lands zoned Residential 3-379 and Residential 1-378.

Carried

8.6.4 By-law 2024-110 - Flato East Phase 11 - Removal of Hold

No. 2024-421

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that by-law number 2024-110 being a by-law to remove Holding Provisions established in Zoning By-law No. 19-2002, of the Township of Southgate be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Carried

9. By-laws and Motions

None.

10. Notice of Motion

None.

11. Consent Items

11.1 Regular Business (for information)

No. 2024-422

Moved By Councillor Ferguson

Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that Council approve the items on the Regular Business consent agenda dated September 4, 2024 and direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions.

Carried

11.1.1 FIRE2024-006 First and Second Quarter Report

11.1.2 PL2024-078 - New Provincial Planning Statement

- 11.1.3 PL2024-079 - Planning Training for Council**
- 11.1.4 PW2024-032 DWQMS 2024 Surveillance Audit**
- 11.1.5 PW2024 -034 Department Report**
- 11.1.6 2024-08-08 - Special County of Grey Joint Council Meeting Minutes**

11.2 Correspondence (for information)

No. 2024-423

Moved By Councillor John

Seconded By Councillor Singh Soares

Be it resolved that Council receive the items on the Correspondence consent agenda dated September 4, 2024 save and except items 11.2.1 AMO Correspondence - OMA Resolution Campaign, SALC Regulations, and Advocacy Updates as information.

Carried

11.2.1 AMO Correspondence - OMA Resolution Campaign, SALC Regulations, and Advocacy Updates - received July 9 2024

Deputy Mayor Dobreen moved the following motion.

No. 2024-424

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that Council receive consent item 11.2.1 AMO Correspondence for information; and

That Council endorse the following motion:

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has become increasingly challenging to attract

and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now therefore be it resolved the Council of the Township of Southgate urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Southgate and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

That this resolution to forwarded to the Hon. Premier of Ontario, Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. MPP Rick Byers, Ontario Municipalities, and AMO.

Carried

11.2.2 Bruce Power - Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment Bruce C Initial Project Description - received August 12, 2024

11.2.3 WOWC- EOWC - EOMC News Release - Solve The Crisis Campaign - received August 18, 2024

11.2.4 OLT Correspondence - Rejection Letter re Appeal filed 072968 Southgate Sideroad 07 - received August 19, 2024

11.2.5 New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS 2024) - received August 20, 2024

11.2.6 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - Media Release Seeks Funding and Volunteers to Continue Operations - received August 19, 2024

11.2.7 GRCA - August 23, 2024 General Meeting Membership - received August 23, 2024

11.2.8 GRCA - Township of Southgate GRCA Conservation Areas Strategy Public Consultation - received August 23, 2024

11.3 Resolutions of Other Municipalities (for information)

No. 2024-425

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that Council receive the items on the Resolutions of other Municipalities consent agenda dated September 4, 2024 save and except item 11.3.1 Township of Terrace Bay - Support for ONIP as information.

Carried

11.3.1 Township of Terrance Bay - Support for OINP - received August 14, 2024

Councillor John moved the following motion.

No. 2024-426

Moved By Councillor John

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council receive consent item 12.3.1 Township of Terrace Bay - Support for OINP for information; and

That Council endorse the following motion:

Whereas employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market; and

Whereas the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

Whereas population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

Whereas the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Southgate urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical labour market shortage in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association/Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Aguasabon and Thunder Bay Chambers of Commerce.

Carried

11.3.2 Township of Stirling-Rawdon - Public Sector Salary Disclosure - received August 21, 2024

11.4 Closed Session (for information)

None.

12. County Report

Deputy Mayor Dobreen provided an update on the most recent County Council meeting. Highlights from the August 8, 2024 Grey County Council meeting can be viewed [here](#).

13. Members Privilege - Good News & Celebrations

Councillor John noted that JunCtian Community Initiatives and the Peace Committee will be holding a Day of Truth and Reconciliation Commemoration Service on September 30, 2024 at the Dundalk United Church. Councillor John also noted that the Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery will be holding their annual decoration day on September 15, 2024 at 2:00PM.

Councillor Singh Soares wanted to wish all students, teachers, parents and volunteers a fantastic school year and wanted to remind everyone to be safe on the roadways.

Deputy Mayor Dobreen mentioned that the Dundalk Fall Fair is being held Friday September 6 to September 8, noting that there are many events for everyone! Deputy Mayor Dobreen also noted that volunteers are still required for the Dundalk Fall Fair.

Council recessed at 12:30PM and returned at 12:55PM.

14. Closed Meeting

Deputy Mayor Dobreen declared a conflict of interest on item 14.1 Litigation or Potential Litigation, Including Matters Before Administrative Tribunals, Affecting the Municipality or Local Board (Sec239(2)(e))(Subject Litigation Matter Update) due to lands adjacent to her residence having a nexus with the subject matter, and did not participate in the discussion or voting of the matter.

No. 2024-427

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council proceed into closed session at 12:55PM in order to address matters relating to Litigation or Potential Litigation, Including Matters Before Administrative Tribunals, Affecting the Municipality or Local Board (Sec 239(2)(e)(Subject: Ongoing Litigation Update), Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality or Local Board (Sec 239(2)(c))(Subject: Sale of Property Update), Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Local Board Employees (Se 239(2)(b))(Subject: HR Update), Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations (Sec 239(2)(d))(Subject: Risk Mitigation) and Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Local Board Employees (Sec 239(2)(b))(Subject: CAO Review); and **That** all those required remain in attendance.

Carried

Council recessed at 12:55 and returned at 1:00PM.

Deputy Mayor Dobreen joined the Closed Session meeting at 1:05PM.

CAO Lundy left the Closed Session meeting at 1:50PM and did not return.

Councillor Ferguson left the meeting at 2:12PM and did not return.

Councillor Singh Soares left the meeting at 2:21PM and did not return.

No. 2024-429

Moved By Councillor Rice

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Council proceed out of Closed Session at 3:13PM.

Carried

Council recessed at 3:13PM and returned at 3:14PM.

15. Confirming By-law

No. 2024-430

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that by-law number 2024-111 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate at its regular meeting held on September 4, 2024 be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Carried

16. Adjournment

No. 2024-431

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the meeting at 3:15PM.

Carried

Mayor Brian Milne

Clerk Lindsey Green