



## **Township of Southgate Minutes of Council Meeting**

May 20, 2020

1:00 PM

Electronic Participation

Members Present: Mayor John Woodbury  
Deputy Mayor Brian Milne  
Councillor Barbara Dobreen  
Councillor Michael Sherson  
Councillor Jason Rice  
Councillor Jim Frew  
Councillor Martin Shipston

Staff Present: Dave Milliner, CAO  
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager  
William Gott, Treasurer  
Derek Malynyk, Acting Fire Chief  
Clinton Stredwick, Planner  
Lindsey Green, Acting Clerk  
Elisha Hewgill, Legislative Assistant  
Kayla Best, HR Coordinator

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Woodbury called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **2. Confirmation of Agenda**

No. 2020-207

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Be it resolved that** Council confirm the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No one declared a pecuniary interest related to any item on the agenda.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

No. 2020-208

**Moved By** Councillor Sherson

**Seconded By** Councillor Dobreen

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 Council meeting as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Reports of Municipal Officers**

**5.1 Fire Chief Derek Malynyk**

**5.1.1 FIRE2020-008- Captain Appointment**

No. 2020-209

**Moved By** Councillor Rice

**Seconded By** Councillor Shipston

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report FIRE2020-008 for information; and

**That** Council approve the promotion of Richard Amyotte to Captain with the Dundalk Fire Department.

**Carried**

**5.1.2 FIRE2020-009- Acting Captain Appointment**

No. 2020-210

**Moved By** Councillor Frew

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report FIRE2020-009 for information; and

**That** Council approve the promotion of Jason Brunette to Acting Captain with the Dundalk Fire Department.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Acting Clerk Lindsey Green**

### **5.2.1 CL2020-016-Declare the Unopened Road Allowance between Concession 4 and Concession 5, Lot 25 and Lot 26, former Township of Egremont as Surplus Southgate Property**

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

No. 2020-211

**Moved By** Councillor Sherson

**Seconded By** Councillor Rice

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2020-016 as information; and

**That** the unopened road allowance between Concession 4 and Concession 5, Lot 25 and Lot 26 in the former Township of Egremont, in the Township of Southgate be declared a closed roadway; and

**That** Council declare the unopened road allowance between Concession 4 and Concession 5, Lot 25 and Lot 26 in the former Township of Egremont, in the Township of Southgate as surplus Southgate property; and

**That** Council direct staff to proceed to acquire an opinion of real estate value appraisal of the Concession 4 between Lot 25 and Lot 26 portion of the property only, using Padfield Nelson Realty; and

**That** Council direct staff to return to Council with the opinion of value to establish the selling price of the portion of the unopened road allowance.

Yay (6): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, Councillor Rice, and Councillor Frew

Nay (1): Councillor Shipston

**Carried (6 to 1)**

**5.2.2 CL2020-017-Declare the Unopened Road Allowance between Concession 17 Lot 1, former Proton Township and Concession 20, Lot 27, former Egremont Township as Surplus Southgate Property**

No. 2020-212

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Seconded By** Councillor Frew

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2020-017 as information; and

**That** the unopened road allowance between Concession 17 Lot 1, former Proton Township and Concession 20, Lot 27, former Egremont Township, in the Township of Southgate be declared a closed roadway; and

**That** Council declare the unopened road allowance between Concession 17 Lot 1, former Proton Township and Concession 20, Lot 27, former Egremont Township, in the Township of Southgate as surplus Southgate property; and

**That** Council direct staff to proceed to acquire an opinion of real estate value appraisal of the unopened road allowance between Concession 17 Lot 1, former Proton Township and Concession 20, Lot 27, former Egremont Township, in the Township of Southgate using Padfield Nelson Realty; and

**That** Council direct staff to return to Council with the opinion of value to establish the selling price of the of the unopened road allowance.

**Carried**

**5.2.3 CL2020-018-Procedural By-law Amendment to allow Committee of Adjustment meetings to continue Electronically**

No. 2020-213

**Moved By** Councillor Dobreen

**Seconded By** Councillor Shipston

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2020-018 as information; and

**That** Council waive Procedural By-law Section 29.1 – Amendments to By-law with regard to the giving of public notice prior to an amendment of the procedural by-law; and

**That** Council approve By-law 2020-046 being a by-law to amend Procedural By-law number 2020-027 to allow the Committee of Adjustment to continue holding their meetings electronically during the current declared Emergency and for future Emergency declarations made by the Federal, Provincial, as well as both upper and lower tier Municipal Governments.

**Carried**

#### **5.2.4 By-law 2020-046 - Amend Procedural By-law to allow for Committee of Adjustment to meet Electronically during Declared Emergencies**

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

No. 2020-214

**Moved By** Councillor Sherson

**Seconded By** Councillor Rice

**Be it resolved that** by-law number 2020-046 being a by-law to amend the Township of Southgate Procedural By-law 2020-027 to allow for the Committee of Adjustment to continue electronic meetings due to Legislation passed on April 14, 2020 to amend various Acts, including the Planning Act, 1990 during declared emergencies be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Acting Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Yay (7): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, Councillor Rice, Councillor Frew, and Councillor Shipston

**Carried (7 to 0)**

### **5.3 Chief Administrative Officer Dave Milliner**

#### **5.3.1 CAO2020-037 Southgate CAO Update May 2020**

No. 2020-215

**Moved By** Councillor Frew

**Seconded By** Councillor Dobreen

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CAO2020-037 as information; and

**That** Council appoint Mayor John Woodbury as Southgate Council representative at the Wellington North Power AGM to act as a scrutineer.

**Carried**

#### **5.3.2 CAO2020-038 Rosalyn Outdoor Educational Centre use of Southgate Facilities Report**

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

No. 2020-216

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Seconded By** Councillor Shipston

**Be it resolved that** Council receive staff report CAO2020-038 as information; and

**That** Council approve and direct staff to work with the Rosalyn Outdoor Education Centre to facilitate the rental of Township vacant buildings at the present time during the COVID-19 pandemic for the use to deliver Special Needs Mental Health Programs that will provide social isolation and proper distancing requirements that complies with Ontario Government Emergency Regulations and Grey Bruce Public Health Unit guidelines and directives.

Yay (4): Mayor Woodbury, Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, and Councillor Shipston

Nay (3): Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Rice, and  
Councillor Frew

**Carried (4 to 3)**

**6. By-laws and Motions**

None.

**7. Notice of Motion**

None.

**8. Consent Items**

**8.1 Regular Business (for information)**

No. 2020-217

**Moved By** Councillor Rice

**Seconded By** Councillor Dobreen

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the items on the Regular Business consent agenda dated May 20, 2020 and direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions.

**Carried**

**8.1.1 PW2020-029 Dundalk Drinking Water System Report**

**8.1.2 FIN2020-010 2020 Financial Report – April**

**8.2 Correspondence (for information)**

No. 2020-218

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Seconded By** Councillor Frew

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the items on the Correspondence consent agenda dated May 20, 2020 and direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions.

**Carried**

**8.2.1 Mental Health Resources During COVID-19 - received  
April 23, 2020**

- 8.2.2 GBPH Guidance for Community Food Programs, Gardens and Allotments - received April 28, 2020**
- 8.2.3 GBPH Considerations for the Public on Wearing Masks - received April 28, 2020**
- 8.2.4 GBPH Considerations for Seasonal Residents and Visitors - received May 4, 2020**
- 8.2.5 Grand River Conservation Authority - Notice of Impacted Services - received May 4, 2020**
- 8.2.6 Media Release Mobile COVID-19 Testing - Grey County Public Health Joint Effort - received May 4 2020**
- 8.2.7 FCM Protecting Vital Municipal Services - received May 6, 2020**
- 8.2.8 2019 Financial Statements - Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit - received May 7, 2020**
- 8.2.9 2020-04-04 SMART Minutes - received May 8, 2020**
- 8.2.10 WNP Report for Municipal Councillors Q1 - received May 11, 2020**
- 8.2.11 2020-04-02 SVCA Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes - received May 12, 2020**
- 8.2.12 Saugeen Economic Development COVID-19 Support Funding for Local Businesses News Release - received May 14, 2020**

### **8.3 Resolutions of Other Municipalities (for information)**

No. 2020-219

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Councillor Sherson

**Be it resolved that** Council approve the items on the Resolutions of Other Municipalities consent agenda dated May 20, 2020 and direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions.



**8.3.1 The Corporation of the Town of Midland Letter to the PM re Financial Aid Plan - received April 17, 2020**

**8.3.2 The Township of Montague - Federal Assistance for Municipalities -received May 6, 2020**

**8.3.3 Township of North Frontenac Framework for Reopening our Province-Residential Construction in Rural Areas- received May 13, 2020**

**8.4 Closed Session (for information)**

None.

**9. County Report**

Mayor Woodbury highlighted that the County passed a tax by-law for percentages and of note, the Farm Tax came in at .218% which is another reduction to try to keep the increase in farm tax manageable. He explained that this does not reduce what the taxes are, instead it reduces the amount of the increase people are receiving this year. There was also a motion passed for the Province to look into Farm Tax at a more Provincial level rather than at the local level.

A discussion was held regarding Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) in which Southgate's situation was brought up, where we do not qualify for this funding because there is an internet provider in the area that has stated that most of Southgate is a serviced area which unfortunately disqualifies us. SWIFT is a non-profit municipally-led broadband expansion project created to improve internet connectivity in under-served communities and rural areas across Southwestern Ontario. Mayor Woodbury added that the legislation unfortunately does not speak to the cost of the service. Deputy Mayor Milne added that the legislation also does not speak to how the service is to be delivered. It could be wireless, or in the ground etc. as long as a certain level of speed is achieved, they consider an area serviced, not taking the cost of that service into consideration.

There was a discussion held about the electronic Q & A sessions that are being hosted by the Township bi-weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM that feature Mayor Woodbury and CAO Milliner where the public can listen in and ask questions about how COVID-19 is impacting our community and municipal operations. Deputy Mayor Milne asked if there has been good attendance at these sessions and if there is merit in continuing with these events. Staff confirmed that although the attendance is not very high, these sessions are a good way to spread information to whoever is listening and to answer questions from residents in a more informal setting.

#### **10. Members Privilege - Good News & Celebrations**

Mayor Woodbury commented that both the Library Board and the Police Service Board have now held their first electronic board meetings which were successful. He added that members and staff are adapting well to the electronic technology being used. He also added that members of the community are adapting well to the restrictions of COVID-19 and thanks everyone for their patience. He noted that the Holstein Agro Expo and the Holstein Canada Day Fireworks events are both re-evaluating their plans amidst the Provincial emergency orders and that the community is stepping up from one end of the Township to the other.

Councillor Shipston commented that he is happy to see that the Township and County are proactively using social media to their advantage to share the correct information regarding normal business and public health and other agencies information regarding the current emergency orders with members of the community. He also stressed the important of "socially distancing from social media" during this time. He added that unfortunately the Blood Donor Clinic being held at Highpoint School in Dundalk for June has been cancelled, with the announcement of Public Schools not reopening for this school year and that the Clinic scheduled for September could also pose an issue. Lastly, he added that the Canadian Blood Donor service is still working hard behind the scenes and members of the public can refer to their website to see which clinics are still open in the area.

Mayor Woodbury added the recent COVID-19 stats for Grey and Bruce Counties from Dr. Arra's most recent report through Public Health. He

highlighted that as of yesterday, there were no new cases reported in the last 24 hours. Grey and Bruce have a total of 91 cases to date, in which 78 total cases have recovered. In great news, we also learned that there are no current outbreaks in County-owned or Privately-owned Long-Term Care Homes to date. Grey Gables Long-Term Care Home did report a positive test that was a presumed false-positive. This person has since been re-tested multiple times, all of which have come back negative. Deputy Mayor Milne added that he would like to pose a question to Dr. Arra about the importance placed on the re-testing of presumed false-positive results, but not re-testing negative results that have been received.

**11. Closed Meeting**

None.

**12. Confirming By-law**

Councillor Frew left the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

No. 2020-220

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Councillor Rice

**Be it resolved that** by-law number 2020-047 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 May 20, 2020 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.

Yay (6): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, Councillor Rice, and Councillor Shipston

Absent (1): Councillor Frew

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**13. Adjournment**

No. 2020-221

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Milne

**Be it resolved that** Council adjourn the meeting at 2:29 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor John Woodbury

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Acting Clerk Lindsey Green