

MINUTES

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

**Monday, October 28, 2024
UXBRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
51 TORONTO STREET S. UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR DAVE BARTON

**BRUCE GARROD, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR
GORDON SHREEVE, COUNCILLOR
ZED PICKERING, COUNCILLOR
WILLIE POPP, COUNCILLOR**

**COUNCIL ABSENT: PAM BEACH, COUNCILLOR
TODD SNOOKS, COUNCILLOR**

STAFF PRESENT:

**KRISTI HONEY, CAO
DEBBIE LEROUX, DEPUTY CAO/DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK
LAURA RUPPRECHT, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR
AMANDA FERRARO, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES
CAROLYN CLEMENTSON, HEALTH & SAFETY
COORDINATOR, AQUATICS MANAGER
TOBI LEE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER
COURTNEY CLARKE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS,
PARKS & TRAILS
MIKE MACDONALD, FIRE CHIEF
HILARY WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF BY-LAW AND
ANIMAL CONTROL
EMILY ELLIOTT, DEPUTY CLERK
KATLYN JONES, MUSEUM CURATOR AND TOURISM
COORDINATOR
SIERRA MILLER, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
KYLE BRENNAN, OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECT
MANAGER
ROCHELLE SILVA, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, CLERK'S
DEPARTMENT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Nations Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Barton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. REVIEW OF ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

There were none.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.6 Councillor Willie Popp

Councillor Popp noted the success of the Spooky Saturday BIA event on October 26th and expressed thanks to Katlyn Jones and participating businesses for their contributions to the event.

Councillor Popp announced that the 23 Brock Street borehole drilling has commenced and will continue from October 28th to November 4th, moving the Downtown Development Project forward.

Councillor Popp also announced that the South Balsam Street storm water pond will be undergoing rehabilitation on November 4th and 61 Mill Street is undergoing tree removal in that area. More information can be found on our website.

4.5 Councillor Gordon Shreeve

Councillor Shreeve spoke about Zephyr Community Association hosting Halloween at the Hall. The Lions will be having a hayride and Councillor Shreeve encouraged everyone to drive carefully.

Councillor Shreeve announced that there is now an all-way stop sign at the four corners in Zephyr and it has helped to slow traffic.

Councillor Shreeve provided a reminder that it is harvest time and there are farming vehicles driving on the roads and encouraged all to please be patient as the farmers do their work.

4.2 Councillor Zed Pickering

Councillor Pickering spoke about the BIA activities on the weekend and the positive opportunities it brings for our local businesses.

4.3 Councillor Todd Snooks

Councillor Snooks was absent

4.4 Councillor Pam Beach

Councillor Beach was absent.

4.1 Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod

Regional Councillor Garrod announced that the Beaverton Supportive Housing is now open and has 47 functional beds available. Regional Councillor Garrod added that there will be a phased move in process with 10 individuals having moved in so far. Councillor Garrod also added that these Supportive Housing beds will directly impact the Kindred Works project which will soon be underway.

Councillor Garrod announced that the Region's Social Services Survey deadline has been extended until October 31, 2024. Once the survey closes, data will be compiled and analyzed to determine how best to meet the needs based on available funding.

4.7 Mayor Dave Barton

Mayor Barton had no announcements.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 10:05 A.M.

KAREN FISHER, BOARD MEMBER, DURHAM REGION POLICE SERVICE BOARD re Annual Community Policing Report

Ms. Karen Fisher, Board Member of the Durham Region Police Service Board presented with the assistance of a power point presentation. Ms. Fisher, along with Police Chief Peter Moreira presented on behalf of the Police Board.

Ms. Fisher explained that the purpose of the presentation is to give an update on policing services in Durham Region, as well to establish more regular dialogue on community safety, priorities and concerns within communities. The Board committed to this engagement by connecting with the elected representatives who are the closest to our citizens.

Ms. Fisher explained that, as a result of changes to the Community Safety and Policing Act, there has been additional responsibilities to the Police Board. Ms. Fisher informed that policies and strategic plans, and Board meeting recordings are published to the Durham Regional Police Services website, and Ms. Fisher encouraged Council and the public to review that information.

Ms. Fisher identified that the current areas of focus are the Board's strategic plan as well as implementation of Community Safety; Policing Act Regulations; Budget 2025 and Community Engagement.

Ms. Fisher spoke about an Information and Education Session invitation which will be coming out shortly for November from the Police Board.

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Moved by Councillor Shreeve

Seconded by Councillor Pickering

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge receive the Delegation of the Durham Region Police Service Board for information;

Carried

6.2 10:20 A.M.

UMKULTHOOM ELHASSAN re Fire invoice for a motor vehicle accident

Ms. Elhassan addressed Council to dispute a fire charge of \$535.00 for a car accident of June 9, 2024, noting the financial burden such charges would present. Ms. Elhassan requested that Council reconsider the charges as she herself did not request emergency services.

Mayor Barton advised Ms. Elhassan that this Council have never reduced these types of charges.

Fire Chief MacDonald addressed Council to provide details regarding the call, noting that the call came in at 6:25am on Sunday, June 9 at the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline. Chief MacDonald noted that, pursuant to standard procedure, two vehicles were sent out to attend. After it was determined that there was no need for extraction and no substances were leaking, the crew left the scene. A total of 20 firefighters responded to the firehall and 11 responded to the scene of the accident.

Chief MacDonald explained that the nine members not responding remained at the firehall in case a secondary call occurred while others were attending to this matter, which was located a significant distance from the firehall. Chief MacDonald explained that once the call is cleared, all attending firefighters return home.

Councillor Popp thanked the Ms. Elhassan for her presentation but reminded her that this Council have never reduced a fire services invoice.

Ms. Elhassan was provided with the option of a payment plan which would be arranged with the Treasury Department.

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge receive the Delegation of Umkulthoom Elhassan and provide Ms. Elhassan with a payment plan to be arranged with Treasury.

Carried

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**7.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of September 23, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT the Council of The Township of Uxbridge adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 23, 2024

Carried

7.2 Minutes of the Special Council meeting of October 21, 2024

Moved by Councillor Popp
Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT the Council of The Township of Uxbridge adopt the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 21, 2024

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

re Summary of 2023-2024 TRCA Policy Consultation Submissions

Moved by Councillor Shreeve
Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT correspondence from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority regarding summary of the 2023-2024 TRCA Policy Consultation Submissions be received for information;

Carried

8.2 Jaimie Walker

re Feedback on Aquatic Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Moved by Councillor Shreeve
Seconded by Councillor Pickering

THAT correspondence from Jaimie Walker regarding feedback on Aquatic Infrastructure Grant Proposal be received for information and referred to Amanda Ferraro for review;

AND THAT the correspondence be referred to the Parks, Facilities and Tourism Committee and Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services for consideration.

Carried

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Minutes of Public Planning Meeting of October 7, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod
Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT the minutes of the Public Planning meeting of October 7, 2024 be endorsed.

Carried

9.2 Minutes of the regular meeting of General Purpose and Administration Committee of October 7, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT the minutes of the General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of October 7, 2024 be endorsed.

Carried

9.3 Minutes of the regular meeting of General Purpose and Administration Committee of October 21, 2024

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT the minutes of the General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of October 21, 2024 be endorsed.

Carried

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 2024-08

re AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Uxbridge calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca), the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy (Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org), and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Carried

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1 Report BL - 09/24 of Hilary Williams, Director of By-law Services

re Taxi By-law Number 2006-227 – Proposed Amendment

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Pickering

THAT Report BL-08/24 of Hilary Williams, Director By-law Services, be received for information;

AND THAT Council direct Staff to bring forward an amendment to the TAXI BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-227 BEING A BY-LAW FOR THE

LICENCING, REGULATING AND GOVERNING OF TAXICAB DRIVERS, OWNERS AND TAXICAB BROKERS, AND FOR LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TAXICABS; to permit the addition of a third taxi vehicle to one licence;

AND THAT TAXI BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-227 be further amended to add an additional fee of \$300 for administrative and processing fees for a third vehicle;

AND THAT TAXI BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-227 be further amended to add an additional annual renewal fee of \$50 for the third vehicle, resulting in a total annual renewal cost of \$175 for three vehicles;

AND THAT Council direct Staff to bring forward an amendment to the BY-LAW NUMBER 2023-011 BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR INFORMATION, SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW NUMBER 2020-146 AS AMENDED; to add an additional fee of \$300 for administrative and processing fees of a third taxi vehicle;

AND THAT the By-law NUMBER 2023-011 be further amended to add an additional annual renewal fee of \$50 for the third vehicle, resulting in a total annual renewal cost of \$175 for three vehicles.

Carried

11.2 Report TR - 22/24 Susan Straughan, Manager of Property Taxation & Revenue

re Tax Adjustments under Sections 357 and 358 of Municipal Act 2001.

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Pickering

THAT Report TR-22/24 of Susan Straughan, Manager of Property Taxation & Revenue, be received for information,

THAT Council approves the report relating to applications under Sections 357 & 358 of the Municipal Act,

AND THAT Council authorizes the Manager of Property Taxation & Revenue to adjust the tax accounts accordingly.

Carried

11.3 Report DS - 64/24 of Haley Dickson, Senior Planning Technician

re Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Second Dwelling Use in an Accessory Building, 181 Ashworth Road, PART OF LOT 10, CONCESSION 1, SCOTT AS IN CO185317, Township of Uxbridge
Applicant: Dale Long

Moved by Councillor Shreeve

Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT Report DS-64/24 of Haley Dickson, Senior Planning Technician re: a Zoning By-law Amendment Application to permit part of single detached dwelling to be used for a second residential unit at 181 Ashworth Road be received for information;

AND THAT Council approve the Zoning By-law Amendment for Dale long to permit part of single detached dwelling to be used for a second residential unit 181 Ashworth Road, Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Scott as in CO185317, Township of Uxbridge;

AND THAT Council adopt the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment.

Carried

12. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law Nos. **2024-091 to 2024-095** and the same be read a first and second time.

Carried

12.1 2024-091

Being a by-law to authorize entering into a Planning Fees Agreement with Oak Valley Health with respect to lands legally described as LTS 261, 262, 263, PT LTS 259, 260, 264, BLK DD, LTS 394, 395, 400, 401, PT LTS 390, 391, 393, 399, BLK QQ, LTS 433, 434, PT LTS 432, 435, 436, 437, BLK UU, LTS 406, 407, 408, PT LTS 405, 409, 410, 411, BLK RR, PT LTS 439, 440, BLK VV, PT LTS 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, BLK TT and Cherry St, PT Beech St, PT Balsam St, PT Hemlock St & PT Rachel St, PL 83 AS Closed By By-law TU5122; PT LT 29 CON 6, Uxbridge as in CO200121, CO162167, CO53162 Except PT 1, 40R13575 & PT 1, 40R1663; S/T D342023 ; Uxbridge; Together with an easement over part Lots 435 & 436, Block UU, Part Of Hemlock Street (Closed by By-law TU5122) Municipal Plan 83, Uxbridge, Part 4 40R30781 In Favour Of Part Of Lots 263 & 264, Block DD, Part Lot 401, Block QQ, Part Lot 407, Block RR, Part of lots 432 to 435, 436 & 437, Block UU, Part lots 439 & 440, Blocks VV, Part Beech Street, Balsam Street, Rachel Street, Hemlock Street & Cherry Street (All Closed by By-law TU5122), Municipal Plan 83, Uxbridge, Parts 1, 2 & 3 40R30781, as in DR1906890 subject to an easement in gross over part lots 435-437, Block UU, Part lots 439 & 440, Block VV, Part of Rachel Street & Hemlock Street, Municipal Plan 83, Parts 1-3, 40R31340 as in DR2004594 Township of Uxbridge and municipally known as 4 Campbell Drive, Uxbridge

12.2 2024-092

Being a by-law to authorize entering into a Planning Fees Agreement with Robert Martella with respect to lands legally described as Lot 28, Plan 40M2336, S/T Easement In Gross Until 2026 12 08 As in DR568402 Subject to an Easement for entry As In DR1199643 Town Of Uxbridge, and municipally known as 26 Anderson Boulevard, Uxbridge (2101541 Ontario Inc.)

12.3 2024-093

Being a By-law to authorize entering into a Development Agreement as a condition of consent with Good Life Developments Ltd. with respect to lands legally described as PT LT 34 CON 6 Uxbridge as in D406164, Township of Uxbridge, municipally known as 290 Main Street North, Uxbridge

12.4 2024-094

Being a By-law passed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend Zoning By-law No. 81-19, as amended, of the Corporation of The Township Of Uxbridge, with respect to certain lands located in Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Scott as in CO185317, Township Of Uxbridge (181 Ashworth - Long)

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT By-law Nos. **2024-091 to 2024-095** be now read a third time, finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.

Carried

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

There were none.

The Council recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

16. IN CAMERA**16.1 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality**

Moved by Councillor Shreeve

Seconded by Councillor Pickering

THAT, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, the Council of the Township of Uxbridge resolve into an 'In Camera' session at 11:08 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality

Carried

Moved by Councillor Popp
Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge rise from In-camera at 11:18 a.m. with no business to report.

Carried

16.1 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality

17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Popp
Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law No. **2024-095**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this regular meeting of Council of October 28, 2024 and the same be read a first and second time.

Carried

17.1 2024-095

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Popp
Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT By-law No. **2024-095** be now read a third time, finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.

Carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod
Seconded by Councillor Pickering

That the October 28, 2024 Council meeting be adjourned at 11:20am.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK