

**MINUTES**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE**

**Monday, December 9, 2024  
UXBRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
51 TORONTO STREET S. UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

**COUNCIL  
PRESENT:                   MAYOR DAVE BARTON**

**BRUCE GARROD, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR  
PAM BEACH, COUNCILLOR  
ZED PICKERING, COUNCILLOR  
WILLIE POPP, COUNCILLOR  
TODD SNOOKS, COUNCILLOR**

**COUNCIL  
ABSENT:                   GORDON SHREEVE, COUNCILLOR**

**STAFF  
PRESENT:                DEBBIE LEROUX, DEPUTY CAO/DIRECTOR OF  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK  
BEN KESTER, DIRECTOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS  
LAURA RUPPRECHT, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR  
JENNIFER BEER, PERMITS & APPROVALS ANALYST  
AMANDA FERRARO, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
TOBI LEE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER  
CAROLYN CLEMENTSON, HEALTH & SAFETY  
COORDINATOR, AQUATICS MANAGER  
COLLEEN BASKIN, UXBRIDGE URBAN PROVINCIAL PARK  
PROJECT MANAGER  
COURTNEY CLARKE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS  
& TRAILS  
MIKE KLOSE, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL  
EMILY ELLIOTT, DEPUTY CLERK  
SIERRA MILLER, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
JAMIE MILLER, PARKS AND TRAILS MANAGER  
KATLYN JONES, MUSEUM CURATOR AND TOURISM  
COORDINATOR  
KYLE BRENNAN, OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECT  
MANAGER  
MIKE MACDONALD, FIRE CHIEF  
ROCHELLE SILVA, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, CLERK'S  
DEPARTMENT  
CODY MORRISON, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICIAL  
JUDY RISEBROUGH, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION  
PROJECT MANAGER  
LARA PERRONI, PROJECT MANAGER**

**1.    CALL TO ORDER**

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

First Nations Land Acknowledgement

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Pickering announced that he has a direct conflict of pecuniary interest with respect to In-camera Item 16.1 and By-law No. 2024-107 as his family lives on the subject site.

**3. REVIEW OF ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk, announced that there was an Addendum consisting of one by-law.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.1 Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod**

Regional Councillor Garrod corrected a previous announcement regarding the Region of Durham's Unhackable event. Regional Councillor Garrod clarified that funding for this event came from New Horizons Federal Funding and a Provincial grant.

**4.2 Councillor Zed Pickering**

Councillor Pickering spoke to the success of the 'Holiday Trail' in the downtown on December 6 and 7, 2024 and thanked all the business owners who participated.

**4.3 Councillor Todd Snooks**

Councillor Snooks spoke to the success of the Uxbridge Baptist Church's Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Councillor Snooks advised that local resident Kylie Whalen and her band Urban River were live at McGrady's Pub on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Councillor Snooks reminded Council that the Holiday Market continues on Sundays at the Arena.

Councillor Snooks advised that the Fantasy of Lights opened on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Elgin Park and had a very successful weekend.

**4.4 Councillor Pam Beach**

Councillor Beach spoke to the success of photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Goodwood Hall.

Councillor Beach reminded Council of the Toy Drive at Centennial Park on December 15, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**4.5 Councillor Gordon Shreeve**

Councillor Shreeve was not in attendance.

**4.6 Councillor Willie Popp**

Councillor Popp also spoke to the success of the Holiday Trail and thanked all the volunteers who made this event so successful.

Councillor Popp advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee have been assessing areas in the downtown and inquired into the crossing signals at Brock and Toronto Street. Councillor Popp advised that the Region of Durham confirmed that the pedestrian crossing signals at this location meet AODA standards and thanked the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Region of Durham for their efforts in this matter.

#### 4.7 **Mayor Dave Barton**

Mayor Barton thanked Uxbridge business, partners and volunteers for making this holiday season so special.

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 5.1 **Environmental Hero Award, Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee**

re Award Presentation

The award presentation was postponed to January 2025.

### 6. **DELEGATIONS**

#### 6.1 **10:05 A.M.**

**BLAIR TROTTER, AUTO FEST NATIONALS** re review of 2024 and plans for 2025

Blair Trotter was not in attendance and will reschedule to January 2025.

#### 6.2 **10:20 A.M.**

**SHAWN HERMANS, OPTIMIST CLUB**, re Partnership with the Township of Uxbridge to build an 18 hole Disc Golf proposed for Quaker Commons Park

Shawn Hermans of the Uxbridge Optimist Club introduced himself and advised that he was present to seek support from the Township of Uxbridge to partner in the design and build of an 18 hole disc golf course on Township property. Mr. Hermans explained that the intention of the Optimist Club of Uxbridge is to provide the necessary funds to build on mutually agreeable Township property and work alongside Township staff to hire a professional disc course designer to assist with evaluation of park placement, course design, signage and build.

Geoff Holt introduced himself as a Disc Golf pro who runs a Disc Golf league in Uxbridge and explained the concept behind Disc Golf .

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Hermans continued by speaking to reasons why the Township would want to support this initiative including the growth and popularity of the sport and its accessibility to the entire community. Mr. Hermans also spoke to the benefits of Disc Golf including promoting physical activity and community engagement.

Mr. Hermans advised that potential sites have been identified as Quaker Commons and the Fields of Uxbridge and the course would be integrated into existing park systems with no impact to organized sport fields, playgrounds or residences. Mr. Hermans also advised

that there are no anticipated additional operating expenses and it is open to the public and free to play.

Mr. Hermans concluded by speaking to next steps which include approving their request, completing and releasing the Tender, awarding the Tender, site review and community consultation, build and grand opening.

**Moved by** Councillor Pickering  
**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge receive the Delegation of Shawn Hermans of the Optimist Club regarding an 18 hole disc golf course in the Township of Uxbridge for information;

AND THAT staff report back on costing and logistics of hosting an 18 hole disc golf course in the Township of Uxbridge.

**Carried**

### **6.3 10:35 A.M.**

**MARTIN FIELD AND ANGELA SCHWEINITZ** re Spay neuter initiatives association

Angela Schweinitz and Martin Field introduced themselves and explained that they were present to introduce their spay and neuter organization and the service level they provide. Mr. Field also requested Council's municipal support in considering awarding a grant to their organization in the Township's 2025 operational budget.

With the assistance of PowerPoint presentation Ms. Schweinitz explained that the program known as SNIP (Spay Neuter Initiatives Program) provides subsidized spay and neuter surgeries to low-income people in Durham

Ms. Schwenitz spoke further to the organization and advised that they completed 81 surgeries in 2024 by working with area vets who volunteer their services at discounted rates.

Ms. Schwenitz advised that funding is carefully administered to go to subsidized procedures, education, outreach and basic operational costs. Ms. Schwenitz advised their organization is 100 percent volunteer driven and that their general municipal metric is to request five cents per capita for each municipality which would amount to \$1,150.00 for the Township of Uxbridge.

**Moved by** Councillor Pickering  
**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge received the Delegation of Martin Field and Angela Schweinitz of SNIP regarding Spay and Neuter initiatives association for information;

AND THAT the presentation be referred to staff for a report.

**Carried**

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 7.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of December 2, 2024

**Moved by** Councillor Beach

**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

THAT the Council of The Township of Uxbridge adopt the minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 2, 2024

**Carried**

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.2 Durham Region

re 2025 Interim Regional Property Tax Levy (2024-F-19)

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Garrod

**Seconded by** Councillor Pickering

THAT correspondence from Durham Region regarding 2025 Interim Regional Property Tax Levy (2024-F-19) be received for information.

**Carried**

### 8.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

re More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Garrod

**Seconded by** Councillor Pickering

THAT correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be referred to Planning for consideration.

**Carried**

### 8.3 City of Guelph

re Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from the City of Guelph regarding Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities be received for information.

**Carried**

### 8.4 Gerry Oldham

re Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment - 2024-08 - King Street Parkette

**8.5 Bryan Teskey**

re Proposed Zoning By-law amendment - 2024-08 - King Street Parkette

**8.6 Lukas Volkmann**

re Proposed Zoning By-law amendment - 2024-08 - King Street Parkette

**8.7 Zana Maksimovic**

re Proposed Zoning By-law amendment 2024-08 - King Street Parkette

**8.8 Larry Gall**

re Proposed Zoning By-law amendment 2024-08 - King Street Parkette

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Councillor Pickering

THAT correspondence items 8.4 to 8.8 inclusive regarding proposed Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-08 - King Street Parkette be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be forwarded to the Applicant and Township Planner for consideration.

**Carried**

**9. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**9.1 Minutes of the Public Planning Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024 - King Street Parkette**

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT the minutes of the Public Planning Committee meeting of December 2, 2024 be endorsed.

**Carried**

**9.2 Minutes of the General Purpose and Administration Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024**

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT the minutes of the General Purpose and Administration Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024 be endorsed.

**Carried**

**9.3 Minutes of the Finance Committee Budget Meeting of November 26, 2024**

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Budget meeting of November 26, 2024 be endorsed.

**Carried**

## 10. RESOLUTIONS

### 10.1 2024-09

re Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT The Township of Uxbridge Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities,

thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

**Carried**

## **11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **11.1 Report FR-01/24 of Mike MacDonald, Fire Chief**

re 2023 Fire Department Annual Report

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Garrod

**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

THAT Report FR-01/24 of Mike MacDonald, Fire Chief be received for information.

**Carried**

### **11.2 Report PWO 17/24 of Ben Kester, C.E.T. CRS-S, Director of Special Projects**

re East Gwillimbury Townline Bridges

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT Report PWO 17/24 of Ben Kester, Director of Special Projects regarding East Gwillimbury Townline Bridges be received for information;

AND THAT Tender U24/17 be awarded to MIANCO Group Inc for \$5,209,507 plus HST;

AND THAT Council approve contract administration costs to LEA Consulting for \$734,654 plus HST;

AND THAT third party testing be approved for \$40,000, plus HST.

**Carried**

### **11.3 Report RC - 14/24 of Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services**

re New Pool and Grant application

**Moved by** Councillor Pickering

**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

THAT Report RC-14/24 of Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services be received for information;



AND THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), stream two;

AND THAT the application for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), Stream two, focus on a Myrtha/Sprung structure that includes a 8 x 25 metre pool and a 10 x 15 metre therapy /teaching pool and a possible multi-sport space;

AND THAT the Township's contribution to the project receives consent from Treasury to ensure funds are available for this project.

**Carried**

**11.4 Report DS - 69/24 of Cody Morrison, Chief Planning Official**

re By-law Deeming Lots 22 and 23 of Registered Plan 40M-2336 not to be part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision (65 & 67 Anderson Boulevard)

**Moved by** Councillor Beach

**Seconded by** Councillor Snooks

THAT Report DS-69/24 of Cody Morrison, Chief Planning Official be received for information;

AND THAT a By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration and adoption.

**Carried**

**11.5 Report CL - 35/24 of Lara Perroni, Program Manager, Special Projects and Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO**

re New Corporate Website Platform for the Township of Uxbridge

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT Report CL-35/24 of Lara Perroni, Program Manager, Special Projects and Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO be received for information;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the new corporate website replacement project in 2025 based on the quote received from LOOP in the amount of \$30 000, including in the 2025 budget;

AND THAT website hosting in the amount of \$13,575/year be approved for 2025, as included in the 2025 budget.

**Carried**

**12. BY-LAWS**

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law Nos. 2024-103 to 2024-106 and the same be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**12.1 2024-103**

Being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2025 for the township of Uxbridge

**12.2 2024-104**

Being a by-law passed pursuant to the provisions of subsection 50(4) of the planning act to deem lots 22 & 23 part of registered plan 40m-2336 not to be a registered plan of subdivision (65 & 67 Anderson Blvd.)

**12.3 2024-105**

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 2023-011, as amended

**12.4 2024-106**

Being a By-law to authorize the borrowing of the sum of \$5,000,000.00 to meet, until the taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the municipality for the year 2025.

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT By-law Nos. 2024-103 to 2024-106 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.

**16. IN CAMERA**

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

Councillor Pickering declared a conflict of interest with respect to an In-camera item and therefore refrained from discussion or voting on the matter.

**Moved by** Councillor Beach

**Seconded by** Councillor Popp

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 11:21 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

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

**Carried**

Council recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT the Council of the Township of Uxbridge rise from In-camera at 12:14 p.m. with business to report.

**Carried**

Councillor Pickering declared a conflict of interest with respect to Resolution 2024-10 and therefore refrained from discussion or voting on the matter.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10**

**Moved by** Councillor Snooks

**Seconded by** Regional Councillor Garrod

WHEREAS Township Council approves the confidential Section 24 Agreement made under the *Expropriations Act* and executed on December 2, 2024 between the Township and the owners of 43, 45 and 47 Brock Street (the "Subject Lands").

AND WHEREAS following the passage of a by-law approving the expropriation of all right, title and interest (fee simple) in and to the Subject Lands, Township staff and legal counsel be directed to take the following steps with respect to the expropriation:

1. A Plan of Expropriation be obtained and registered on title to the Subject Lands;
2. The Notice of Expropriation, Notice of Possession and Notice of Election be served upon the owners of the Subject Lands;
3. An appraisal report be obtained to establish market value of the Subject Lands, and other compensation if applicable;
4. The owners of the Subject Lands be served with an offer in accordance with Section 25 of the *Expropriations Act*;
5. Payment of compensation, offered pursuant to Section 25 of the *Expropriations Act*, be made upon acceptance by the owners of the Subject Lands;
6. All necessary steps be taken to obtain possession of the expropriated Subject Lands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

THAT Council hereby grants authority to the Director of Legislative Services & Township Clerk to execute and register a Certificate of Approval and any and all required plans, documentation and notices under the *Expropriations Act*, which may be necessary to complete the expropriation and take possession of the Subject Lands.

**Carried**

**12. BY-LAWS cont'd.**

Councillor Pickering declared a conflict of interest with respect to By-law 2024-107 and therefore refrained from discussion or voting on the matter.

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law No. 2024-107 and the same be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**12.5 2024-107**

Being a by-law to approve the expropriation of all right, title and interest (fee simple) in and to certain lands in the Township of Uxbridge, as more particularly described in this by-law

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT By-law No. 2024-107 be now read a third time, finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.

**Carried**

**17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law No. 2024-108, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2024 and the same be read a first and second time.

**Carried**

**17.1 2024-108**

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2024.

**Moved by** Councillor Popp

**Seconded by** Councillor Beach

THAT By-law No. 2024-108 be now read a third time, finally pass and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.

**Carried**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.