

MINUTES

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

**Monday, January 13, 2025
UXBRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
51 TORONTO STREET S. UXBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

**COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR DAVE BARTON
BRUCE GARROD, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR
PAM BEACH, COUNCILLOR
GORDON SHREEVE, COUNCILLOR
ZED PICKERING, COUNCILLOR
WILLIE POPP, COUNCILLOR
TODD SNOOKS, COUNCILLOR**

**STAFF PRESENT: KRISTI HONEY, CAO
DEBBIE LEROUX, DEPUTY CAO/DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK
TOBI LEE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER
EMILY ELLIOTT, DEPUTY CLERK
LAURA RUPPRECHT, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR
AMANDA FERRARO, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES
HILARY WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF BY-LAW AND
ANIMAL CONTROL
MIKE MACDONALD, FIRE CHIEF
CAROLYN CLEMENTSON, HEALTH & SAFETY
COORDINATOR, AQUATICS MANAGER
COLLEEN BASKIN, UXBRIDGE URBAN PROVINCIAL
PARK PROJECT MANAGER
COURTNEY CLARKE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS,
PARKS & TRAILS
JENNIFER BEER, PERMITS & APPROVALS ANALYST
KATLYN JONES, MUSEUM CURATOR AND TOURISM
COORDINATOR
MIKE KLOSE, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
NADINE MESSINA, CONTRACT & PROJECT
ADMINISTRATOR
SUE STRAUGHAN, TAX COLLECTOR
SIERRA MILLER, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
HALEY DICKSON, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
CODY MORRISON, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICIAL
JUDY RISEBROUGH, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
PROJECT MANAGER
JO-ANNE HALEY, FACILITY BOOKING CLERK
ROCHELLE SILVA, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT**

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 Zed Pickering declared an indirect Conflict of Interest with respect to Item 11.1 as Councillor Pickering does work with the Abilities Centre.

3. REVIEW OF ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk, announced that there was an Addendum consisting of one set of Council Meeting Minutes, one Resolution, one Staff Report and one In-camera item.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod

Regional Councillor Garrod advised that the theme of his announcements surround the outstanding support from Durham Region staff. Regional Councillor Garrod advised that in 2025 the following has already occurred.

1) Durham Region Local Housing Corp quickly responded to concerns expressed by residents in geared-to-income housing. The Township communicated these concerns and the Region acted very quickly

2) Durham Region Traffic Management met with Councillor Beach and Regional Councillor Garrod to finalize speed limit changes on the outskirts of Goodwood. These changes, being made in response to residents' comments, will be implemented as the road west of Goodwood is resurfaced in 2025.

3) Durham Region Transit will be offering five opportunities to provide resident input via Local Transit Consultations. There will be additional consultation organized with seniors with the help of Age Friendly Advisory Committee. Regional Councillor Garrod will report back with ridership statistics.

4) Waste Management staff consulted with Township staff and Rotary Club of Uxbridge members regarding ways to minimize waste at an upcoming fund raising event.

5) A detailed plan from Regional Social Services, to enhance the services provided via the homelessness service partner.

4.2 Councillor Zed Pickering

Councillor Pickering reflected on achievements in 2024 and spoke to goals and accomplishments for 2025.

4.3 Councillor Todd Snooks

Councillor Snooks spoke to anticipated movement on many projects in Uxbridge in 2025 including the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park, the new Hospital build, the new Uxbridge/Scugog Animal Shelter and the Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization Project.

Councillor Snooks thanked Council, Township staff and Township Committees for their incredible foundational work.

4.4 Councillor Pam Beach

Councillor Beach announced that a new electronic sign is being installed at Goodwood Community Centre later this week.

Councillor Beach encouraged everyone to drive and walk safely on winter roads.

4.5 Councillor Gordon Shreeve

Councillor Shreeve spoke to the success of the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C Hockey Club and thanked the Bruins' management team, coaches and loyal fans for their ongoing support and commitment to the team.

4.6 Councillor Willie Popp

Councillor Popp thanked and congratulated Tourism staff on the success of the Holiday Trail in December 2024.

Councillor Popp also remarked on the success of the Optimist's 2024 Fantasy of Lights at Elgin Park.

Councillor Popp announced that on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. the Township of Uxbridge in partnership with Ontario Parks will be hosting an Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Management Plan Open House to assist residents in understanding plans for the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park.

Councillor Popp congratulated local resident Don Andrews on the Grand Opening of his new restaurant "9 by TIN Kitchen Bar and Lounge" on Brock Street and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councillor Popp announced that the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference will be taking place from Sunday, January 19, 2025 to Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Councillor Popp reminded Council that the General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of January 20, 2025 has been cancelled.

4.7 Mayor Dave Barton

Mayor Barton remarked on the renovations to Council Chambers and thanked Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk for her hard work in having these renovations completed.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 10:05 A.M.

SAMANTHA QUEZADA re Fire Invoice -Concession 6 in front of 4520 (just north and across the street from Stabtown). Incident number 24-329.

Samantha Quezada introduced herself and explained that she was involved in a single car motor vehicle accident on November 15, 2024 on Concession 6 south of Highway 47.

Ms. Quezada explained that she was not injured in the accident but that an onlooker called 911 before assessing Ms. Quesada's injuries.

Ms. Quezada advised that she has suffered significant emotional and financial impacts due to this incident and is requesting that the fire services invoice she received be waived.

Fire Chief MacDonald spoke to the matter and explained the Fire Department's response protocol and the reason for the invoice.

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Snooks

THAT Council direct that the Fire invoice issued to Samantha Quezada not be waived;

AND THAT Treasury work with Ms. Quezada to arrange for an appropriate payment plan.

Carried

6.2 10:20 A.M.

HANNO REIN AND CARLY DAVENPORT re Proposing a Dark-Sky site for Uxbridge

Hanno Rein introduced himself as a Professor of Astro Physics at the University of Toronto and resident of Uxbridge as well as Carly Davenport of Bird Friendly Uxbridge. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation Mr. Rein explained that they were present to propose a Dark-Sky Viewing Site for Uxbridge.

Mr. Rein spoke to the recent Aurora display and the number of people to who visited Uxbridge to have a better look at this phenomenon. Mr. Rein also spoke to the tourism benefits to Uxbridge by having a Dark-Sky Viewing Site for Uxbridge.

Carly Davenport continued by speaking to the effects of light pollution which extends beyond loss of night sky visibility to impact diurnal and nocturnal species. Ms. Davenport also spoke to Artificial Light at Night (ALAN) and the negative affects associated in human and animals including changes in hormone levels, onset of daily activity, number of offspring, predation and cognition.

Mr. Hanno continued by speaking to conditions for a successful night sky viewing which includes a concrete/gravel pad, protection from bright car lights, a washroom and power for telescopes. Some possible locations suggested were the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and Glen Major Trail.

Ms. Davenport concluded by speaking to the certification process to have a Night-Sky Viewing Area with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as well as the benefits of the viewing area to Uxbridge which includes a National recognition of commitment to light pollution abatement, a destination for viewing the night sky in the GTA promoting tourism in Uxbridge and engaging neighbouring municipalities and landowners in discussions about reducing light pollution in the community.

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Snooks

THAT Council receive the delegation of Hanno Rein and Carly Davenport regarding a Dark-Sky Viewing site in Uxbridge;

AND THAT the matter be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of November 25, 2024

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of November 23, 2024 be approved.

Carried

7.2 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2024 be approved.

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

re Amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Certain Official Plan Matters from Approval under the Planning Act

8.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

re Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT correspondence items 8.1 and 8.2 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

8.3 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

re 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be referred to Environment and Sustainability Committee for consideration.

Carried

8.4 The Regional Municipality of Durham

re 2024-P-17 Proposed Name Updates for the Planning and Economic Development Department and Committee

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from the Region of Durham regarding Report 2024-P-17 Proposed Name Updates for the Planning and Economic Development Department and Committee be received for information.

Carried

8.5 City of Toronto

re Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - By Councillor Chris Moise, Seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from the City of Toronto regarding declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - By Councillor Chris Moise, Seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo be received for information.

Carried

8.6 Municipality of Clarington

re LGS-039-24 - Intimate Partner Violence - Support Bethesda House

Moved by Regional Councillor Garrod

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington regarding Intimate Partner Violence - Support Bethesda House be received for information.

Carried

8.7 City of Woodstock

re Adequate and sustainable funding for the Children's Aid Society

Moved by Councillor Beach

Seconded by Councillor Shreeve

THAT correspondence from the City of Woodstock regarding adequate and sustainable funding for the Children's Aid Society be received for information.

Carried

8.8 Yvonne Bell

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

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from Yvonne Bell regarding Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment - 2024-08 - King Street Parkette with attached Petition be received for information;

AND THAT a copy of same be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

8.9 Marlene Riddle

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

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT correspondence from Marlene Riddle regarding proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment - 2024-08 - King Street Parkette be received for information;

AND THAT a copy be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES**9.1 Minutes of the Finance Committee Budget Meeting of November 28, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Beach

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Budget meeting of November 28, 2024 be endorsed.

Carried

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Pickering declared a conflict of interest with respect to Report CL-01/25 of Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk and therefore refrained from discussion or voting on the matter.

11.1 Report CL-01/25 of Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk

re LEAD Wrap-Up

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Snooks

THAT Report CL-01/25, as amended, of Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk be received for information;

AND THAT a copy of the Wrap Up Report provided by the LEAD team be forwarded to the Accessibility Advisory Committee; the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the BIA for consideration.

AND THAT staff prepare and publish communications highlighting improvements accomplished to date.

Carried

11.2 Report DS-04/25 of Cody Morrison, Chief Planning Official

re Letter from Province regarding Amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Official Plan Matters from Minister's Approval

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT Report DS-04/25 of Cody Morrison, Chief Planning Official be received for information.

Carried

11.3 Report CAO-02/25 of Kristi Honey, CAO

re Township of Uxbridge comments on Preliminary Draft Management Plan for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park (Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #019-9209)

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT Report CAO-02/25 of Kristi Honey, CAO be received for information;

AND THAT Council support the recommendations within Report CAO-02/25 and approve the release of the comments on ERO #019-9209.

Carried

12. BY-LAWS

There were none.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.1 Durham Transit

Councillor Popp advised that Durham Region Transit will be meeting with the Uxbridge Active Transportation Committee to look at what is needed in Uxbridge.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

16. IN CAMERA

16.1 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality

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

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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 10:59 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipalities.
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality

Carried

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT Council rise from In-camera at 11:50 a.m. with business to report.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT Council support the recommendation in Confidential Report CL-02/25 of Kristi Honey, CAO.

Carried

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 2025-001

re Declaring properties surplus to Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park

Moved by Councillor Popp

Seconded by Councillor Beach

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge deems it desirable to declare surplus and convey real property legal described as:

Part of Lot 20 Concession 6, Uxbridge, being Part 2 on 40R31938 Township of Uxbridge

and

Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Uxbridge Parts 1, 4 & 5 40R32373 together with an easement over Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Parts 1 & 2 40R24029 as in DR524220 subject to an easement over Part 5 40R32373 in favour of Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Uxbridge Part 1 40R10576 save and except Parts 1 & 2 40R24029 and Parts 1, 4 & 5 40R32373 as in DR2296231 Township of Uxbridge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Uxbridge hereby declares the following:

1. THAT the property legally described as Part of Lot 20 Concession 6, Uxbridge, being Part 2 on 40R31938, Township of Uxbridge

and

Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Uxbridge Parts 1, 4 & 5 40R32373 together with an easement over Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Parts 1 & 2 40R24029 as in DR524220 subject to an easement over Part 5 40R32373 in favour of Part Lots 19 & 20 Concession 6 Uxbridge Part 1 40R10576 save and except Parts 1 & 2 40R24029 and Parts 1, 4 & 5 40R32373 as in DR2296231 Township of Uxbridge be declared surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

2. AND THAT public notice be placed in the local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks advising that the lands are being declared surplus and of the Township's intention to convey said lands.

Carried

17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Councillor Popp

THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law No. 2025-001, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this regular meeting of Council of January 13, 2025 and the same be read a first and second time.

Carried

17.1 2025-001

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Snooks

Seconded by Regional Councillor Garrod

THAT By-law No. 2025-001 be now read a third time, finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk duly sign and seal same.

Carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.