

The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg
Council Meeting
MINUTES



Monday, March 10, 2025
 6:00 PM
 LPRCA
 4 Elm St
 Tillsonburg

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Beres
 Councillor Luciani
 Councillor Parker
 Councillor Parsons
 Councillor Rosehart
 Councillor Spencer

Regrets: Mayor Gilvesy (Chair)

Staff: Kyle Pratt, Chief Administrative Officer
 Renato Pullia, Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Carlos Reyes, Director of Operations and Development
 Andrea Greenway, Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks
 Cephass Panschow, Development Commissioner
 Duncan Bryce, Records and Legislative Coordinator
 Amelia Jaggard, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting commences at 6:00 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Beres presiding.

2. Closed Session

3. Moment of Silence

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution # 2025-085

Moved By: Councillor Spencer

Seconded By: Councillor Parker

THAT the agenda for the Council meeting of March 10, 2025, be approved.

Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

6. Adoption of Council Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution # 2025-086

Moved By: Councillor Rosehart

Seconded By: Councillor Parsons

THAT the Council meeting minutes dated February 24, 2025, be approved.

Carried

7. Presentations

8. Public Meetings

9. Planning Reports

10. Delegations

10.1 Tillsonburg Girl Guides Re: Request for resources

The Tillsonburg Girl Guides attended before Council to request that the Town waive fees to permit approximately 35 youth members to complete a swim test at the Tillsonburg Community Centre pool. The organization must submit proof of completed swim tests by June 29 to allow members to participate in Girl Guide activities throughout the year, including the Provincial camp.

Opportunity was provided for questions from Council.

The Tillsonburg Girl Guides were advised to submit their request to staff.

Resolution # 2025-087

Moved By: Councillor Luciani
Seconded By: Councillor Parker

THAT the delegation from the Tillsonburg Girl Guides be received as information.

Carried

11. Deputation(s) on Committee Reports

12. Information Items

12.1 Oxford County Report PW 2025-07, Reduced Load Limit By-Law Amendment

Resolution # 2025-088

Moved By: Councillor Rosehart
Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

THAT Council receives Oxford County Report PW 2025-07 regarding Reduced Load Limit By-Law Amendment, as information.

Carried

13. Staff Reports

13.1 Chief Administrative Officer

13.2 Corporate Services

13.2.1 Subcommittee Appointment - CS-25-006

Resolution # 2025-089

Moved By: Councillor Parker
Seconded By: Councillor Parsons

- A. THAT report CS 25-006 titled "Subcommittee Appointment" be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council endorses the appointment of Michelle Wegg and Penny Esseltine to the Founder's Day Subcommittee.

Carried

13.3 Economic Development

13.3.1 Update on the Provision of Community Benefit – 1701 Hwy 3 (McLaughlin) Property - EDM-25-010

Resolution # 2025-090

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

- A. THAT report EDM 25-010 titled “Update on the Provision of Community Benefit – 1701 Highway 3 (McLaughlin) Property” be received as information.

Carried

13.4 Finance

13.5 Fire and Emergency Services

13.6 Operations and Development

13.6.1 Pedestrian Crossover at Annadale Public School on Tillson Avenue - OPD-25-008

Carlos Reyes, Director of Operations and Development, provided an overview of item 13.6.1 and answered questions from members of Council.

Concerns were noted about the potential impact of eliminating on-street parking on the adjacent business, due to the proposed upgrade.

Resolution # 2025-091

Moved By: Councillor Spencer

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

- A. THAT report OPD 25-008 titled “Pedestrian Crossover at Annadale Public School on Tillson Avenue” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council directs staff to request alternative options to Oxford County to consider feasibility, consideration and adjustment of the crosswalk no-parking bylaw to be confined to school hours schedule only and that parking be allowed and considered for non-school hours as existing businesses depend on that parking especially during the evenings and

weekends and/ or the location of the crosswalk be adjusted to another location to allow for business parking or the crossover be removed.

Carried

13.7 Recreation, Culture and Parks

13.7.1 Multi-Use Recreation Facility Project Requirements - RCP-25-002

Resolution # 2025-092

Moved By: Councillor Parker

Seconded By: Councillor Luciani

- A. THAT report RCP 25-002 titled “Multi-Use Recreation Facility Project Requirements” be received; and
- B. THAT an RFP for a Feasibility Study for a Multi-Use Recreation Facility be developed, with bid submissions brought back to Council for consideration.

Carried

14. New Business

15. Consideration of Minutes

15.1 Advisory Committee Minutes

Resolution # 2025-093

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Councillor Parsons

THAT Council receive the following advisory committee minutes as information:

- Youth Advisory Council, February 5, 2025
- Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee, February 6, 2025
- Museum, Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Advisory Committee, February 19, 2025

Carried

16. Motions/Notice of Motions

Councillor Spencer provided the following notice of motion to be included on the March 24, 2025 Council agenda:

WHEREAS the United States has imposed unjustified tariffs on Canada; and

WHEREAS tariffs would lead to massive job losses and economic instability in both countries; and

WHEREAS municipalities will be on the front lines of the economic fallout; and

WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and

WHEREAS municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in procurement for capital and infrastructure programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Tillsonburg Council:

Stand with Team Canada to persuade decision-makers that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American consumers and businesses; and

Endorse the federal and provincial Team Canada response and call for Buy Canadian; and

Call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

Direct Town of Tillsonburg staff to ensure appropriate bidding and contract language is utilized to rely on Canadian companies only, where possible, within the purchasing thresholds of trade agreements municipalities are subject to.

Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations along with the request to endorse the same or similar:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- Oxford County MP & MPP

17. Resolutions/Resolutions Resulting from Closed Session

18. By-Laws

19. Confirm Proceedings By-law

Resolution # 2025-094

Moved By: Councillor Rosehart

Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

THAT By-Law 2025-027, to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on March 10, 2025, be read for a first, second and third and final reading and that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the same, and place the corporate seal thereunto.

Carried

20. Items of Public Interest

This portion of the meeting is not recorded.

21. Adjournment

Resolution # 2025-095

Moved By: Councillor Parker

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

THAT the Council meeting of March 10, 2025, be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carried