



**The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
County Council
Minutes**

**December 14, 2022, 10:45 a.m.
Council Chambers
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Warden Mandy Martin
Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander
Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Councillor Bob Crate
Councillor Olena Hankivsky
Councillor Scott Jibb
Councillor John Logel

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This County Council Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

1.c Estimated time of Adjournment 4:00 p.m.

2. Call to Order

Warden Martin called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated December 14, 2022

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-764

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 be approved, as amended, to include a discussion regarding '*Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022*' under New Business."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations

5. Presentations

N/A

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes of November 9, 2022

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-765

Moved by Councillor Bob Crate

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Minutes of the County Council Session of November 9, 2022 be approved as distributed and the determinations contained therein be deemed those of Council."

Carried

7. Business arising from the Minutes

N/A

8. Communications

8.a Correspondence 'Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022'

- Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
- Town of Aurora
- Blue Dot Northumberland
- Township of Georgina
- Municipality of Lambton Shores
- Municipality of Magnetawan
- Municipality of Marmora and Lakes
- County of Norfolk
- Town of Plympton-Wyoming
- County of Prince Edward
- Township of Puslinch
- Richard Lyon
- City of Toronto

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-766

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** County Council receive the correspondence regarding 'Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022' for information, and a Council decision regarding the impacts of Bill 23 be referred to the New Business portion of the agenda (item 12.b)."

Carried

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

N/A

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

N/A

11. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

N/A

12. New Business

12.a Report 2022-151 '2023 Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan Presentation' - PRESENTATION

Glenn Dees, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-767

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

“That County Council receive Report 2022-151 ‘2023 Draft Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan’ and the PowerPoint presentation for information.”

Carried

12.b Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 - Verbal Update

Jennifer Moore, CAO

[Council recessed from 12:25 p.m. to 1:08 p.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland returned to the meeting at 1:10 p.m.]

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-768

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“Whereas Northumberland County supports action to increase the supply of housing for Ontarians and specifically to address the affordable housing crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas The Government of Ontario introduced Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* on October 25, 2022 and the Bill received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, providing insufficient time for newly elected municipal councils to provide fulsome feedback; and

Whereas Municipalities across the province have identified significant financial, environmental, public consultation, and heritage impacts related to the measures identified in Bill 23; and

Whereas The proposed change to subsection 2(4) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* to remove “Housing Services” from the list of services

that can be funded through development charges would result in the immediate removal of the housing services portion of the Northumberland County Development Charge and result in an estimated funding gap of approximately \$17 million over the next 7 years for financing an estimated 250 new affordable units; and

Whereas At current building levels, an estimated 27% increase to the County portion of property taxes would be required to maintain planned investments and services, with additional tax implications anticipated for local lower-tier municipalities;

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland calls upon the Government of Ontario to pause implementation of Bill 23, and engage in meaningful engagement with municipalities and other key stakeholders to address identified concerns in order to achieve the shared goal of increasing housing supply and improving affordability and sustainability; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), The Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), The Honourable Michael Parsa, (Associate Minister of Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That County Council direct staff to provide information on the County website regarding the estimated impacts of Bill 23 on the County levy.”

Carried

12.c Report 2022-152 '2022 Transfer of Funds to Reserve'

Glenn Dees, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-769

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Bob Crate

“**That** County Council, having considered Report 2022-152 ‘2022 Transfer of Funds to Reserve’, refer to the Enactment By-law portion of the agenda the approval of a new by-law to authorize the transfer of funds from the Capital and Operating Accounts into Reserve Accounts.”

Carried

12.d Report 2022-153 'Weighted Vote Update for 2022-2026 Term of Council'

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-770

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Bob Crate

"Whereas By-Law 05-97 'Being a By-law to adopt the Recommendation #1, a Step Forward: The Final Report of the Reorganization Committee', outlines the weighted vote allocation for Member Municipalities for the purposes of a recorded vote; and

Whereas By-law 05-97 is based on a repealed act, being the *Municipal Act, 1990* rather than the current *Municipal Act, 2001*, which creates a procedural issue that must be addressed;

Be It Resolved That County Council refer to the Enactment By-law portion of the agenda the approval of a new by-law to continue the composition of County Council, to prescribe the number of votes given to each Member Municipality and to repeal By-law 05-97."

Carried

12.e 2023 Calendar - Standing Committees and Council

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-771

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

"That County Council adopt the 2023 Calendar - Standing Committees and Council."

Carried

12.f Report 2022-154 'Appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council'

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-772

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Bob Crate

“**That** County Council, having considered Report 2022-154 'Appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council', appoint the following Standing Committee Chairs and Members to Northumberland County’s six Standing Committees of Council:

- **Community Health Committee**
 - **Chair** – Councillor Hankivsky
 - **Committee Members** – Councillor Cleveland and Warden Martin
- **Corporate Support Committee**
 - **Chair** – Councillor Crate
 - **Committee Members** – Councillor Jibb and Warden Martin
- **Economic Development, Tourism, and Land Use Planning Committee**
 - **Chair** – Deputy Warden Ostrander
 - **Committee Members** – Councillor Crate and Warden Martin
- **Finance and Audit Committee**
 - **Chair** – Councillor Cleveland
 - **Committee Members** – Deputy Warden Ostrander and Warden Martin
- **Public Works Committee**
 - **Chair** – Councillor Jibb
 - **Committee Members** – Councillor Logel and Warden Martin
- **Social Services Committee**
 - **Chair** – Councillor Logel
 - **Committee Members** – Councillor Hankivsky and Warden Martin.”

Carried

12.g Report 2022-155 'Appointment of Council Members to Advisory Groups / Boards'

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-773

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"That Council table (lay on the table) Item 12.g (I)."

Carried

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-774

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"That Council take from the table item 12.g (I)."

Carried

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-775

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

12.g. (I)

"That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland appoint the following Members of Council to the below listed advisory groups / boards for the 2022-2026 Term of Council:

- **Brighton Landfill Liaison Committee** – Deputy Warden Ostrander
- **Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities** – Councillor Cleveland
- **Community Safety and Well-Being Collaborative Committee** – Councillor Cleveland
- **Northumberland County Agricultural Advisory Group** – Councillor Jibb
- **Northumberland Forest Advisory Committee** – Warden Martin
- **Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N) Governance Advisory Council** – Warden Martin."

Carried

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-776

Moved by Councillor Bob Crate

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

12.g. (II)

“That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland appoint **Deputy Warden Ostrander** and **Councillor Logel** the Northumberland County Housing Corporation Board of Directors for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.”

Carried

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-777

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

12.g (III)

“That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland appoint **Councillor Crate**, **Councillor Logel**, and **Councillor Hankivsky** to the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.”

Carried

12.h Report 2022-156 'ESO-Interdev Outage Update'

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-778

Moved by Councillor Bob Crate

Seconded by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

“That County Council receive Report 2022-156 'ESO – Interdev Outage Update' for information.”

Carried

13. Enactment By-laws

13.a By-law to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the Capital and Operating Accounts into Reserve Accounts

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-779

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

"**That** By-law 43-2022 being a By-law to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the Capital and Operating Accounts into Reserve Accounts be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 14th day of December, 2022."

Carried

13.b By-law To Continue the Composition of County Council, to Prescribe the Number of Votes Given to Each Member Municipality and to Repeal By-law 05-97

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-780

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** By-law 44-2022 being a By-law to Continue the Composition of County Council, to Prescribe the Number of Votes Given to Each Member Municipality and to Repeal By-law 05-97 be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 14th day of December, 2022."

Carried

14. Proclamations

N/A

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-781

Moved by Councillor Bob Crate

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 2:00 p.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2.d) in order to address matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations involving Northumberland County CUPE 1203 Collective Bargaining, and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Ainsworth, Denise Marshall, Maddison Mather, Matthew Stergios, and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2.h) in order to address matters pertaining to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding, and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Horne, Rebecca Carman, Maddison Mather, Matthew Stergios, and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2.c) in order to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by Northumberland County (Community and Social Services), and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Horne, Rebecca Carman, Maddison Mather, Matthew Stergios, and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act* Section 239 (2.c) in order to address a second matter pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by Northumberland County (Community and Social Services), and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Horne, Rebecca Carman, Maddison Mather, Matthew Stergios, and Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-782

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Bob Crate

"That this Council rise from Closed Session at 3:42 p.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding labour relations or employee negotiations involving Northumberland County CUPE 1203 Collective Bargaining is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by Northumberland County (Community and Social Services) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding a second proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by Northumberland County (Community and Social Services) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

[Councillor Logel left the meeting at 3:46 p.m.]

Carried

18. Confirming By-law

18.a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on December 14, 2022

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-783

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Deputy Warden Brian Ostrander

"That By-law 45-2022 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on December 14, 2022 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

19. Adjournment

Council Resolution 2022-12-14-784

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Bob Crate

"That Council adjourn at 3:45 p.m."

Carried

Mandy Martin, Warden

Maddison Mather, Clerk