



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

**June 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Hybrid Meeting (In Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Warden Brian Ostrander
Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Councillor Robert Crate
Councillor Scott Jibb
Councillor John Logel
Councillor Mandy Martin

Members Regrets: Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This 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.

2. Call to Order

Warden Brian Ostrander called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

[Councillor Cleveland and Councillor Crate arrived to the meeting at 9:32 a.m.]

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated June 19, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-430

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 be approved."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations

5. Presentations

5.a Presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Colleen McCabe

Warden Brian Ostrander

5.b Presentation, Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) 'EORN Update'

Jason St-Pierre, CEO

Lisa Severson, Director of Communications

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-431

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**Whereas** the Council Procedural By-law permits presentations to Council regarding matters pertaining to community information and limits speaking to ten minutes, plus five minutes for question and answer; and

Whereas Council may choose to waive a Rule of Procedure established by this by-law and that requires a two-thirds majority vote;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council approve a 20-minute time limit for EORN’s presentation.”

Carried

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-432

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** County Council receive the presentation from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network regarding 'EORN Update' for information."

Carried

5.c Delegation, Town of Cobourg 'Impact of Homelessness in the Community'

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-433

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

“**Whereas** the County’s Procedural By-law allows delegations at Standing Committees only; and

Whereas Council may choose to waive a Rule of Procedure established by this by-law and that requires a two-thirds majority vote;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve hearing a delegation from the Town of Cobourg regarding ‘Impact of Homelessness in the Community’.”

Carried

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-434

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

“**That** Council, having considered the delegation from the Town of Cobourg regarding ‘Impact of Homelessness in the Community’, approve Northumberland County participating in a joint delegation with the Town of Cobourg at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference regarding the broader impact of Social Service delivery on Member Municipalities; and

Further That County Council direct staff to work collaboratively with the Town of Cobourg staff on developing joint messaging / communications for the delegation; and

Further That County Council direct staff to send a letter to the Province of Ontario on behalf of Northumberland County Council in support of the Town of Cobourg's request for Provincial funding to offset unbudgeted encampment costs; and

Further That County Council direct staff to provide an annual presentation to Cobourg Council and any other interested Member Municipalities regarding the County's delivery of Social Services; and

Further That County Council direct staff to explore options for Cobourg and Member Municipal staff to participate in a County leadership table regarding homelessness and to report back to Committee / Council at a future meeting date."

Carried

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-435

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** County Council direct staff to bring forward a report regarding a homelessness response plan, that includes an encampment response plan to the July 31, 2024 Social Services Committee meeting."

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-436

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the minutes of the County Council Session of May 15, 2024 and Special County Council of June 7, 2024 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, Eastern Ontario Regional Network 'Improved Cell Service Now Available in 21 Eastern Ontario Communities'

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-437

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** County Council receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network regarding 'Improved Cell Service now Available in 21 Eastern Ontario Communities' for information."

Carried

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

**9.a June 3, 4 and 5, 2024 Standing Committees
'Recommendations to Council - Summary Chart'**

**9.b Community Health Committee
- June 4, 2024**

**9.c Corporate Support Committee
- June 4, 2024**

**9.d Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee
- June 5, 2024**

**9.e Finance & Audit Committee
- June 4, 2024**

**9.f Public Works Committee
- June 3, 2024**

**9.g Social Services Committee
- June 5, 2024**

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-438

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 3, 4 and 5, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, 'Radio Communications Tower Project' - Verbal Update – **Held by Councilor Jibb**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Carried

11. **Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

11.a **Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Consideration**

1. **Social Services Committee (June 5, 2024), Item 8.c 'Report 2024-076, Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report' - Presentation**

Rebecca Carman, Associate Director Housing & Homelessness
Neil Ellis, Housing Services Manager
Bill Smith, Homelessness Services Manager

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-439

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**Whereas** the Social Services Committee (June 5, 2024) recommended that staff bring forward a revised version of the Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report based on discussion at the June 5, 2024 Social Services Committee to the June 19, 2024 County Council meeting for Council's consideration;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council direct staff to share a copy of this revised report with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and post the revised report on the County website for viewing by the general public."

Carried

2. **Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee (June 5, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband'**

[Item was considered in Closed Session]

11.b Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

1. **Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, 'Radio Communications Tower Project' - Verbal Update**

Denise Marshall, Director Public Works

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-440

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"Whereas Item 9.a from the June 3, 2024 Public Works Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Radio Communications Tower Project'; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding 'Radio Communications Tower' for information; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to provide regular project updates at Public Works Committee meetings."

Carried

12. Enactment By-laws

- 12.a **By-law to Enter into an Agreement with one or more Municipalities for the Enforcement by the County of Northumberland of the Provisions of the Building Code Act and Building Code related to Sewage Systems in those Municipalities**

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-441

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"That By-law 26-2024 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with one or more municipalities for the enforcement by the County of Northumberland of the provisions of the Building Code Act and Building

Code related to Sewage Systems in those municipalities be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 19th of June, 2024."

Carried

13. New Business

13.a 2023 Northumberland County Draft Financial Statements - Presentation

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer
Richard Steinginga, Partner, Baker Tilly

[Councillor Martin left the meeting at 11:35 a.m. until 11:36 a.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. until 11: 52 a.m.]

[Councillor Crate left the meeting at 11:57 a.m.]

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-442

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** County Council receive the '2023 Financial Results' presentation, Management Report, Audit Reporting letter and Representation letter for information; and

Further That County Council approve the '2023 Draft Consolidated Financial Statements' and authorize the Warden and Director of Finance / Treasurer to sign the 'Management Report' section on behalf of Northumberland County."

Carried

13.b Report 2024-081 Public Works 'RFQ 24-02 County Road 64 Resurfacing Award'

Denise Marshall, Director Public Works

[Councillor Crate returned to the meeting at 11:59 p.m.]

[Council recessed at 12:00 until 1:00 p.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland did not return to the meeting after the recess]

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-443

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

“**That** County Council, having considered Report 2024-081 ‘RFQ 24-02 County Road 64 Resurfacing Award’, award RFQ 24-02 (County Road 64 Resurfacing Tender) to IPAC Paving Limited in the amount of \$1,775,368.15 (inclusive of provisional items and non-recoverable HST); and

Further That County Council approve the total remaining funding and any savings realized at project completion relative to the estimated total project cost of \$1,950,368.15 remain in the County Road 64 project budget for the urban reconstruction in 2025/2026.”

Carried

13.c Report 2024-082, Public Works 'Asset Management Plans' - Presentation

Cora Bevan, GIS Asset Management Specialist

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-444

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“**That** County Council, having considered Report 2024-082 ‘Asset Management Plans’, hereby adopts the Corporate Facilities, Fleet, Natural Heritage and Road Infrastructure Asset Management Plans as presented.”

Carried

13.d Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) Update

Warden Brian Ostrander

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-445

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** County Council receive the verbal update, news release and '2024-2027 EOWC Strategic Plan' for information."

Carried

13.e Northumberland CAOs' Committee Update

CAO Jennifer Moore

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-446

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding the Northumberland CAOs' Committee for information."

Carried

14. Proclamations

14.a Proclamation, 'World Sickle Cell Day / Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day' - June 19, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-447

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** the World Health Organization (2006), the United Nations (2008) and the Government of Ontario (2021) have recognized Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) as a global and local public health priority and to raise awareness, designated the 19th day of June every year as World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD); and

Whereas the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) recognizes SCD as an increasingly important medical issue in the province; and

Whereas out of the estimated 6,500 Canadians affected by SCD, 3,500 live in Ontario; and

Whereas over 65% of babies born with the disease nationally are born in the province of Ontario; and

Whereas through education and awareness programs, Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) is doing its part to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by the families with children, youth and adults living with Sickle Cell Disease;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as

'World Sickle Cell Awareness Day / Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day' in Northumberland County.”

Carried

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session

16.a Matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Northumberland Paramedics 'OPSEU / SEFPO Local 381 – 2024 Bargaining Update (Paramedics)' (Item going direct to Council)

Municipal Act, Section 239.(2.d)

16.b Matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential negotiations (310 Division Street, Cobourg) (Item going direct to Council)

Municipal Act Sections 239. (2.f) and (2.k)

16.c Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee Meeting (June 5, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband' (Item from Standing Committee Requiring Separate Discussion)

Municipal Act, Sections 239.(2.k)

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-448

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 1:42 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 regarding 'OPSEU / SEFPO Local 381 – 2024 Bargaining Update (Northumberland Paramedics)', and that Jennifer Moore, Susan Brown, Lisa Ainsworth, Maddison Mather, and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239. (2.f) and (2.k) in order to address matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential negotiations (310 Division Street,

Cobourg), and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Horne, Darrell Mast, Glenn Dees, Denise Marshall, Rebecca Carman, Bill Smith, Maddison Mather, and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.k) in order to address confidential negotiations regarding broadband, and that Jennifer Moore, Dan Borowec, Dwayne Campbell, TJ Flynn, Maddison Mather and Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

[Councillor Jibb and Councillor Martin left the meeting while Council was in Closed Session at 1:44 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.]

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

17.a Matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Northumberland Paramedics 'OPSEU / SEFPO Local 381 – 2024 Bargaining Update (Paramedics)' (Item going direct to Council)

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-449

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** this Council rise from Closed Session at 2:45 p.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations regarding 'OPSEU / SEFPO Local 381 – 2024 Bargaining Update (Northumberland Paramedics)' is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

17.b Matters Pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential negotiations (310 Division Street, Cobourg) (Item going direct to Council)

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-450

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential negotiations (310 Division Street, Cobourg) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

17.c Closed Session Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Discussion

- 1. Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee Meeting (June 5, 2024), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband'**

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-451

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding confidential negotiations regarding broadband is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

- 2. Business Held from Standing Committees**

N/A

18. Closed Session Business – Public Updates

N/A

19. Confirming By-law

- 19.a A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on June 19, 2024**

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-452

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** By-law 27-2024 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on June 19, 2024 be introduced, be

deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

20. Adjournment

Council Resolution 2024-06-19-453

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"That Council adjourn at 2:47 p.m."

Carried

Brian Ostrander, Warden

Maddison Mather, Clerk