



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

**February 21, 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
Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky
Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Councillor Robert Crate
Councillor Scott Jibb
Councillor John Logel
Councillor Mandy Martin

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated February 21, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-104

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 be approved, as amended, to include the time sensitive Closed Session Item 16.c to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works)."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations

5. Presentations

N/A

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes of January 24, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-105

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the minutes of the County Council Session of January 24, 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, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)
'Municipal Equipment Operator Course'**

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-106

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**Whereas** municipal Public Works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents; and

Whereas if it was not for our municipal Public Works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen; and

Whereas municipal Public Works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease; and

Whereas there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal Public Works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue; and

Further Be It Resolved That the County Council calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund; and

Further Be It Resolved That County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), the Association of Ontario

Road Supervisors, and to Northumberland County's seven Member Municipalities."

Carried

8.b Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) '2024 Ontario Pre-Budget Consultation'

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-107

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** County Council receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding '2024 Ontario Pre-Budget Consultation' for information."

Carried

8.c Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) '2024 Canada Pre-Budget Consultation'

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-108

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** County Council receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding '2024 Canada Pre-Budget Consultation' for information."

Carried

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

9.a February 6 and 7, 2024 Standing Committees 'Recommendations to Council - Summary Chart'

**9.b Community Health Committee
- Meeting Cancelled**

**9.c Corporate Support Committee
- February 6, 2024**

**9.d Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee
- February 7, 2024**

**9.e Finance and Audit Committee
- February 6, 2024**

**9.f Public Works Committee
- Meeting Cancelled**

**9.g Social Services Committee
- February 7, 2024**

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-109

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held February 6 and 7, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 7.a, 'Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg' – Held by Councillor Cleveland

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 Recommended by Standing Committees for Separate Consideration

- 1. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (February 6, 2024), Item 5.a, Delegation, Ontario Federation of Agriculture 'Overview of Cost of Community Services Methodology'**

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-110

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"Whereas the Finance and Audit Committee (February 6, 2024) recommended that County Council identify this item for separate discussion at the February 21, 2024 County Council meeting;

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

- **That** County Council receive the PowerPoint presentation from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture regarding 'Overview of Cost of Community Services Methodology' for information."

Carried

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

1. Social Services Committee (February 7, 2024) Item 7.a, Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg'

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-111

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"Whereas Item 7.a from the February 7, 2024 Social Services Committee meeting was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being Item 'Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg'; and

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

- **That** County Council receive the correspondence regarding '310 Division Street, Cobourg' for information from the following members of the public:

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| • Abbey Fast | • Lois-Anne Johns |
| • Alyson King | • Lorraine Harnden |
| • Ann & James Grozier | • Margaret Syer |
| • Brett Newell | • Peter and Jane White |
| • Cindy McAdam Battersby | • Ray Rhodes |
| • Danelle Partridge | • Rod Simpson |
| • Jane Clarke | • Stephanie Richardson |

- Jim Glover
- Johanne Loken
- Kody Kroontje
- Laurel Burkmar
- Susan Dodd
- Tito DiMarco
- Tony & Debra Jackson
- Wayne McCurdy.”

Carried

12. Enactment By-laws

12.a By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of \$10,000,000

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-112

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** By-law 08-2024 being a by-law to Authorize the Borrowing of \$10,000,000, be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of February, 2024."

Carried

12.b By-law to Consolidate and Regulate Payment of Various Fees And Charges within the Corporation of the County of Northumberland and to Repeal Previous By-Laws

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-113

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** By-law 09-2024 being a by-law to Consolidate and Regulate Payment of Various Fees And Charges within the Corporation of the County of Northumberland and to Repeal Previous By-Laws, be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of February, 2024."

Carried

12.c By-law to Repeal By-law 2016-02

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-114

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"That By-law 10-2024 being a by-law to Repeal By-law 2016-02, be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of February, 2024."

Carried

13. New Business

13.a Communications 'County Performance Metrics Dashboard' - Presentation

Jennifer Hardy-Parr, Grant Writer

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-115

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"That County Council receive the presentation regarding the 'County Performance Metrics Dashboard' for information."

Carried

14. Proclamations

N/A

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session

16.a Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband (Item going directly to Council)

Municipal Act Section 239. (2.k)

16.b Matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and confidential negotiations - Community Housing (Item Going directly to Council)

Municipal Act Section 239.(2.c) and (2.k)

***16.c Matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works) (Item going directly to Council)**

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

[Councillor Cleveland left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.]

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-116

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 10:24 a.m.; 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, TJ Flynn, 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.c) and (2.k) in order to address matters pertaining to proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and confidential negotiations (Community Housing), and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Horne, Glenn Dees, Darrell Mast, Denise Marshall, Matthew Nitsch, Dan Borowec, Kate Campbell, Rebecca Carman, TJ Flynn, 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.e), (2.f) and (2.k) in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works), and that Jeff McCain, Matthew Alter, Jennifer Moore, Denise Marshall, Darrell Mast, Maddison Mather and Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

[Council recessed in Closed Session at 10:26 a.m. until 10:38 a.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland returned to the meeting after the recess during Closed Session]

[Council recessed in Closed Session at 11:54 a.m. until 12:31 p.m.]

17.a Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

N/A

17.b Matters pertaining to confidential negotiations regarding broadband (Item going directly to Council)

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-117

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** this Council rise at 2:04 p.m.; and

Further 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

17.c Matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and confidential negotiations - Community Housing (Item going directly to Council)

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-118

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the confidential resolutions moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and confidential negotiations (Community Housing) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

17.d Litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works) (Item going directly to Council)

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-119

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation matters, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and confidential County infrastructure negotiations (Public Works) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

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 February 21, 2024

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-120

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** By-law 11-2024 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on February 21, 2024 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

20. Adjournment

Council Resolution 2024-02-21-121

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** Council adjourn at 2:07 p.m."

Carried

Brian Ostrander, Warden

Maddison Mather, Clerk