



County Council Meeting Minutes

**March 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Conference**

Members Present: Warden Robert Crate
 Deputy Warden Mandy Martin
 Councillor William Cane
 Councillor John Henderson (arrived 10:10 a.m.)
 Councillor Gail Latchford
 Councillor Brian Ostrander
 Councillor Robert Sanderson

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format:

1.b Meeting Format

Due to the ongoing Corona virus/COVID-19 pandemic, physical distancing protocols, and in the interests of public health and safety, this meeting was conducted using Zoom conference technology for meeting participants (Council, County staff, media).

The public are invited to live-stream Council meetings on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CountyNorthumberland>

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

2. Call to Order

Warden Crate called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated March 17, 2021

Resolution 2021-03-17-194

Moved by Councillor Robert Sanderson

Seconded by Councillor Brian Ostrander

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 be approved."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- no declarations

5. Presentations

N/A

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes

Resolution 2021-03-17-195

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"**That** the Minutes of the County Council Session of February 17, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special County Council Session of March 9, 2021 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 Proposed Natural Heritage System Mapping and Policies

Opportunities for public consultation:

Virtual Open House

- Monday March 29, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Statutory Public Meeting (Zoom Conference)

- Wednesday April 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

9.a Community Health Committee, Minutes from March 1, 2021 Meeting

9.b Corporate Support Committee, Minutes from March 2, 2021 Meeting

9.c Economic Development, Tourism and Planning Committee, Minutes from March 3, 2021 Meeting

9.d Finance & Audit Committee, Minutes from March 2, 2021 Meeting

9.e Public Works Committee, Minutes from March 1, 2021 Meeting

9.f Social Services Committee, Minutes from March 3, 2021 Meeting

9.g Motion to Hold Items Requiring Separate Discussion

- N/A

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Resolution 2021-03-17-196

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"**That** County Council adopt all Standing Committees' Recommendations included within the six Standing Committees' Minutes (meetings held on March 1, 2 and 3, 2021)."

Carried

11. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

N/A

12. Enactment By-laws

12.a By-law to Set Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes and the Treatment of Subclasses for County Purposes and Lower Tier Municipal Purposes for the Year 2021

Resolution 2021-03-17-197

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"**That** By-law 09-2021 being a by-law to set tax ratios for prescribed property classes and the treatment of subclasses for County purposes and Lower Tier municipal purposes for the Year 2021, be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 17th day of March, 2021."

Carried

12.b By-law to Adopt the County Reserve Policy

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

"**That** By-law 10-2021 being a by-law to adopt the County Reserve Policy, be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 17th day of March, 2021."

Carried

13. New Business

13.a Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) - verbal presentation

Resolution 2021-03-17-199

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"**That** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus verbal update provided by Warden Crate be received for information."

Carried

14. Proclamations

N/A

15. Media Questions

[Councillor John Henderson joined the meeting.]

16. Closed Session

Resolution 2021-03-17-200

Moved by Councillor William Cane

Seconded by Councillor John Henderson

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 10:10 a.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239.(d) in order to address matters pertaining to OPSEU / labour relations, and that Lisa Ainsworth and Chief Susan Brown remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239.(k) in order to address matters pertaining the County's Broadband Strategy and Negotiations, and that Dan Borowec and Tony Paulic remain present; and

Further That Jennifer Moore, Nancy MacDonald, Maddison Ellis, and Matthew Stergios remain present for the entire Closed Session."

Carried

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

Resolution 2021-03-17-201

Moved by Councillor Robert Sanderson

Seconded by Councillor John Henderson

"**That** this Council rise from Closed Session at 11:15 a.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding OPSEU / labour relations is hereby referred to County Council for adoption; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding the Broadband Strategy Negotiations is hereby referred to County Council for adoption."

Carried

18. Confirming By-law

18.a A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on March 17, 2021

Resolution 2021-03-17-202

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"**That** By-law 11-2021 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on March 17, 2021 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution 2021-03-17-203

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"**That** Council adjourn at 11:17 a.m."

Carried

Nancy MacDonald, Clerk

Robert Crate, Warden