



The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
County Council Meeting
Minutes

April 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
555 Courthouse Road,
County Council Chambers
Cobourg, Ontario

Members Present: Warden Robert Crate
 Deputy Warden Mandy Martin
 Councillor William Cane
 Councillor John Henderson
 Councillor Gail Latchford
 Councillor Brian Ostrander
 Councillor Robert Sanderson

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format:

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1.b Meeting Format

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1.c Closed Session - Start Time 11:00 a.m.

1.d Estimated time of Adjournment 3:00 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 April 21, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-269

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"**That** the County Council Agenda for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 be approved, as amended, to include an additional item in Closed Session, regarding the Northumberland County Forest and the Great Pine Ridge Snowmobile Association; and

Further That this item is timed for 12:15 p.m."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Presentations

N/A

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes

Resolution 2021-04-21-270

Moved by Councillor Robert Sanderson

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

"**That** the Minutes of the County Council Session of March 17, 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

- N/A

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

9.a Community Health Committee, April 8, 2021

9.b Corporate Support Committee, April 6, 2021

2021-04-21-271

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

9b-1

"**That** the recommendations from the April 6, 2021 Corporate Support Standing Committee be adopted as presented, with the exception of Standing Committee Item 7e regarding 'Report 2021-58, Information Technology, Shared Services I.T. Resources', which will be considered separately."

Carried

Resolution 2021-04-21-272

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Councillor Brian Ostrander

9b-2

"**Whereas** County Council considered Council Agenda Item 9b, regarding the Corporate Support Committee Item 7e from the April 6, 2021 Committee meeting regarding 'Report 2021-58, Information Technology, Shared Services I.T. Resources';

Be It Resolved That Council adopt the Committee's recommendation to receive this Report for information."

Carried

9.c Economic Development, Tourism and Planning Committee, April 7, 2021

9.c.1 Follow Up Item from April 7, 2021 Economic Development, Tourism and Planning Committee

Resolution 2021-04-21-273

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"**That** the verbal update provided to Council from Land Use Planning Manager Dwayne Campbell regarding the options available to the County relating to the Official Plan and the Natural Heritage System Plan be received for information; and

Further That the verbal information provided by staff be replicated in a report to the Economic Development, Tourism and Planning Committee, for information; and

Further That staff investigate how clear maps may be accessed by the public, and provide recommendations to the Committee."

Carried

9.d Finance & Audit Committee, April 6, 2021

9.e Public Works Committee, April 8, 2021

9.f Social Services Committee, April 7, 2021

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Resolution 2021-04-21-274

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"**That** Northumberland County Council adopt all Resolutions recommended by the six Standing Committees and contained within the Committees' minutes (April 6, 7 and 8, 2021 meetings), with the exception of the items identified by Members, which Council will consider individually."

Carried

11. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

N/A

12. Enactment By-laws

12.a By-law to Authorize Entering into a Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement with Northumberland County Housing Corporation

Resolution 2021-04-21-275

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Councillor John Henderson

"**That** By-law 12-2021 being a by-law to authorize entering into a Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement with Northumberland County Housing Corporation be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of April, 2021."

Carried

12.b By-law to Repeal By-law 07-08 and Provide for Cancellation of Tax Increases for the Purpose of Relieving Financial Hardship for Certain Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities

Resolution 2021-04-21-276

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

"**That** By-law 13-2021 being a By-law to Provide for Cancellation of Tax Increases for the Purposes of Relieving Financial Hardship for Certain Low-income Seniors and Low-income Persons with Disabilities be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of April, 2021."

Carried

12.c By-law to Establish the 2021 Tax Rates to be Levied Against the Lower Tier Municipalities

Resolution 2021-04-21-277

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

"**That** By-law 14-2021 being a By-law to Establish the 2021 Tax Rates to be Levied Against the Lower Tier Municipalities be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of April, 2021."

Carried

12.d By-law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes

Resolution 2021-04-21-278

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Councillor Brian Ostrander

"That By-law 15-2021 being a By-law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 21st day of April, 2021."

Carried

13. New Business

13.a Quarter 1 (Q1), 2021 Financial Update

Resolution 2021-04-21-279

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Robert Sanderson

"That Council receive the Q1 Financial Information Update for information."

Carried

13.b Community Flag Application - "Dig Safe Month"

14. Proclamations

14.a "Dig Safe Month", April 1-30 , 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-280

Moved by Councillor Robert Sanderson

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"Whereas annual damages to Ontario's underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year; and

Whereas these events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province's economy; and

Whereas the Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 500 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and

Whereas the Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the 'Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices' handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and

Whereas the ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick-Offs in April and 'April is Dig Safe Month', to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Robert Crate, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, hereby proclaims April 1-30, 2021 as 'Dig Safe Month' in the County of Northumberland."

Carried

14.b "National Volunteer Week" , April 18-24, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-281

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Gail Latchford

Whereas 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year; and

Whereas volunteers in Northumberland County mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

Whereas volunteers in Northumberland County are young, old, families, workers, retirees, and represent all age groups, skill sets, and backgrounds; and

Whereas the collective result of the work done by our community's volunteers makes Northumberland County a more desirable place to live; and

Whereas the Corporation of the County of Northumberland is fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who contribute to our Golden Plough Lodge long term care home, our Food 4 All Warehouse, our Business & Entrepreneurship Centre, our County Archives and Museum, our County Forest and our Waste and Recycling programs; and

Whereas other organizations in Northumberland County rely on the dedication and passion of volunteers, including: hospitals, hospice facilities, groups who provide community meals, churches, and service clubs that host fundraising events and festivals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Robert Crate, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 to be National Volunteer Week in Northumberland County; and

Further Be It Resolved That I urge our fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.”

Carried

14.c "National Day of Mourning", April 28, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-282

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Henderson

Whereas the Mourning Day Act recognizes April 28th as a day for Canadians to remember workers killed, disabled or injured in the workplace and workers afflicted with industrial disease; and

Whereas the Corporation of the County of Northumberland recognizes the importance of Health and Safety through the Occupational Health & Safety Policy passed by By-Law 04-2021; and

Whereas the Corporate Mission "to be a best practices leader of County government, and a collaborative partner with our member municipalities and community partners" includes the commitment to provide a safe and healthy workplace through the elimination of workplace hazards causing injury, harassment, and violence for all its employees, contractors, volunteers, and visitors; and

Whereas the County believes that all services provided are of extreme importance, however, no job is so urgent that time and care cannot be taken to conduct work safely;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Robert Crate, do hereby recognize April 28th to be a National Day of Mourning and encourage all residents to set an example of their commitment to the issue of health and safety in the workplace.”

Carried

14.d First Responders Day, May 1, 2020

Resolution 2021-04-21-283

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Henderson

“**Whereas** first responders are the people who, in the early stages of an emergency, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment; and

Whereas first responders include paramedics, police officers, firefighters, nurses, doctors, medical evacuation pilots, emergency managers, roads maintenance personnel, and military personnel; and

Whereas first responders are professionals and volunteers who dedicate their lives to public service, and whose skills often make the difference between life and death; and

Whereas the services, dedication and commitment of first responders deserves to be recognized and honoured; and

Whereas in 2013 the Ontario Legislature proclaimed that May 1st of each year would be proclaimed as First Responders Day;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that I, Warden Robert Crate, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, hereby proclaims May 1, 2021 as ‘First Responders Day’ in Northumberland County, and encourage community members to recognize the vital contributions provided by all the first responders in Northumberland.”

Carried

14.e "Emergency Preparedness Week", May 2-8, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-284

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Gail Latchford

“Whereas the Corporation of the County of Northumberland recognizes the importance of Emergency Management in Ontario; and

Whereas the goal of Emergency Preparedness Week is to raise community awareness about the need to prepare for the possibility of an emergency; and

Whereas the safety of our community is the responsibility of each and every one of us, we must prepare now and learn how to secure a strong and healthy tomorrow;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Robert Crate, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, hereby proclaims the week of May 2 to 8, 2021 as ‘Emergency Preparedness Week’ in the County of Northumberland, and encourage all citizens to contact their municipal offices to obtain emergency preparedness information.”

Carried

14.f "Safety and Health Week", May 2-8, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-285

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor William Cane

“Whereas the Corporation of County of Northumberland recognizes the importance of Safety and Health across North America; and

Whereas the goal of Safety and Health Week is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home, and in the community; and

Whereas the County’s Mission "to be a best practices leader of County government, and a collaborative partner with our member municipalities and community partners" includes the commitment to provide a safe and healthy workplace through the elimination of workplace hazards causing injury, harassment, and violence for all its employees, contractors, volunteers, and visitors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Robert Crate, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, hereby proclaims May 2 to May 8, 2021 as ‘Safety and Health Week’ in the County of Northumberland and

encourage all citizens to set an example of their commitment to the issue of health and safety in the workplace.”

Carried

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session - Timed Item, 11:00 a.m.

Resolution 2021-04-21-286

Moved by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Brian Ostrander

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 10:38 a.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239.(3.1) and 239.(2d) in order to address matters pertaining to eSCRIBE training, and Labour Relations (CUPE/Golden Plough Lodge and OPSEU/Paramedics), and a legal matter regarding the County Forest and the Snowmobile Club; and

Further That Geeta Nagpal, Shelley Munroe, and Niall O'Donnell remain present for the eSCRIBE training item; and

Further That Lisa Ainsworth, Bill Detlor, Susan Brown remain present for the Labour Relations items; and

Further That Jennifer Moore, Nancy MacDonald, Maddison Ellis and Matt Stergios remain present for all items.”

Carried

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

Resolution 2021-04-21-287

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"That this Council rise from Closed Session at 1:33 p.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding CUPE (Golden Plough Lodge) labour relations is hereby referred to Council for adoption; and

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

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding the County Forest and the Great Pine Ridge Snowmobile Association is hereby referred to 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 April 21, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-21-288

Moved by Councillor Gail Latchford

Seconded by Councillor Brian Ostrander

"**That** By-law 16 - 2021 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on April 21, 2021 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution 2021-04-21-289

Moved by Councillor Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

"**That** Council adjourn at 1:35 p.m."

Carried

Nancy MacDonald, Clerk

Robert Crate, Warden