



**The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Nuclear Innovation Institute
620 Tomlinson Drive, Port Elgin, Ontario**

Present: Luke Charbonneau, Mayor
Diane Huber, Deputy Mayor
Mike Myatt, Vice Deputy Mayor
Dave Myette, Councillor
John Divinski, Councillor
Cheryl Grace, Councillor
Bud Halpin, Councillor

Members Absent: Justin Duhaime, Councillor
Rachel Stack, Councillor

Staff Members: Kara Van Myall, Chief Administrative Officer
Dawn Mittelholtz, Clerk
Jim Bundschuh, Director, Corporate Services
Tammy Grove, Municipal Solicitor
Ed Melanson, Director, Fire Services/Fire Chief
Mark Paoli, Director, Development Services
Matt Prentice, Director, Operations
Kristan Shrider, Director, Community Services
Jill Roote, Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Janice Stubbs, Manager, Human Resources
Ruhul Amin, Manager, Engineering Services
Sarah Bonderud, Deputy Clerk

1. Call To Order

Mayor L. Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor D. Huber read the land acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature

No pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Additions, Deletions, Amendments

5. Open Forum

None.

6. Delegations

6.1 Mary Campbell - Gran Fondo Fundraiser

The Committee heard a delegation from Mary Campbell, volunteer firefighter of the Saugeen Shores Fire Department, regarding the Gran Fondo fundraising event. The Saugeen Shores Fire Department is participating in this race and is selling firefighter calendars to raise funds for the Saugeen Memorial Foundation.

7. Public Meeting

8. Report of Municipal Officers / Committees

8.1 Public Notice

8.2 Staff Reports

8.2.1 Southampton South Area Drainage Comprehensive Environmental Assessment

Early in 2024, the Town completed the Master Drainage Plan (MDP). The MDP highlighted areas with existing drainage issues, outlined future drainage needs, and made a set of recommendations. This report outlines the rationale for and advances a recommendation to fund and carry out an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address drainage issues in the Southampton South Area covering the Island Street, Bay Street, and South Street Outlets catchment areas.

That Council amend the 2024 Business Plan by adding the Southampton South Area Drainage Comprehensive Environmental Assessment as an Engineering Services Capital Highlight; and

That Council approve a Funds Transfer of \$300,000.00 from the Victoria Street (Peel Street to Morpeth Street) Project to the Southampton South Area Drainage Comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

CARRIED

8.2.2 Options for Ward Boundary and Council Composition Project

Council elected not to include a Ward Boundary and Council Composition Review in the 2024 Business Plan that would have seen a consultant retained to conduct this work. Staff were instructed to prepare a report in 2024 to provide Council with a legislative summary and options for a review of the ward boundaries and/or Council composition.

That staff be directed to include a Ward Boundary and Council Composition Project in the proposed 2025 Business Plan for consideration.

CARRIED

8.2.3 2026 Municipal and School Board Election Supplier

The next Municipal and School Board election will be held on October 26, 2026. This report recommends to Council the continued use of internet and telephone voting methods and advises Council of the intention to retain the services of Simply Voting for the conduct of voting in the election.

That Council adopt a by-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting methods for the 2026 and future regular Municipal and School Board Elections.

CARRIED

8.3 Report of Municipal Councillors'

8.4 Communications / Petitions for Committee of the Whole

8.4.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - May 8, 2024

8.4.2 Committee of Adjustment - June 17, 2024 Minutes

8.4.3 High Street Revitalization - Cenotaph Upgrades Petition

8.4.4 Bruce County - Investment in Local Services Annual Report

Council expressed interest receiving a presentation from Bruce County on the Investment in Local Services Annual Report.

8.4.5 Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Letter

8.4.6 Port Elgin Business Improvement Area Board – April 3, 2024 Minutes

8.4.7 Southampton Business Improvement Area Board – June 27, 2024 Minutes

8.4.8 Nuclear Innovation Institute 2024 Quarter 2 Progress Report

8.4.9 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board Minutes - May 16, 2024

8.4.10 Bruce Power Environmental Protection Report 2023

8.4.11 AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Council and Town representatives are attending the 2024 AMO Conference and will be providing delegations regarding healthcare.

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments; and

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Town of Saugeen Shores and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Further That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, MPP Lisa Thompson, the Ontario

Medical Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

8.4.12 AMO Policy Update - Call to Action on Social and Economic Prosperity Review Letter Template

That the Mayor write a letter in support of the AMO Policy Update - Call to Action on Social and Economic Prosperity Review to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, and the Minister of Finance; and

Further That it be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

8.4.13 City of St. Catharines - Green Roads Pilot Project Support Resolution

It was suggested that this initiative be incorporated into Town projects that are applicable.

8.4.14 Municipality of Callander - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle Resolution

That Council endorse the Municipality of Callander's resolution regarding urging the Government to promptly resume the Assessment Cycle; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

CARRIED

8.4.15 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Long Service Medals Resolution

Whereas paramedics, firefighters, and police officers are our frontline heroes, regularly putting their health and safety at risk to help others in need; and

Whereas the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for 25 years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks; and

Whereas the non-OPP Police Service has similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers; and

Whereas the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1994, recognizes 'professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public who completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk; and

Whereas there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario.

Now Therefore Be It resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores Council endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters; and

Further That the Mayor write to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Michael Ford, and MPP Lisa Thompson urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards.

8.4.16 Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan - Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries Letter

Town staff recently attended a Charged for Life symposium regarding lithium-ion battery-related fires. The Saugeen Shores Fire Department is preparing public education materials and is creating a response to lithium-ion battery fires for volunteer firefighters to create awareness on how to put out this type of fire.

That Council endorse Mayor Taylor's letter from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding regulations for the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Premier Doug Ford, MP Ben Lobb, and MPP Lisa Thompson.

9. New Business

10. Adjournment