



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

November 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

160 Main Street

West Lorne

Present: Mayor Leatham
Deputy Mayor Tellier
Councillor Denning
Councillor Statham
Councillor Dougherty

Staff Present: L. Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Robert Brown, Planner
Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer
Terri Towstiuc, Clerk

Council Meetings are held in-person at 160 Main Street, West Lorne, and the post-meeting recording available at www.westelgin.net, when available (pending no technical difficulties).

1. Call to Order

Mayor Leatham called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Declaration of Office, Ward 3 Councillor, H. Dougherty

H. Dougherty took her Oath to Council and took her seat at the Council table.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2024- 421

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Regular Council Agenda for November 14, 2024 as presented.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

5. Delegations

Delegations to be heard, in compliance with By-Law 2024-05, Being a By-Law to establish rules of procedure for the meetings of Council, Council Committees and Boards of The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin.

Section 6.8. Delegations shall be limited in speaking to not more than ten (10) minutes in total per person, per group or per organization.

Section 12.1. Members of the public who constitute the audience in the Council Chamber, shall respect the decorum of Council, maintain order and quiet and may not:

1. Address Council without permission.
2. Interrupt any speaker or action of the Members or any person addressing Council.
3. Speak out.
4. Behave in a disorderly manner, or;
5. Make any noise or sound that proves disruptive to the conduct of the Meeting.

Section 12.2. Placards, signs, posters, etc. or any advertising devices shall not be permitted in the Council Chambers, or any other location in which Council may conduct their business.

Section 12.3. Should turn all electronic communication devices to “vibrate”, “silent” or “mute” during the entire meeting or exit the meeting if they wish to make/receive a telephone call.

Section 12.4. The Mayor (Chair) may request that a member or members of the public vacate the Council Chambers or any other location in which Council may conduct their business if their behaviour is deemed to be disruptive to the business at hand.

5.1 Adam Lumley - Port Glasgow Trailer Park

Link to Petition: <https://www.change.org/petition-to-halt-the-sale-of-port-glasgow-trailer-park>

Adam Lumley, Port Glasgow Trailer Park (PGTP) resident, addressed council regarding his concerns for declaration or surplus lands of PGTP and potential sale. Mr. Lumley advised the impacts of the local economy, history PGTP and the perspective of the resident and potential homelessness situation this decision may create in the spring. Mr. Lumley presented a proposal for the park to become a cooperative and run the park as such. Mr. Lumley also requested the sale be placed on hold, allowing the residents time to create a resident run cooperative.

5.2 Carman Lasson - Port Glasgow Trailer Park

Carman Lasson, resident on Furnival Road, Port Glasgow, addressed Council to provide his concerns regarding the decision to declare Port Glasgow Trailer Park (PGTP) surplus lands. Mr. Lasson is a life-long resident of West Elgin and advised his concerns for the current and future generations, if PGTP is sold. Mr. Lasson also concurred with Mr. Lumley, advising that the local economy if PGTP is sold, and no longer available for campers.

5.3 Donna Klapak - Port Glasgow Trailer Park

Donna Klapak, Port Glasgow Trailer Park (PGTP) Advisory Committee member and park resident, provided Council with a detailed history of PGTP, detailing the inception and historical events. Ms. Klapak provided Council with questions regarding the budget from the last six (6) years, including funding for washroom, waterline and stair upgrades.

5.4 Mayor and Council Remarks

Mayor Leatham thanked all residents and members of Port Glasgow Trailer Park for attending the meeting, and for the respectable delegations that addressed Council. Mayor Leatham advised that a report from staff will be forthcoming in the very near future, to address all questions brought forth to Council during the delegation.

Deputy Mayor Tellier suggested that a "Town Hall" style meeting would be best for a future meeting, to accommodate a large crowd and provide for full transparency.

Following delegations, a recess was taken from 4:38 - 4:56pm.

Councillor Denning left during the recess, for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2024- 422

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That West Elgin Council hereby adopt the Minutes of October 24, 2024 (Regular Meeting) and November 7, 2024 (Special Meeting), as presented.

Carried

6.1 Committee and Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2024- 423

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That West Elgin Council acknowledge receipt of the Bo Horvat Community Centre Board minutes of August 21 and September 11, 2024; And the Recreation Committee minutes of September 18, 2024; And the Heritage Homes Annual General Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2023, and Regular Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2024.

Carried

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Building

8.1.1 Monthly Building Report, October 2024

Resolution No. 2024- 424

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Corey Pemberton, CBO Re: Building Department Summary Report for the month of October 2024.

Carried

8.2 Operations & Community Services

8.2.1 Monthly Operations Report, October 2024

Resolution No. 2024- 425

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the Monthly Operations Update, October 2024, from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

8.3 Clerk's

8.3.1 Recreation Coordinator/Clerks Assistant Proposal

Resolution No. 2024- 426

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: Recreation Coordinator/Clerks Assistant Proposal; And

That Council approves the proposal and job description, as presented; And

That Council direct staff to begin the process, for the addition of a Recreation Coordinator/Clerks Assistant, to be included in the 2025 Budget Deliberations.

Carried

8.3.2 Committee and Board Appointment

Resolution No. 2024- 427

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: Council Committee Appointment; and

That Council defer the discussion to the next regular meeting (November 28, 2024).

Carried

9. Committee and Board Reports or Updates

No Updates.

10. Notice of Motion

None Received.

11. Council Inquires/Announcements

None.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 Hydro One, Longwoods to Lakeshore Project Update, October 2024
- 12.2 Enbridge Gas Inc - 2025 Federal Carbon Pricing Program (FCPP) Application - OEB Notice
- 12.3 Thames Valley District School Board - Education Development Charges - Update
- 12.4 ROMA - Delegation Request Information
- 12.5 Letter of Thanks, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 221 West Lorne
- 12.6 FCHS Fundraiser, Dinner Theatre
- 12.7 EV ChargeON Application

Resolution No. 2024- 428

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That West Elgin Council hereby receive and file all correspondence, not otherwise dealt with.

Carried

13. Items Requiring Council Consideration

13.1 2025 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Resolution No. 2024- 429

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocation.

Carried

13.2 Elgin International Club, Extension to Liquor License

Resolution No. 2024- 430

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council direct staff to write a letter of support for a Liquor License Extension, for the events indicated by the Elgin International Club.

Carried

13.3 Request for Fee Reduction - J. Dawdy, Babysitter Certificate Course

Resolution No. 2024- 431

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby receive the request from J. Dawdy, Re: Scout Hut rental fee for Babysitters Course; And

That Council hereby approve a fee reduction, to a total rental fee of \$27.00, plus applicable tax.

Carried

14. By-Laws

14.1 2024-75, Water Connections

Resolution No. 2024- 432

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Councillor Dougherty

That By-law 2024-75, being a By-Law to Impose a Water Connection Charge Upon Owners of Land Who Derive or Will or May Derive a Benefit from Connecting to The Water Distribution System Water Works, be read a first second and third and final time.

Carried

14.2 2024-76, Sanitary Connections, Amendment

Resolution No. 2024- 433

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That By-law 2024-76, being a By-Law to Amend Schedule “B” to By-Law 2024-42 (Sanitary Sewer Connections), be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

15. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024- 434

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby proceeds into Closed Session at 5:16 pm, to discuss matters pursuant to the Municipal Act Section 239 (2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; And Section 239 (3)(b) an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombudsman Act.

Carried

16. Report from Closed Session

Reporting from Closed Session at 5:57 pm.

Council received three (3) items pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, Section 239, and provided staff with administrative direction, including the following recommendations:

Resolution No. 2024- 435

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That West Elgin Council hereby appoint Amy Sousa, Malcolm Diltz and Philip Sousa, to the Old Town Hall Committee.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024- 436

Moved: Councillor Statham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby appoint Lori Beckett and Karen Booth to the Recreation Committee.

Carried

17. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2024- 437

Moved: Councillor Dougherty

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That By-law 2024-77 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 14, 2024, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024- 438

Moved: Deputy Mayor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Statham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 5:58 pm to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday, November 28, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Richard Leatham, Mayor

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk