

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING-RAWDON COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bob Mullin, Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman and Councillors Jeremy Solmes and John Rock.

MEMBER ABSENT: Councillor Sari Watson

STAFF PRESENT: Roxanne Hearn, CAO/ Treasurer
Tawnya Donald, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION (held in the board room of the administration office at 6:30 p.m.)

MOTION #1

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That Council go into Caucus to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual being a Township employee.” Carried.

MOTION #2

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council go out of Caucus.” Carried.

The meeting was recessed at 6:36 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #3

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council accept, with regret the letter of resignation from Tina Devries, crossing guard effective March 23, 2020.” Carried.

MOTION #4

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That staff be instructed to follow direction given in caucus.” Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION #5

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That the agenda for the March 16, 2020 Council meeting be amended to include a discussion on the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic be adopted as presented.” Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Mullin declared a pecuniary interest in the matter of the account for R & S Home Hardware since he is an owner. He refrained from discussion and voting.

MINUTES

Council Meeting

MOTION #6

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman
“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Council meeting held on March 2, 2020 be approved.” Carried.

Committee Meetings

MOTION #7

Moved by Councillor Rock
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman
“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Environmental Committee meeting held on March 3, 2020 be approved.” Carried.

MOTION #8

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Councillor Rock
“That the minutes of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon Transportation Committee meeting held on March 3, 2020 be approved.” Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

Bonnie Sallans, Chair, and **Sebastin Sallans**, Artistic Director, Quinte Society for Chamber Music attended to make a request for funding for educational cultural programming this spring to present a professional string quartet performance in Stirling.

Mayor Mullin thanked the delegates for an interesting presentation adding that the request for funding will be forwarded to budget deliberations.

Jessica Rogers attended to request permission to hold a weekly Farmers Market at the covered bridge on Friday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

MOTION #9

Moved by Councillor Rock
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman
“That Council support in principal the establishment of a “Market in the Village” at the covered bridge on Friday evenings from the first Friday in June until Thanksgiving and further that proponents be granted approval to work with staff as needed.” Carried.

Dave Bush did not attend on behalf of the 5th Annual Front Porch Shenanigans but forwarded his request to staff that Church Street be closed for the Saturday event.

MOTION #10

Moved by Councillor Rock
Seconded by Councillor Solmes
“That Council approve the request from Dave Bush that the entire length of Church Street be closed to vehicular traffic from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30th for the 5th Annual Front Porch Shenanigans Festival.” Carried.

MUNICIPAL OFFICER’S REPORT

Mayor Mullin having declared a pecuniary interest in the matter of the accounts left the room at this time.

Deputy Mayor Hagerman assumed the Chair.

MOTION #11

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That Council approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$443,433.53 as follows:

March 5, 2020	219,595.50
March 12, 2020	1,500.07
March 16, 2020	<u>222,337.96</u>
	<u>\$ 443,433.53.”</u> Carried.

Mayor Mullin returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

MOTION #12

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman
Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That the Animal Control Officer’s Report for the month of February 2020 be accepted as presented.” Carried.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL REPORTS

MOTION #13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman
Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council acknowledge the statement provided by Mayor Mullin on the grant application process. He detailed how elected officials and staff continue to work with the Province in hopes that we will receive funding and start to reduce our infrastructure deficit in the near future.” Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/ INFORMATION

MOTION #14

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Municipal Brief of meeting held on February 20, 2020 be received and filed.” Carried.

MOTION #15

Moved by Councillor Solmes
Seconded by Councillor Rock

“That the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance board meeting held on February 13, 2020 be received and filed.” Carried.

MOTION #16

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That Council acknowledge receipt of an email from Barb Pitman requesting permission for the Guiding and Scouting Community to carry out a ‘Village Clean-up Event’ on Saturday April 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. to noon

and further that the said request be granted approval

and further that it be noted tipping fees be waived for the event.” Carried.

MOTION #17

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That Council acknowledge receipt of the Stirling Drinking Water System Annual Water Report issued March 10, 2020 for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019

and further that a notice be posted on the Township’s website and Facebook page noting that a copy of the report is available for public review on the website as well as at the municipal office.” Carried.

MOTION #18

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That Council acknowledge receipt of the Waste Water Annual Report for 2019

and further that a notice be posted on the Township’s website and Facebook page noting that a copy of the report is available for public review on the website as well as at the municipal office.” Carried.

MOTION #19

Moved by Councillor Rock

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That due to the increasing concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic all scheduled meetings be cancelled until April 5th, 2020

and further that the municipal office maintain regular open hours, however communication with all visitors be via the speaker system, and documents be exchanged via the pass-thru tray

and further that a strict policy of employees only beyond the front lobby be enforced.” Carried.

BY-LAWS

MOTION #20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

Seconded by Councillor Solmes

“That By-law No. 1352-20 Entitled a By-law to authorize the Township of Stirling-Rawdon to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty The Queen In Right Of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide funding under the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

MOTION #21

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That By-law No. 1353-20 Being a By-law to provide that subsection 50(5) (7.1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to certain lands comprising a registered plan of subdivision being Harvest Glen Subdivision, Plan 21M302, Township of Stirling-Rawdon, County of Hastings be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOTION #22

Moved by Councillor Solmes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hagerman

“That By-law No. 1354-20 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, 2020 be given three readings, be signed, sealed and numbered.” Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Solmes that the meeting be adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020.

MAYOR

CLERK