



**Township of Stirling-Rawdon  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
2529 Stirling-Marmora Road  
Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**



**Council Present:** Bob Mullin, Mayor  
Grant Hagerman, Deputy Mayor  
John Rock, Councillor  
Jeremy Solmes, Councillor  
Sari Watson, Councillor

**Council Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Roxanne Hearn, CAO/Treasurer  
Kathryn Pearl, Clerk  
George Burkitt, Public Works Manager  
Matthew Richmond, Environmental Manager  
Derrick Little, Fire Chief  
Sydney Dodson, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Mullin called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Closed Session (to be held at 6:30 pm in the board room of the administration office)**

2.1. Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act

**Resolution #1**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor John Rock

That Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon convene in closed session at 6:30 pm in accordance with Section 239 (2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to consider a matter of litigation or

potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Township.

**Carried**

2.2. Rise from Closed Session

**Resolution #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon reconvene in open session at 6:42 pm.

**Carried**

The meeting recessed until 7:00 pm.

**3. Opening Remarks**

The Council Meeting reconvened in open session at 7:00 pm, with Mayor Mullin reading a statement advising the public of potential future changes to the structure of Council meetings (allowing the public into meetings) based on the current state of COVID-19. Mayor Mullin then presented Fire Chief Derrick Little with his Firefighter Level III and Level IV certificates of accreditation.

Councillor Rock thanked CAO Roxanne Hearn and Township staff for all the hard work this past weekend with the Christmas parades in Stirling and Springbrook.

**4. Report from Closed Session of Council**

4.1. Closed Session Minutes - November 16, 2020

**Resolution #3**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor John Rock

That the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Closed Session Meeting be received.

**Carried**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

5.1. December 7, 2020 Regular Council Agenda

**Resolution #4**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That the agenda for the Regular Council meeting held on December 7, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**7. Minutes of Council and Advisory Bodies**

7.1. Regular Council Minutes - November 16, 2020

**Resolution #5**

Moved by Councillor John Rock  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

7.2. Protection to Persons & Property Committee Meeting Minutes

**Resolution #6**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor Sari Watson

That the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

7.3. Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes - November 24, 2020

**Resolution #7**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

- 7.4. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2020

**Resolution #8**

Moved by Councillor John Rock  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That the minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on December 1, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

- 7.5. Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2020

**Resolution #9**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor John Rock

That the minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting held on December 1, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

- 7.6. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2020

**Resolution #10**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That the minutes of the Stirling-Rawdon Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 25, 2020 be received.

**Carried**

7.7. Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

**Resolution #11**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That the Minutes of the Police Services Board Meetings held on September 14, and October 13, 2020 be received.

**Carried**

7.8. Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board Minutes - October 20, 2020

**Resolution #12**

Moved by Councillor Sari Watson  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board Meeting be received.

**Carried**

**8. Reports of Municipal Officers**

8.1. Motion to pay the Vouchers

**Resolution #13**

Moved by Councillor John Rock  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That Council approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$957,621.69.

**Carried**

8.2. Committee Meeting Schedule - December 2020

After a brief discussion regarding the December 22, 2020 Finance and Personnel and Protection to Persons and Property Committee meetings, it was the direction of Council that the meetings be cancelled, and that the Committee meeting schedule would resume in January 2021.

8.3. Proposed Amendments to Recording of Council Meetings Policy

**Resolution #14**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor Sari Watson

That the report from the Clerk entitled, "Proposed Amendments to Recording of Council Meetings Policy" be received; and

That Council approve the amended policy; and further

That an appropriate by-law be brought to the December 21, 2020 Council meeting.

**Recorded vote requested by Councillor Watson.**

**Ayes:** Councillor Jeremy Solmes, Councillor Sari Watson,  
Mayor Bob Mullin, and Councillor John Rock

**Nays:** Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

**Carried 4-1 on a recorded vote**

**9. Reports of Members of Council**

9.1. Stirling Festival Theatre Board Report - Councillor Rock

**Resolution #15**

Moved by Councillor John Rock  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That the Stirling Festival Theatre Board Report from Councillor Rock be received.

**Carried**

**10. Correspondence / Information**

10.1. Correspondence re: Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020 - Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act

- Correspondence dated November 16, 2020 from Rhonda

- Bateman, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Lower Trent Conservation
- Correspondence dated November 25, 2020 from Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Crowe Valley Conservation
- Correspondence dated November 18, 2020 from Jim Alyea, Chair, Lower Trent Conservation

### **Resolution #16**

Moved by Councillor Sari Watson

Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

Be it resolved that the correspondence re: Bill 229: Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020 - Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act

- Correspondence dated November 16, 2020 from Rhonda Bateman, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Lower Trent Conservation
- Correspondence dated November 18, 2020 from Jim Alyea, Chair, Lower Trent Conservation
- Correspondence dated November 25, 2020 from Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Crowe Valley Conservation

be received for information.

Whereas the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

Whereas the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

Whereas we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*;

Whereas the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise;

Whereas the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

Whereas municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

Whereas municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

Whereas the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

Whereas conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

Whereas changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

Whereas municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Stirling-Rawdon respectfully requests:

- That the Province of Ontario withdraw Schedule 6 from Bill 229;
- That the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;
- That the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships; and
- That the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.



**Carried**

10.2. Lower Trent Conservation Authority Minutes

**Resolution #17**

Moved by Councillor Sari Watson  
Seconded by Councillor John Rock

That the minutes of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority Meetings held on February 3, February 13, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, and October 8 2020 be received.

**Carried**

10.3. Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2020

**Resolution #18**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman

That the minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting held on October 15, 2020 be received.

**Carried**

10.4. Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance Board Meeting Minutes

**Resolution #19**

Moved by Councillor Jeremy Solmes  
Seconded by Councillor John Rock

That the minutes from the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance Board Meeting held on November 12, 2020 be received.

**Carried**

**11. By-laws**

11.1. 1418-20 - GPS Policy

**Resolution #20**

Moved by Councillor Sari Watson  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That 1418-20 being a by-law to establish a GPS Policy be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of December 2020.

**Carried**

**12. Confirmation By-law**

12.1. 1419-20 - Confirmation By-law for December 7, 2020

**Resolution #21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Grant Hagerman  
Seconded by Councillor Jeremy Solmes

That 1419-20 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon at its meeting of December 7, 2020 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7th day of December 2020.

**Carried**

**13. Questions Clarifying and Agenda Item**

There were no questions asked.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Robert Mullin, Mayor

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Kathryn A. Pearl, Clerk