



Council Minutes

**Monday, October 21, 2024
4:00 PM**

Present	Trevor Bazinet, Mayor Leah Noel, Deputy Mayor Allison Segeren, Councillor John Thompson, Councillor Randy Carroll, Councillor Liz Petrie, Councillor Vanessa Kelly, Councillor
Staff Present	Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Rowntree, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Staff Absent	Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Others Present	Jim Rees Barry Page Patrick Corvyn Donna Appavoo Susan Chan George Zoethout Amy Zoethout Frank Hurkmans, GMPC (part of the meeting) Ron Burt, Takalo & Burt (part of the meeting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Goderich Town Council meets in regular session on October 21, 2024.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Presented by Deputy Mayor Noel

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

3.1 Councillor Carroll - Item 7.12 - Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: October 2024 Month-End Report

Councillor Carroll declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as he is the President of the Goderich Legion Branch 109.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda has been amended to include item 7.12 Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: October 2024 Month-End Report to note the request is for temporary road closure from Kingston Street to Courthouse Square and Courthouse Square. Item 13.3 Local Government Week Resolution was added to the Agenda.

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council hereby accepts the October 21, 2024, regular Council Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

4.2 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council hereby adopts the October 7, 2024, regular Council Minutes, as printed.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Ron Burt, Takalo & Burt Chartered Professional Accountants re: 2023 Draft Financial Statements

Mayor Bazinet thanks Auditor, Ron Burt, for providing the financial statements to Council.

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That the Town of Goderich hereby receive and approve the 2023 consolidated financial statements for the year ending 2023 and forward to the necessary provincial agencies and others as required.

CARRIED

6.2 Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Bazinet congratulates Pat Costello on her upcoming retirement Friday, October 25, 2024, and for her hard work and dedication to the Town of Goderich for the past 23 years.

Mayor Bazinet comments on participating in Local Government Week from October 21-October 26, 2024, and notes that local government are the

change makers to policies and thanks local government workers for all their hard work.

Mayor Bazinet comments that he attended the Wake-up Wednesday event on October 9, 2024, at the Goderich Legion.

On October 11, 2024 Mayor Bazinet, CAO Janice Hallahan, and Frank Hurkmans, President of Goderich Port Management Corporation hosted Ian Hamilton, President and CEO and Larissa Fen, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, from the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) for the tour of the Goderich Port and notes how remarkable the Town of Goderich shoreline is and notes that collaborating with other Great Lake Ports is vital in order to learn from each other.

Mayor Bazinet notes attending the Ontario Marine Council in Toronto with Frank Hurkmans as one of the keynote speakers. Premier Ford was present and won the inaugural Ontario Marine Champion Award for the support and increase in Great Lakes marine shipping.

6.3 Councillors' Remarks

Deputy Mayor Noel comments on attending the Rural Talks to Rural bi-annual conference in Blyth this past week. Deputy Mayor Noel notes how great the conference was and that there was an opportunity for everyone that participated in their rural community to share best practices and speak to issues that matter to rural communities.

Councillor Petrie notes the Speak Your Heart event will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, to help connect newcomers or locals within the community. Councillor Petrie comments on the Goderich Free Little Pantry and recognizes Avery Greaves for creating this initiative within the Town of Goderich and notes they are currently looking for volunteers to help with this initiative.

Councillor Carroll comments on attending the October 17, 2024 Bluewater Recycling Association Board of Directors meeting and congratulates Francis Veilleux on his retirement.

Councillor Segeren comments on the diversity of the Town of Goderich and that the White Lives Matter sign that has been a point of concern for many residents does not reflect the Town of Goderich community as a whole and that Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC) lives matter. Councillor Segeren affirms her commitment to racial justice.

Councillor Kelly notes the White Lives sign in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and recognizes that it is important to lead by example and to advocate for those who may not be able to advocate for themselves. Councillor Kelly makes a commitment to do her best and to make this a welcoming community, and denounces this type of messaging.

Councillor Thompson comments on Francis Veilleux, Bluewater Recycling Association retirement and notes the Goderich Little Theatre play that was created called "The Streamliners" about a dance band created during the Second World War. He notes that the play was sold out within one night of selling tickets and congratulates the Goderich Little Theatre team for all their hard work.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That the Staff Reports be received for information and the noted action be approved.

CARRIED

7.1 Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer re: Follow-Up Report - Menesetung Bridge Request for Funding

Staff Recommendation: Council direction required

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Council approve \$50,000.00 for the Menesetung Bridge Request for funding;

And that the funds be taken from the Economic Development Reserve and be repaid from the Community Grant Budget allocation over the next 5 years in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year.

CARRIED

7.2 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: 2025 Council Meeting Dates

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7.3 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: 2024 Ontario Building Code

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

7.4 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit No. 2024-009 - 80 Courthouse Square

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7.5 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-010 - 79 Hamilton Street - Signage

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7.6 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit No. 2024-011 - 33 St. David Street

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7.7 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: September 2024 Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

7.8 Kyle Williams, Operations and Community Services Manager re: Purchase of Used Sewer Flusher

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7.9 Jessica Clapp, Asset Management and Environmental Services Manager re: Municipal Climate Action Offer - 2024 Application

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 7.10 Bonnie Hastings, Childcare Services Manager re: October 2024 Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 7.11 Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager re: September 2024 Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 7.12 Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: October 2024 Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Concur

Councillor Carroll declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Carroll declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as he is the President of the Goderich Legion Branch 109.)

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Council concur with the staff recommendation.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

- 9.1 Glen McNeil, Warden, Huron County re: Media Release - Affordable Housing in Huron County

- 9.2 Town of Parry Sound re: Resolution - Changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich supports the Town of Parry Sound resolution regarding changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

CARRIED

- 9.3 Ontario Express Bus (ONEXBUS) re: Servicing Bruce and Huron County to London - Starting October 2024

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That the correspondence items be received for information and the noted action be approved.

CARRIED

10.1 Joanne Walters re: Relocation of Tourist Info Centre

Staff Recommendation: Refer to staff

10.2 Jim Peever, Maitland Valley Marina Ltd re: Dredging Proposal 2025

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign

10.3 Pat Costello, Payroll/Customer Support Specialist, Town of Goderich re: Notice of Retirement

Staff Recommendation: Receive with regret

10.4 Sandhya Talokar re: Diwali Fireworks Celebration

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to staff

This will move forward for 2025 at Bannister Park

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 Menesetung Bridge Association - Request for Funding - Priority Concrete Repairs on the Menesetung Bridge - Refer to item 7.1 - Remove

Removed

11.2 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Community Grant Process Review - Policy Attached - Remove

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information and approve the attached proposed Community Grant Policy.

And Further That Goderich Town Council authorize staff to proceed with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Goderich Little Theatre that clearly defines the level and type of support to be provided, and the term of the support.

CARRIED

11.3 Patrick Corvyn re: No Hate in Huron Delegation - Refer to item 13.1 - Remove

11.4 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Renovations to Maitland Valley Medical Centre - Pending

11.5 Goderich Bicentennial Appointment for the Huron Tract Commemoration Project - Refer to item 13.2 - Remove

11.6 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: 2025 Meeting Dates - Refer to item 7.2 - Remove

12. BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That By-Law 106 of 2024 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Kelly
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That By-Law 106 of 2024 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

12.1 By-Law 106 of 2024

Being a By-Law to temporarily stop up traffic on Monday, November 11, 2024, on Kingston Street to Courthouse Square for the purpose of the Remembrance Day Parade

13. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.1 Patrick Corvyn re: No Hate in Huron Delegation

Whereas the Town of Goderich offers no safe harbour for hate;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich strives for a world in which all people are free to pursue joyous lives without fear of harassment, cruelty, or violence;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich celebrates and cherishes diversity, inclusion, compassion, and courage;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to the goal of fostering a welcoming and caring community by strengthening a sense of belonging among everyone who makes Goderich home, as outlined in the 2024-2027 Strategic Action Plan;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich has taken specific actions and implemented programs to cultivate a sense of belonging for all residents, including the painting of the Pride crosswalk, providing support for public organizations through the Community Grants program, creating Welcome packages for new residents, enhancing accessibility throughout the Town, and organizing public awareness campaigns on key social issues through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

And Whereas in irreconcilable contrast, Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies seek the commission of harassment, cruelty, and violence against people based on age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich unequivocally denounces Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies in all their original and modern forms.

Deputy Mayor Noel requests an amendment to the motion and the mover and seconder agree with the changes to the motion as follows:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

WHEREAS municipal governments in Canada, along with other levels of government, have responsibilities under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as federal, provincial, and territorial human rights codes, and therefore have an important role to play in addressing racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and other forms of discrimination.

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich is committed to the goal of fostering a welcoming and caring community by strengthening a sense of belonging among every citizen who makes Goderich home, as outlined in the 2024-2027 Strategic Action Plan, and evidenced in our equity diversity and inclusion Human Resources Policy No. 03-2022 (Nov 2024);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich rejects racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and discrimination related intolerance in all forms;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich hereby:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion through its by-laws and policies, and strongly supports the vigorous enforcement of the hate propaganda and hate and bias motivated crime provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada in the interests of public safety and the well-being of all its citizens;
2. Commits to working together with other organizations and jurisdictions including other levels of government, Indigenous peoples, public and private sector institutions, and civic society organizations, to foster equality, an appreciation of cultural diversity, and respect;
3. Takes specific actions and implements programs to cultivate a sense of belonging for all citizens, including initiatives such as the painting of the Pride crosswalk, providing support for public organizations through the Community Grants program, creating Welcome packages for new residents, enhancing accessibility throughout the Town, and organizing public awareness campaigns on key social issues through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and
4. Regularly assesses and reassesses our policies, procedures, and actions to ensure they continue to foster and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion in our community.

CARRIED

13.2 Goderich Bicentennial Appointment

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Tracy Mero, Finance and Human Resource Manager, be appointed as the Town of Goderich representative for the Huron Tract Commemorative Project, and Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk be the secondary appointment.

CARRIED

13.3 Local Government Week

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Whereas October 20 to 26, 2024, is Local Government Week in Ontario, an opportunity to reflect on the vital services delivered by municipal governments;

AND Whereas municipal governments play a vital role in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Trevor Bazinet, on behalf of Goderich Town Council, do hereby join with partners such as the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) in acknowledging and celebrating the work of local municipalities by proclaiming October 20 to 26, 2024, as 'Local Government Week' in the Town of Goderich.

CARRIED

14. NEW AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 28, 2024, 4:00 PM Citizen of the Year Recognition Event
- October 29, 2024, 8:30 AM BIA Beautification Committee
- November 5, 2024, 1:00 PM Goderich Regional Airport Task Force
- November 5, 2024, 5:30 PM BIA Board of Management
- November 12, 2024, 4:00 PM Council Meeting
- November 27, 2024, 10:00 AM Community Townhall Information Session, Huron County Museum Auditorium

15. POSSIBLE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

In the event that Council enters into a possible Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Council will reconvene following the Closed Session at which time the public and press may be present.

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Council rise at 5:17 PM and go into Closed Committee of the Whole Session pursuant to Section 239(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), and (j);

And Further That Chief Administrative Officer Janice Hallahan, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Fisher, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Deanna Hastie remain for the entirety of the Closed Session and Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Rowntree remain for items 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, and 15.5 of the Closed Session and Frank Hurkmans remain in Closed Session for item 15.3.

CARRIED

15.1 Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer re: Addition to Corporate Organizational Structure

Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.2 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Closed Citizen Recognition Additional Nomination

Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.3 Port of Goderich re: Dock 7 Agri-Dome Project

Section 239(2)(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

15.4 Compass Minerals Request

Section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;

Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

Section 239(2)(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

Section 239(2)(j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

15.5 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session

- October 7, 2024, Closed Session Minutes

16. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CAO Hallahan Reports Out of Closed Committee of the Whole. On the matter of item 15.4, Compass Minerals Request, there is nothing further to report from Closed Session of Council. On the matter of item 15.2, Closed Citizen Recognition Additional Nomination, staff were directed to proceed as indicated in Closed Session of Council. Council passed a motion in Closed Session to accept the October 7, 2024, Closed Meeting minutes. On the matter of the Addition to the Corporate Organizational Structure and the Port of Goderich regarding Dock 7 Agri-Dome Project, CAO Hallahan asks Clerk Fisher to bring the suggested motions forward for Council's consideration in Open Session.

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Council endorse the addition of an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk position to the Corporate Organization Structure.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Council authorize the lease Agreement between Compass Minerals and the Town, By-Law 28 of 2012 be reassigned as per section 15 of the agreement to the Goderich Port Management Corporation and that all other terms of the agreement remain the same.

CARRIED

17. PRESS REPORTERS AND CITIZENS QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 107 of 2024 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on October 21, 2024, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this October 21, 2024.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council does now adjourn at 6:08 PM to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for November 12, 2024.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher