



Special Council Minutes

**Monday, March 3, 2025
2:00 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	Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations Andrea Rowntree, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Amanda Piskorski, Deputy Clerk (Records Management Clerk)
Staff Absent	Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Others Present	Dale Erb, BM Ross and Associates Limited Greg Stewart, Town Solicitor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Goderich Town Council meets in Special session on the 3rd day of March 2025.

2. UNANIMOUS MOTION

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Goderich Town Council hereby unanimously consents to discussing and considering the following at the March 3, 2025, Special Council meeting at 2 PM:

1. The results and recommendations regarding a Consultant for the Memorial Arena Request for Proposal - Comprehensive Plan and Recommendations on the Future Use and the Financial Viability of the Building/Property.
2. Notice of Motion: Rejection of President Trump's Rhetoric Regarding the Annexation of Canada and Trade Tariffs.
3. Downtown Revitalization Tender.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That the Town of Goderich Council hereby accepts the March 3, 2025, Special Council Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. STAFF REPORTS

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

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

CARRIED

6.1 Dale Erb, BM Ross and Associates Limited re: Goderich Memorial Arena Request for Proposal Review

Staff Recommendation: Concur

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

8.1 Downtown Revitalization Tender

8.1.1 Letter from Greg Stewart

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That Council rescind the Downtown Revitalization Project Tender;

And That Council direct staff to commence a new openly advertised tender process for the Downtown Rebuilding Infrastructure Project;

And that the tender include a bidder evaluation that will be scored and provided to Council for consideration with the bid price.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Letter from Sarnia Heavy Construction Association

8.1.3 Letter from Van Bree Infrastructure

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. BY-LAWS

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Notice of Motion: Deputy Mayor Leah Noel - Rejection of President Trump's Rhetoric Regarding the Annexation of Canada and Trade Tariffs

WHEREAS President Trump's rhetoric about the annexation of Canada is both offensive and unacceptable, undermining Canada's sovereignty and the respectful relationship between our two nations;

WHEREAS the Government of the United States, under President Trump, intends to impose unjustified trade tariffs on Canada that will cause harm to both nations' economies, local businesses, and workers;

WHEREAS the above noted actions contradict the principles of diplomatic dialogue and fair trade that Canada has long championed in our international relations;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich has a responsibility to defend the values of peace, cooperation, and mutual respect, and safeguard the interests of our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich condemns divisive and harmful rhetoric regarding the potential annexation of Canada, and categorically rejects trade tariffs imposed by President Trump;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich send the attached letter to municipal and business leaders expressing our concerns and advocating for the return of a constructive and positive relationship between our countries:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Goderich encourages other Ontario municipalities to adopt similar resolutions, advocate to their municipal and business partners in the United States and join us in a collective voice to preserve the dignity and sovereignty of our nation.

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. CLOSED SESSION

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.

15. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Laurie Moore comments on the Memorial Arena and Memorial Arena Task Force.

17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That leave be given to introduce By-Law 27 of 2025 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on March 3, 2025, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 3rd day of March 2025.

CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council does adjourn at 2:31 PM to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for March 17, 2025, at 4 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher