



Council Minutes

Monday, July 28, 2025

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 (Electronic participation)
Staff Present	Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer Amanda Banting, Deputy Clerk (Records Management Clerk) Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations Jess Stoecker, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Staff Absent	Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Others Present	Matt Hoy, Goderich Legion Mike Dawson, Menesetung Bridge Association Rhea Seeger, Goderich & District Horticulture Society Laurie Moore, Public Forum

1. CALL TO ORDER

Goderich Town Council meets in Regular Session on July 28, 2025.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

2.1 Councillor Petrie

Councillor Petrie declares a pecuniary interest on agenda item 5.1, regarding the Goderich Memorial (Arena) Complex Service Club Group Proposal, as she sits on the executive of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, which is one of the service groups that has a financial interest in the matter before Council.

2.2 Councillor Carroll

Councillor Carroll declares a pecuniary interest on agenda item 5.1, regarding the Goderich Memorial (Arena) Complex Service Club Group Proposal, as he is the Chair of the Service Club Group that is making the memorial (Arena) Complex proposal and President of the Goderich Legion.

2.3 Deputy Mayor Noel

Deputy Mayor Noel declares a pecuniary interest on agenda item 5.1, regarding the Goderich Memorial (Arena) Complex Service Club Group Proposal, as she is a member of the Rotary Club of Goderich.

2.4 Mayor Bazinet

Mayor Bazinat declares a pecuniary interest on agenda item 6.11(3), regarding the Don Johnston Memorial Baseball Tournament as he is the event organizer of the tournament to help raise funds for Goderich Minor Hockey.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of Agenda

Deputy Clerk Amanda Banting provides amendments to the agenda as follows:

The Mayor's and Councillors' remarks have been moved to follow today's presentations.

The presenter for the Memorial (Arena) Complex Service Club Group proposal has requested an additional 10 minutes. This request was approved.

Captain Brill's sign permit application demonstrates the size of the banners as 30" x 96", with a quantity of 3 banners on the black chain link fence at the harbour. However, Captain Brill has made a request for Council's consideration to approve a new banner size of 84" x 96" with the name of the business and phone number, as well as a picture of the boat so the public knows what size of boat to expect for the boat cruise.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Goderich Town Council hereby accepts the July 28, 2025, Regular Council Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3.2 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council hereby adopts the July 7, 2025, Regular Council Minutes, as printed.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Matt Hoy, Goderich Legion re: Goderich Memorial (Arena) Complex Service Club Group Proposal

Deputy Mayor Noel declared a conflict on this item.

Councillor Carroll declared a conflict on this item.

Councillor Petrie declared a conflict on this item.

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Goderich Town Council receives the presentation from the Goderich Memorial Complex Service Club Group surrounding their Letter of Intent, for information;

And Further That Council directs the Mayor and staff to begin negotiations regarding a long-term and operational agreement for the day-to-day management of the Goderich Memorial Complex, as outlined in the Letter of Intent.

CARRIED

- 5.2 Mike Dawson and Rhea Seeger re: Proposal for a Pollinator Friendly Garden and a Trail Head for the Tiger-Dunlop Heritage Trail, Maitland Trail, G2G Rail Trail and the Trans Canada Trail

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council supports in principle the Goderich Horticultural Society's proposal for a Pollinator Friendly Garden at the Mineral Springs;

And That the Goderich Horticultural Society works with Town staff on native perennial plantings at the Mineral Springs;

And Further That the matter be referred to the Municipal Marine and Heritage Committee at their September 24, 2025, meeting.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Goderich Town Council receives the Trail Head proposal for information;

And That the Town staff facilitates a meeting in the fall of 2025 with representatives from the Municipal Marine & Heritage Committee, Menesetung Bridge Association, Maitland Trail, G2G Rail Trail, and Trans Canada Trail stakeholders to review the Trail Head proposal.

CARRIED

- 5.3 Mayor's Remarks

- 5.4 Councillors' Remarks

6. STAFF REPORTS

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

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

CARRIED

- 6.1 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Telephone and Internet Voting Service Provider for the 2026 Election - Request for Proposal Results

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 6.2 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Waterfront Revenue to June 30, 2025

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 6.3 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Hydro Investment Reserve

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 6.4 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Letter of Credit Policy

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Law 114 of 2025

- 6.5 Bonnie Hastings, Childcare Services Manager re: Childcare Closure - October 24, 2025

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 6.6 Bonnie Hastings, Childcare Services Manager re: June Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 6.7 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: June Month-End Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 6.8 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit Application No. 2025-014 - 61 Hamilton Street

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 6.9 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Signage for 270 Harbour Road - Captain Mike Brill

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 6.10 Kyle Williams, Operations and Community Services Manager re: Ice Allocation Policy

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Law 115 of 2025

- 6.11 Emma MacNeil, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: July Events

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Laws 116 and 117 of 2025

Mayor Bazinet declared a conflict on item #3 of this report.

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That Goderich Town Council concurs with Emma MacNeil's July Events report.

CARRIED

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

- 8.1 Huron OPP Detachment Board - March 24, 2025 Minutes
- 8.2 Maitland Conservation Authority - April 16, 2025 Minutes
- 8.3 Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board - May 15, 2025 Minutes
- 8.4 Mid-Huron Recycling Centre Board - May 15, 2025 Minutes
- 8.5 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - May 21, 2025 Minutes
- 8.6 Business Improvement Area Board of Management - June 12, 2025 Minutes
- 8.7 Township of Puslinch re: Support Resolution - Ban Nazi Swastika in Canada
- 8.8 Town of Aylmer re: Support Resolution - Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans
- 8.9 Hon. Rob Black, Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry re: Support Resolution - Soil Health in Canada - refer to agenda item 12.1
- 8.10 Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan re: Support Resolution - Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act
- 8.11 Community Living re: Insight Newsletter for July
- 8.12 Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board re: Appeal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for Reinstatement of Provincial Funding
- 8.13 Town of Kingsville re: Support Resolution - Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Town of Kingsville regarding the opposition of Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

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

CARRIED

- 9.1 Maitland Inlet Marina Ltd. re: 2026 Dredging Proposal

Staff Recommendation: That the Mayor and Clerk sign the Evidence of Notification for Dredging for 2026

- 9.2 Hanna Holman, Planner re: Part Lot Control Exemption Application GOD PLC02-2025 - 167-169 Elgin Ave E and GOD PLC03-2025 - 171-173 Elgin Ave E

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Laws 112 and 113 of 2025

- 9.3 Michael Brill re: Boat Cruise Banners Sign Request

Staff Recommendation: Refer to Item 6.9

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Goderich Town Council defers Michael Brill's additional banner sign requests regarding the approval of a new banner size of 84" x 96" with the name of the business and phone number, as well as a picture of the boat.

WITHDRAWN

Due to additional information provided by Chief Administrative Officer Hallahan, this motion was withdrawn.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10.1 Kyle Williams, Community Services and Operations Manager re: Ice Allocation Policy - refer to agenda item 6.10 and By-Law 115 of 2025 - remove
- 10.2 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Digital sign installation at 411 Huron Road - pending
- 10.3 Frank Hurkmans, Goderich Port Management Corporation re: Request for a Port of Goderich Pick-up Truck - pending
- 10.4 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application GOD OPA 19 and Z04-25 - 110 Picton/Lawn Bowling (Town of Goderich) - pending
- 10.5 GSP Group Inc. re: Goderich Memorial Arena Comprehensive Plan: Future Use Recommendations and Financial Viability Report - pending - Refer to Item 5.3
- 10.6 Recommended Motion from the Memorial Arena Task Force - pending - Refer to Item 5.3
- 10.7 B. M. Ross and Associates Limited re: North Harbour Road Trail Stairs - Tender Review - pending

11. BY-LAWS

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That By-Laws 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117 of 2025, be read a first, second, and third time, collectively.

CARRIED

- 11.1 By-Law 110 of 2025

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a Confidentiality Agreement between Bluewater Office Equipment Limited and the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

- 11.2 By-Law 111 of 2025

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a Heat Relief Strategy Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

11.3 By-Law 112 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 9.2

Being a By-Law to declare that certain land is not subject to Part Lot Control (Parts 1 and 2, Plan 22R-7504, Town of Goderich, County of Huron)

11.4 By-Law 113 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 9.2

Being a By-Law to declare that certain land is not subject to Part Lot Control (Parts 1 and 2, Plan 22R-7503, Town of Goderich, County of Huron)

11.5 By-Law 114 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 6.4

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a Letter of Credit Policy for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

11.6 By-Law 115 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 6.10

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an Ice Allocation Policy for the Maitland Recreation Centre for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

11.7 By-Law 116 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 6.11

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a Standard Rental Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Goderich and Grand River Party Rentals Incorporated for entertainment at the Salt and Harvest Festival

11.8 By-Law 117 of 2025 - refer to agenda item 6.11

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a 2025 Rental Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich and Mildmay Tent Rentals Limited for the purpose of a tent rental for the Salt and Harvest Festival

12. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor John Thompson, Notice of Motion re: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health"

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to

Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25;

And Further That this motion be circulated to the following parties:

Robert Black, Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
All local municipalities within Huron County
Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce MP
Julie Dabrusin, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Heath MacDonald, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development

13. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 11, 2025, at 4 PM, Council

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.

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Goderich Town Council rise at 5:36 PM and go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239(2)(d);

And Further That the Chief Administrative Officer, Janice Hallahan, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Deanna Hastie, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure, and Operations, Sean Thomas, Deputy Clerk (Records Management Clerk), Amanda Banting, and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Jess Stoecker, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

14.1 Collective Bargaining Minutes of Settlement

Section 239(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

14.2 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session

- July 7, 2025, Closed Session Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Goderich Town Council rise and come out of Closed Session at 5:51 PM.

CARRIED

15. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chief Administrative Officer, Janice Hallahan, reports out of Closed Session regarding agenda items 14.1 and 14.2. The minutes of July 7, 2025, were approved, and Council discussed information surrounding the collective bargaining negotiations, along with the corresponding Minutes of Settlement. CAO Hallahan asked Deputy Clerk, Amanda Banting, to bring forward a suggested motion on this matter for Council’s consideration.

Deputy Clerk Amanda Banting reads the following motion;

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That the negotiated 4-year Collective Agreement for the period of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2029, between CUPE and its Local 4907 and the Town of Goderich be approved.

CARRIED

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Laurie Moore comments on the Goderich Memorial (Area) Complex Service Club Group proposal.

17. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 118 of 2025 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council Meeting held on July 28, 2025, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this July 28, 2025.

CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That Goderich Town Council does now adjourn at 5:57 PM to meet again at the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for August 11, 2025.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

DEPUTY CLERK, Amanda Banting