



Council Minutes

**Monday, April 8, 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 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 Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Others Present	Jenna Ujiye, Tourism and Community Development Manager Lisa Hood, Tourism, Events and Marketing Coordinator Barry Page Dennis Elliot, BM ROSS Dale Erb, BM ROSS John Marshall Taylor Lambert Glen Scheels Vicky Culbert Raj Mohabeer, GSP Group Brendan Te Brinke, GSP Group Barron Purser Steve Johnston, Veolia Water Jeff Bauer Chandraamouli Medavarapu Amy Boyce, Compass Minerals Colin Carmichael, Huron Chamber of Commerce

1. CALL TO ORDER

Goderich Town Council meets in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 4 PM.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Presented by Councillor Segeren

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- 3.1 Deputy Mayor Noel - Item 15.1 - Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer re: Economic Development Related Proposals

Deputy Mayor Noel declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as a family member has a professional relationship with one of the parties involved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 4.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Goderich Town Council hereby accepts the April 8, 2024, Regular Council Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

- 4.2 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Goderich Town Council hereby adopts the March 13, 2024, Special Council Minutes, the March 18, 2024, Regular Council Minutes, and the March 25, 2024, Budget Minutes, as printed.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 Jenna Ujiye and Lisa Hood, Tourism and Special Events re: Festival and Events Ontario Award Recognition

Mayor Bazinet recognizes Jenna Ujiye, Lisa Hood, Royal Heartland Lepage Realty, and Compass Minerals for winning the Best Event With Under \$100,000.00 Budget at the Festival and Events of Ontario Awards Gala.

- 6.2 Dennis Elliot and Dale Erb, BM ROSS, Raj Mohabeer and Brendan Te Brinke, GSP Group re: Rebuilding Downtown Infrastructure Downtown Streetscape Presentation

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council receive the Downtown Streetscape Plan presented by BMROSS and GSP for information;

And That Council direct staff to bring back a financial strategy on how this capital infrastructure project will be funded to unify the work to achieve Council's Strategic Goal.

CARRIED

- 6.3 Steve Johnston, Assistant Project Manager, Veolia Water re: 2023 Water Treatment Plant Annual Report, 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report, and 2023 Compliance Summary

Referred to item 10.1.

- 6.4 Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Bazinet attended the St. Lawrence Great Lakes Initiative in Blue Mountain on Thursday, April 4, 2024, which covered lake erosion. He comments on attending the Ramadan Event with his spouse, Jill on Saturday, April 6, 2024, and it was a great event supporting inclusion and diversity, and praised how Goderich has become such a welcoming community. April 14, 2024, at 10:30 AM, Mayor Bazinet is attending the Lakeshore United Church to support it becoming an Affirming Ministry.

Mayor Bazinet comments on inviting youth to the Town Hall to sit in the Mayor's chair and enjoy candy for Easter Saturday last weekend. He mentions that the U15 Rep Goderich Sailors Hockey Team qualified for the All-Ontario Championship Hockey Tournament and won in the Semifinals in overtime, but lost in the finals. He notes that no Goderich team has won since 1982/1983 and commends the players, parents and coaches on a wonderful season.

Mayor Bazinet provides a shout out to the Goderich Sun on the excellent coverage of Council and local sports, etc. Mayor Bazinet congratulates the Goderich Ringette teams on their successful season this year.

- 6.5 Councillors' Remarks

Deputy Mayor Noel comments on attending the Huon County Federation of Agriculture Politicians Forum with Mayor Bazinet and how informative it was regarding the commodity producers (farmers) and their concerns they have and how they can be better supported.

Councillor Petrie comments on behalf of some concerned citizens regarding fire calls that the Fire Department receives and the lack of respect that the Fire Fighters have when they are responding to calls when they have their green lights on. Councillor Petrie reminds citizens that they are to pull over completely and to come to a complete stop when you see a green light flashing. She also comments on how nice the new Fire Chief's vehicle is.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

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

CARRIED

- 7.1 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/CBO re: Heritage Permit No. 2024-001 - 1 Courthouse Square - Security Cameras
Staff Recommendation: Approve without conditions
- 7.2 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager Chief Building Official re: Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.3 Tracy Mero, Finance and Human Resource Services Manager re: 2024 Terms of Employment for Full and Part-Time Employees
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.4 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility, and Health and Safety Manager re: Victim Support Grant Videos
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.5 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility, and Health and Safety Manager re: Joint Health and Safety Committee - Terms of Reference
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.6 Jeff Wormington, Fire Services Manager/Fire Chief re: First Quarter Report 2024
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.7 Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager re: Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.8 Bonnie Hastings, Manager of Childcare Services re: Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.9 Bonnie Hastings, Manager of Childcare Services re: Closure Day October 21,2024
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.10 Jenna Ujiye, Tourism and Community Development Officer re: County of Huron SLED 2024
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.11 Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.12 Goderich Regional Airport re: Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

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

- 8.1 Goderich Regional Airport Task Force re: Goderich Regional Airport Business and Marketing Manager Draft Job Description

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Council refer the Goderich Regional Airport Business and Marketing Manager Draft Job Description to staff, for a report back to Council with a recommendation on how to proceed.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

- 9.1 Environment Committee Minutes - March 12, 2024
- 9.2 Bluewater Recycling Association Meeting Notes - March 21, 2024
- 9.3 Leigh Knecht and Richard Blair, EXP Services Inc re: Goderich Regional Airport Pavement Conditions Evaluation
- 9.4 Airport Management Council of Ontario re: Press Release - Airport Management Council of Ontario Continues to Advocate for Ontario's Airports
- 9.5 Huron County Accessibility Committee Municipal Working Group Minutes - March 25, 2024
- 9.6 Deborah Logue, Executive Director, Victim Services Huron Perth re: Media Release - Victim Services Perth Joins Victims Services Huron, Strengthening Support for Local Communities
- 9.7 Susan Chan, John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund re: Spring Hike, Plant and Compost Sale
- 9.8 Jim Rees Letter re: Waste Management Proposal
- 9.9 Yvonne Shragge Letter re: Partners for Climate Protection
- 9.10 Qatalyst Research Group re: Improving Assessment of Quality and Sufficiency of Emergency Management Programs in Ontario (IQEMPO) - Final Report
- 9.11 Municipality of Shuniah re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.12 County of Huron re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.13 Town of Marathon re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.14 Township of Chatsworth re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.15 City of Quinte West re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.16 County of Perth re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

- 9.17 Municipality of Central Huron re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.18 Municipality of West Perth re: Resolution - Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 9.19 Township of Loyalist re: Resolution - Amend Blue Box Regulation
- 9.20 Township of Amaranth re: Resolution - Operational Budget Funding

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council support the Township of Amaranth resolution regarding equivalent operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

- 9.21 Township of Puslinch re: Resolution - Enbridge Gas

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

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

CARRIED

- 10.1 Steve Johnston, Veolia Water re: 2023 Water Treatment Plant Annual Report, 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report, and 2023 Compliance Summary

Staff Recommendation: That Goderich Town Council approve the 2023 Water Treatment Plant Annual Report, the 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report, and the 2023 Compliance Summary

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Goderich Town Council approve the 2023 Water Treatment Plant Annual Report, the 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Annual Report, and the 2023 Compliance Summary.

CARRIED

- 10.2 Ryan DeVries, BM Ross re: Goderich Municipal Day Care Centre Generator

Staff Recommendation: Concur

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Council direct staff to proceed with the installation parts of the work that can be done internally and re-tender the portions that Town Staff are unable to fulfill.

CARRIED

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 11.1 Menesetung Bridge Association re: Fed Dev Grant Request - Councillor Segeren - Pending
- 11.2 Curbside Garbage Collection Request For Proposal (RFP)

12. BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That By-Laws 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 of 2024 be taken collectively.

CARRIED

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That By-Laws 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 of 2024 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That By-Laws 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 of 2024 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

- 12.1 By-Law 39 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize a lease between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich and Local Rolla for the purpose of locating a canteen operation at the waterfront area
- 12.2 By-Law 40 of 2024

Being a By-Law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year of 2024 for general municipal, county and education purposes, to set and levy the general municipal tax rates, to levy the tax rates for county and education purposes and to set the BIA levy rate for 2024
- 12.3 By-Law 41 of 2024

Being a By-Law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year 2024
- 12.4 By-Law 42 of 2024

Being a By-Law respecting the Remuneration and Per Diems for Council Members and to repeal By-Law 27 of 2023

12.5 By-Law 43 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of Terms of Employment between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich and the Full-Time Employees of the Town of Goderich and to repeal By-Law 46 of 2023

12.6 By-Law 44 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of Terms of Employment between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich and the Part-Time Employees of the Town of Goderich and to repeal By-Law 47 of 2023

12.7 By-Law 45 of 2024

Being a By-Law to appoint a Finance and Taxation Manager for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

12.8 By-Law 46 of 2024

Being a By-Law to temporarily stop up traffic on Thursday, May 30, 2024, on Bennett Street West, between South Street and Eldon Street, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the purpose of the Valhalla event at Goderich District Collegiate Institute

12.9 By-Law 47 of 2024

Being a By-Law to amend the Collective Agreement and to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich and the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local No. 4907

12.10 By-Law 48 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an Agreement between Sunset SUP/Yoga Den and 360 Bikes and Boards and the Corporation of the Town of Goderich

12.11 By-Law 49 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Goderich, West Coast Blues Inc, Royal Lepage Heartland Realty, and Goderich Salt and Harvest Festival

13. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.1 Memorial Arena Task Force Recommendation

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That the Council direct staff to engage an architect and engineering firm to review the existing memorial arena studies and updated costs.

CARRIED

13.2 Climate Change Emergency Declaration - Referred from the March 18, 2024 Council Meeting

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

WHEREAS climate change emergency poses a significant threat to the environment, economy, and well-being of communities, risking the extinction of millions of species and weakening the health and integrity of ecosystems worldwide; contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage; and harming the health and security of all people;

AND WHEREAS urgent action is necessary to mitigate the effects of climate change emergency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and transition towards a sustainable and resilient future; and

AND WHEREAS collaboration and coordination among all levels of government, the private sector, and society are essential to achieve meaningful progress in combating climate change emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF GODERICH:

1. Officially declares a climate change emergency crisis for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our local ecosystem, economy, and community from climate change emergency;
2. Expresses its full support for climate change emergency initiatives and urges the federal, provincial, and other municipal governments to prioritize and implement comprehensive climate change policies and programs that align with international commitments and targets;
3. Calls upon the federal and provincial governments to provide adequate funding and resources to municipalities to support climate change emergency mitigation efforts, and supports the development and implementation of climate change adaptation strategies to protect vulnerable communities, infrastructure, and natural resources;
4. Commits to continuing its work under the Climate Protection Program coordinated between the Town and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, setting additional policy goals and mobilizing our community to implement these goals by raising awareness and promoting public education on climate change issues, emphasizing the importance of both individual actions and inter-departmental coordination in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilience;
5. Commits to regularly reviewing and updating Town of Goderich policies to align with best practices in addressing climate change, and revisiting this resolution with each term of Council when developing the Corporate Strategic Plan.

AND THAT this resolution shall be provided to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; all federal Opposition party leaders; MP Ben Lobb; Premier Doug Ford; all provincial opposition party leaders; MPP Lisa Thompson; Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, County of Huron, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority; all Ontario Municipalities and the local media.

14. NEW AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 9, 2024, 5:30 PM BIA Board of Management
- April 16, 2024, 1:30 PM Rebuilding Downtown Infrastructure Task Force
- April 17, 2024, 10:00 AM Special Municipal and Marine Heritage Committee
- April 17, 2024, 10:00 AM BIA Farmers Market Committee
- April 29, 2024, 4:00 PM Council Meeting
- May 9, 2024, 11:00 AM Mayors Luncheon - Beach Street Station

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 5:30 PM and go into Closed Committee of the Whole Session pursuant to Section 239(2) (b), (c), (i), (j), and (k);

And Further That Chief Administrative Officer Janice Hallahan, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Fisher, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Deanna Hastie, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure, and Operations Sean Thomas, and Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Rowntree, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

15.1 Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer re: Economic Development Related Proposals

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

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

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; or

Section 239(2)((k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf

of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.

15.2 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session

March 18, 2024, Closed Session Minutes

16. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Deputy Mayor Noel declared a conflict on this item. (Deputy Mayor Noel declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as a family member has a professional relationship with one of the parties involved.)

CAO Hallahan reports out of closed session noting that staff were directed to proceed as indicated for item 15.1, and regarding item 15.2, Council passed a motion to approve the minutes from the previous closed session of March 18, 2024.

17. PRESS REPORTERS AND CITIZENS QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 50 of 2024 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on April 8, 2024, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this April 8, 2024.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council does now adjourn at 6:37 PM to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 29, 2024.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher