



**Wasaga Beach Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual (On-line) Meeting**

Members Present: Mayor B. Smith
Deputy Mayor T. Snell
Councillor J. Belanger
Councillor S. Dileo
Councillor F. Ego
Councillor E. Timms
Councillor R. White

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

2. PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Clerk advised that Item 7.3 Term of Council Priorities would be moved up under Presentations to be heard first.

Resolution No: COU-2025-22

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the contents of the agenda for January 30, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2025

Resolution No: COU-2025-23

Moved by: F. Ego

Seconded by: J. Belanger

1. **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 16, 2025, are hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025

Resolution No: COU-2025-24

Moved by: R. White

Seconded by: J. Belanger

1. **THAT** the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held January 16, 2025, are hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Ryan Durrell - Axxima - Simcoe Municipalities Insurance Pool Presentation

Ryan Durrell, Axxima made a presentation to Council pertaining to a proposed Municipal Insurance Pool for municipalities of Simcoe County. Mr. Durrell provided an overview of the benefits to the Town by participating in the Municipal Insurance Pool and answered questions of Council.

Resolution No: COU-2025-25

Moved by: J. Belanger

Seconded by: R. White

1. **THAT** the presentation by Ryan Durrell, Axxima to Council pertaining to Simcoe Municipalities Insurance Pool be received.

CARRIED

7.1.1 2024 Municipal Insurance Pool - 20250130-41

Resolution No: COU-2025-26

Moved by: J. Belanger

Seconded by: F. Ego

1. **THAT** the report titled: 2024 Municipal Insurance Pool, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Form of Subscription in the Municipalities in the County of Simcoe Subscribers Agreement; and
3. **THAT** the Chief Financial Officer, or appropriate designate assigned by the Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to represent the Town of Wasaga Beach on the Municipal Insurance Pool Advisory Board.

CARRIED

7.2 Trustee Mike Foley and Chair Dana Powell - Simcoe County District School Board - Wasaga Beach High School Update

Trustee Mike Foley and Superintendent of Business and Facility Services Corry Van Nispen made a presentation to Council providing an update on the new Wasaga Beach Secondary School and answered questions of Council

Resolution No: COU-2025-27

Moved by: J. Belanger

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the presentation by Trustee Mike Foley and Superintendent of Business and Facility Services Corry Van Nispen, Simcoe County District School Board pertaining to Wasaga Beach High School Update be received for information.

CARRIED

7.3 Term of Council Priorities - 2024 Update - 20250130-54

The CAO made a presentation to Council pertaining to the Term of Council Priorities highlighting the progress made in 2024 to complete the priorities and answered questions of Council.

Resolution No: COU-2025-28

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: F. Ego

1. **THAT** the presentation titled: Term of Council Priorities – 2024 Update Presentation, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

9. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

9.1 Verbal Update - Provincial Elections - Deputy CAO & GM Legislative and Development Services

The Deputy CAO provided Council with an update with respect to the proposed Provincial and Federal Elections. The General Manager of Legislative and Development Services updated Council on the cancellation of the February 27, 2025 Council Meeting to accommodate the Provincial Election and advised that it will be rescheduled to March 6, 2025.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Resolution No: COU-2025-29

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the following Consent List items under Staff Reports and all the recommendations contained therein be adopted, excluding items pulled and moved to Matters for Consideration to be voted on separately:

CARRIED

10.1 Fire Department Report - December 2024 - 20250130-21

Resolution No: COU-2025-29

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the report titled: Fire Department Report-December 2024, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repairs - 20250130-27

Resolution No: COU-2025-29

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the report titled: Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repairs – RFQ# PW2024-12 Award Recommendation, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received;
2. **THAT** the Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repairs, in accordance with RFQ No. PW2024-12, be awarded to Aqua Tech Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$263,532.66, excluding H.S.T.; and
3. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

CARRIED

10.3 Small Business Support - 20250130-50

Resolution No: COU-2025-29

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the report titled: Small Business Support to the Council meeting of January 30th, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Moved by: R. White

Seconded by: T. Snell

1. **THAT** the following Consent List items under Correspondence be received for information, excluding items pulled and moved to Matters for Consideration to be voted on separately:

CARRIED

11.1 November 29, 2025 - Township of Oro-Medonte - Increase Tile Drain Load Limit

12. MINUTES OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Resolution No: COU-2025-30

Moved by: S. Dileo

Seconded by: R. White

1. **THAT** the Consent List items under Minutes of Boards and Committees be received for information:

CARRIED

- 12.1 Committee of Adjustment - Minutes - December 18, 2024
- 12.2 Climate Action Advisory Committee - November 19, 2024 and December 17, 2024

13. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

13.1 **2024 Casino Funding Report - 20250130-51**

Resolution No: COU-2025-31

Moved by: F. Ego

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the report titled: 2024 Casino Funding Report, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received for information.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.2 **Grants to Organizations Policy Update - 20250130-34**

Resolution No: COU-2025-32

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: F. Ego

1. **THAT** the report titled: Grants to Organizations Policy Update, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** Council approve the amendments to the Grants and Sponsorships to Organizations Policy, attached as Appendix A.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.3 **Recreation and Facilities Department 2024 Year in Review - 20250130-35**

Resolution No: COU-2025-33

Moved by: F. Ego

Seconded by: T. Snell

1. **THAT** the report titled: Recreation and Facilities Department - 2024 Year in Review to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025 be received for information.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.4 Surety Bonds - New Legislation - 20250130-52

Resolution No: COU-2025-34

Moved by: S. Dileo

Seconded by: R. White

1. **THAT** the report titled: Surety Bonds – New Legislation, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** Council approve the recommendations outlined in this staff report for the development of a financial policy regarding securities associated with the Planning Act.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.5 2025 Additional Budget Request - Climate Action Advisory Committee - 20250116-24

Resolution No: COU-2025-35

Moved by: S. Dileo

Seconded by: J. Belanger

1. **THAT** the report titled: 2025 Additional Budget Request - Climate Action Advisory Committee, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025 be received; and
2. **THAT** Council direct Staff to use the 2024 Climate Action Advisory Committee \$3000 surplus to fund the South Georgian Green Economy Hub Pilot.
3. **THAT** Council approve a \$3000 expenditure from the Climate Action Advisory Committee approved 2025 budget to fund the South Georgian Green Economy Hub Pilot.

Yea (6): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, and E. Timms

Nay (1): R. White

CARRIED (6 to 1)

13.6 Civic Awards Program Policy - 20250130-33

Resolution No: COU-2025-36

Moved by: F. Ego

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the report titled: Civic Awards Program Policy to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** Council approve the Civic Awards Program Policy attached as Appendix A to this report as amended.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.7 Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 - Policy Update - Municipal Code of Conduct - 20250130-39

Moved by: T. Snell

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the report titled: Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 – Policy Update to the Municipal Code of Conduct to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025 be received; and
2. **THAT** the Clerk be directed to provide written comments on the proposed legislation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as outlined in this report.

Amendment:

Resolution No: COU-2025-37

Moved by: S. Dileo

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the main motion be amended to include the following:
2. **THAT** Council recommend that the Ontario Integrity Commissioner be responsible to appoint the Municipal Integrity Commissioner for each municipality.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Resolution No: COU-2025-38

Moved by: T. Snell

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. THAT the report titled: Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 – Policy Update to the Municipal Code of Conduct to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025 be received;
2. THAT Council recommends that the Ontario Integrity Commission be responsible to appoint the Municipal Integrity Commissioner for each municipality; and
3. THAT the Clerk be directed to provide written comments on the proposed legislation to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as outlined in this report as amended.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.8 Business Case - Build Wasaga Municipal Services Corporation - 20250130-53

Resolution No: COU-2025-39

Moved by: R. White

Seconded by: T. Snell

1. **THAT** the report titled: Business Case – “Build Wasaga” Municipal Services Corporation, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** Staff be directed to work with legal counsel to begin preparations to incorporate the “Build Wasaga” Municipal Services Corporation.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.9 January 8, 2025 - City of Woodstock - Funding for Children's Aid Society

Resolution No: COU-2025-40

Moved by: E. Timms
Seconded by: S. Dileo

WHEREAS Council received correspondence from the City of Woodstock dated January 8, 2024 expressing concerns to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services pertaining to the urgent need for adequate and sustainable funding for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and other child welfare agencies throughout Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the City of Woodstock in their request to the Province to prioritize and support the financial needs of these vital agencies. All levels of government must work together to improve upstream intervention and support to prevent the tragic outcomes we are seeing as a result of inadequate funding; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution and the City of Woodstock's correspondence be forwarded to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, City of Woodstock and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

13.10 January 17, 2025 - Township of Woolwich - Election Advocacy and Preparation

Resolution No: COU-2025-41

Moved by: E. Timms
Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the Council for the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution from the Township of Woolwich and other supporting municipalities in Ontario calling on the Province of Ontario to update the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario before the summer of 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the Municipal Elections Act with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and
2. **THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Yea (7): B. Smith, T. Snell, J. Belanger, S. Dileo, F. Ego, E. Timms, and R. White

CARRIED (7 to 0)

14. RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

14.1 Accessible Parking Fee Exemption for Non-Residents with Permits - 20250130-31

Resolution No: COU-2025-42

Moved by: F. Ego

Seconded by: T. Snell

1. **THAT** the report titled: Accessible Parking Fee Exemption for Non-Residents with Permits, to the Council meeting of January 30, 2025, be received; and
2. **THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that Council pass a By-law that would allow free parking for non-residents that display an Accessible Parking Permit in municipal parking lots.

CARRIED

14.2 EDTAC Tourism Website Input - 20250130-36

Resolution No: COU-2025-43

Moved by: E. Timms

Seconded by: R. White

1. **THAT** the report titled: Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC) Tourism Website Feedback, to the Council meeting of January 30th, 2024, be received;
2. **THAT** Council approve the recommendations provided by EDTAC outlined in this report; and,
3. **THAT** the recommendations be referred back to Economic Development staff for consideration.

CARRIED

14.3 EDTAC - Festivals and Events Strategy - 20250130-38

Resolution No: COU-2025-44

Moved by: T. Snell

Seconded by: E. Timms

1. **THAT** the report titled: Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC) Festivals and Events Strategy Recommendations, to the Council meeting of January 30th, 2024, be received; and
2. **THAT** Council approve the recommendations provided by EDTAC;
3. **THAT** the Committee recommendations be referred back to Staff for consideration in the Festival & Events Strategy.

CARRIED

15. **COUNCIL REQUESTED STAFF REPORTS**

16. **NOTICES OF MOTION/MOTIONS**

There were none.

17. **BY-LAWS**

Resolution No: COU-2025-45

Moved by: R. White

Seconded by: S. Dileo

1. **THAT** the following By-laws be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time and finally passed:

CARRIED

17.1 2025-06 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach at its Regular Council meeting held Thursday January 30, 2025

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm.