



The Township of Amaranth Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor, C. Gerrits
Deputy Mayor, G. Little
Councillor, S. Graham
Councillor, B. Metzger
Councillor, A. Stirk

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, N. Martin
Deputy Clerk, H. Boardman
Treasurer, S. VanGerven
Roads Superintendent, K. Watson

The Township of Amaranth Council held a regular meeting on Wednesday May 21, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call To Order

The Deputy Clerk determined quorum was obtained and the meeting was able to proceed.

Mayor Gerrits called the Meeting to Order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor read the Land Acknowledgement declaration that was provided in the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #: 1

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Council was reminded that they could declare a conflict at any time during the meeting should one arise.

5. Approval of Minutes

None for this meeting.

6. Open Forum

None for this meeting.

7. Delegations/Presentations (pre-registered)

7.1 Shelburne and District Fire Department

Chief Pratt from the Shelburne & District Fire Department provided a presentation on current Level of Services. Chief Foreman from the Grand Valley & District Fire Department was present at the meeting.

Council discussed the service levels, public education, training and staffing with the Fire Chiefs.

8. Public Meetings (Statutory and Non-Statutory)

None for this meeting.

9. Unfinished Business Matters Arising from Minutes/Matters Arising from Delegations

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

9.1 Land Evaluation and Area Review Final Report

Follow up motion

Resolution #: 2

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping may inform future amendments to the Township and County's prime agricultural area; and

Prior approved site-specific Township Official Plan amendments be recognized and addressed through the future Official Plan Amendment processes to implement the LEAR 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping; and

Prior approved zoning for non-farm uses be recognized and addressed through the future Official Plan Amendment processes to implement the LEAR study 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping; and

The Township's existing 'Environmental Protection' designation be recognized and maintained despite the 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping (unless other studies conducted through the future Official Plan review process suggest otherwise);and

The County's prime agricultural area mapping (Schedule C Agricultural Area and Rural Lands) be implemented within the Greenbelt Plan area in the Township Official Plan; and

The list of members of the public who opted in for project updates should be provided to the County and kept by the Township for use during future Official Plan Amendment consultation.

CARRIED

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council request a proposal from MHBC Planning Ltd. to extend their existing contract to include a rewrite of the Township Official Plan.

CARRIED

10. Building and Planning Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

10.1 Memo to Council 2025-014

Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03-2025 Wilson

10.2 Memo to Council 2025-015

Zoning By-Law Amendment Z05-2025 Welk

10.3 Town of Shelburne

Notice of Public Meeting - June 2nd 2025 - DPS 20/02 & Z20/02 - 416, 420, 428 Main St. W

10.4 County of Dufferin

Notice of Decision - Town of Orangeville OPA 132 & 135

10.5 Other

Nothing at this time.

11. Roads and Public Works Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 Report to Council 2025-042

Roads Update

The Roads Superintendent provided an overview of the report which outlined spring operations, fleet maintenance, construction projects and staffing updates.

Council discussed treating joints on the new structures with epoxy in order to preserve their longevity.

Council thanked the Roads Superintendent for his excellent efforts and hard work during his tenure over the past 3.5 years.

11.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

12. Treasury Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

12.1 Report to Council 2025-041

Infrastructure Ontario Loan

Council and the Treasurer discussed debt serviceability and financing options. Council agreed with proceeding with a 15 year term as presented.

12.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

13. County and County Council Business

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

13.1 County MPAC Uploads – March and April

13.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

14. Committee Reports

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 Shelburne and District Fire Board

Minutes April 1, 2025

14.2 Shelburne Public Library Board

Minutes March 18, 2025

14.3 Other

Nothing at this time.

15. General Business and Correspondence Consent Agenda

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

15.1 AMO

Policy Update - Modelling Tool, Policy Update - Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals and Development Charges, Watchfile - May 8, 2025, Watchfile - May 15, 2025, New Date for AMO's Important Trade and Tariff Forum

15.2 Ontario News

[Ontario Permanently Cutting the Gas Tax and Taking Tolls Off Highway 407 East, Province Seizes Over 700,000 Unmarked Cigarettes and Over 6,000 Untaxed Cigars](#)

15.3 Letter from Minister Rob Flack (234-2025-2204)

15.4 Other

Nothing at this time.

16. Added Items (Late Submissions)

None for this meeting.

17. New Business

17.1 Flag Protocol and Proclamation Request

Hope Air Day 2025

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth hereby proclaims June 6th, 2025, as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

And Further That, The Township urges all citizens to join in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our community. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

CARRIED

17.2 Other

Council was advised that the Soccer program and Community Market registrations are coming in for the 2025 season.

Council discussed the letter from Minister Flack from item 15.3 and requested further discussion at the next meeting in order to provide comments on Bill 17.

Council was reminded that the Grand Valley Duck Race will be taking place on May 24, 2025.

18. Notice of Motions

None for this meeting.

19. Closed Meeting

None for this meeting.

20. By-Laws

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 Infrastructure Ontario Loan

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital works and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.2 ZBA Z03-2025

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: A. Stirk
Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2-2009 as amended to rezone the lands described as Part Lot 6, Concession 2 in the Township of Amaranth and municipally known as 473325 County Road 11, Township of Amaranth to permit an additional dwelling unit; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.3 ZBA Z05-2025

Resolution #: 7

Moved by: B. Metzger
Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2-2009 as amended to rezone the lands described as Lot 20, Parcel B, East Part, Concession 8, Township of Amaranth to permit an additional dwelling unit; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

21. Confirming By-Law

Resolution #: 8

Moved by: S. Graham
Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for May 21, 2025; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

22. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Resolution #: 9

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk