

- She noted that the 2023 budget does not include amortization. This is represented under Township expenses in the financial statements.
- Revenues are significantly higher than budgeted – a lot more taxation revenue was received than what was anticipated in 2023. User charges increased due to an increased number of building permits being issued. Investment income also stands out; 3.9% to 5% interest earned on investments. Funds were not required to come out of reserves for broadband installation and tax write-offs – these funds continued to earn interest throughout the year.
- The auditor encouraged the Township to obtain budgets from Township cemetery boards. The Township has been working towards moving the Township hall and park board financials in-house as these are boards/committees that the Township financially supports. Christene Scrimgeour commented that the cemetery boards are under the financial responsibility of the Township Treasurer.
- She commented on note #10 – accumulated surplus. Reserves are increased by approximately \$1.2 million in 2023 – tax write-offs did not come out and funds for Execulink broadband installation did not come out of reserves in 2023 (\$850,000 total).
- Julie Middleton will follow up on circulation of the building condition assessment reports for Council's information in relation to buildings that contain asbestos.
- Ms. Scrimgeour encouraged Council to continue to budget for the replacement of capital assets and work on moving Township hall and park board financials in-house.

Resolution No. 4 Moved by Jim Pickard
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive and approve the Township of South-West Oxford Financial Statement and Trust Funds Statement as of December 31st, 2023.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Staff Reports

BD 06-2024: June 2024 Building Report

Chief Building Official Howard Leaver provided Council with a report to provide them with the status of the activities in the building department as of the end of June 2024. He advised Council that permit fees collected to date total \$115,165.93. July has been a busier month and permit fees are in line with budget for 2023.

Resolution No. 5 Moved by Valerie Durston
 Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report BD 2024-06 June 2024 building report as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CAO 22-2024: Grant Restructuring - Township Hall, Park & Recreation Committees 2025

Council considered a report from Chief Administrative Officer Mary Ellen Greb which proposed the following:

1. To alter the current grant structure to the Township's Hall, Park, and Recreation Committees to streamline processes for some of the standard expenses directly billed to each committee commencing as part of the 2025 Township Budget:
2. Consider the potential financial impacts of the new Facilities Maintenance Technician on the Township Committee's future budgets:
3. Conduct a review of the Hall, Park, and Recreation Terms of Reference document to bring forward a recommendation to Council by May, 2025.

Council agreed that there are some opportunities now to streamline financials of the Township hall and park boards. Council agreed that it is time to review and update the Terms of Reference. The Township will be completing grass cutting, snow clearing and will soon be onboarding the new Facilities Maintenance Technician – this will impact hall board budgets and grant funding.

Resolution No. 6 Moved by Valerie Durston
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive Report CAO 22-2024 as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council:

1. Approve the cost of snow clearing and grass cutting to be paid by the Township directly and not billed back to the Township facilities (excluding Beachville Museum);
2. Directs staff to bring forward a recommendation regarding the billing of staff time for the new Facilities Maintenance Technician;

3. Directs staff to conduct a review of the Hall, Park, and Recreation Terms of Reference with a recommendation to be brought back to the council no later than May 2025 in consultation with Township hall and park boards.

Discussion on the motion:

It was noted that proposed changes to the Township Hall and Park board terms of reference would likely come into effect in 2025.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CAO 23-2024: Municipal Office Window/Screen/Door and Outdoor Building Cleaning

Council considered a report from Chief Administrative Officer Mary Ellen Greb. The report requested approval from Council to utilize funds in the Township Covid Reserve to offset the unbudgeted cost of cleaning the windows/screen/doors and outdoor building cleaning (including eavestroughs) at the Municipal Office.

Resolution No. 7 Moved by Jim Pickard
Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive Report CAO 23-2024 as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council approves the transfer of funds from the Township COVID Reserve to cover the cost of the municipal office window/screen/door and building cleaning estimated at \$1,500.00.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CL 38-2024: By-law Enforcement Activity Report - 2nd Quarter (2024)

Clerk Julie Middleton provided Council with a report to provide them with an update in relation to the activities in the by-law enforcement division as of June 30th, 2024.

Resolution No. 8 Moved by Paul Buchner
 Secinded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 38-2024: By-law Enforcement Activity Report - 2nd Quarter (2024) as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CL 42-2024: Follow Up: Keeping of Chickens in Residential Zones

Clerk Julie Middleton provided Council with a report to bring forward follow up information to Council regarding the keeping of chickens in residential zones and respond to inquiries about whether or not amendments are required to the Township's Animal Care and Control By-law in relation to the keeping of chickens.

Discussion took place among Council regarding the pros and cons of keeping chickens in backyards in residential zone. It was noted that the keeping of chickens provide many benefits to residents; however, there are many concerns particularly related to human and animal health and welfare. Council agreed that if chickens are permitted in residential zones that there needs to be defined conditions in place associated with any approval given by the Township.

Resolution No. 9 Moved by Valerie Durston
 Secinded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 42-2024: Follow Up: Keeping of Chickens in Residential Zones as information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to staff to maintain the status quo in relation to the keeping of chickens in residential zones.

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to staff to bring back a follow up report which outlines

Resolution No. 11 Moved by Valerie Durston
Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. FD2024-012 entitled "Fire Services Training Coordinators and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Positions" be received as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council directs staff to amend the Fire Department Establishing By-law #77-2021 Organizational Chart to include a Training Coordinator Position in each Fire Station and one Public Fire and Life Safety Educator for Fire Services as proposed in this Report.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Appointments (Continued) – Starting at 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. - [Committee of Adjustment Hearing](#) (Minor Variance Application A07-2024 - Kevin Paton)

Resolution No. 12 Moved by Valerie Durston
Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford move into Committee of Adjustment to consider minor variance application A07-2024 received from Kevin Paton at 10:15 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 13 Moved by Craig Gillis
Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford reconvene in regular session at 10:58 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

* Council took a five-minute break.

11:06 a.m. - By-law Exemption Request - Tammy Allison re: Chickens in Residential Zone (Foldens)
CL 39-2024: By-law Exemption Request - Animal Care and Control By-law (Chickens) - Tammy Allison

Clerk Julie Middleton provided Council with a report to present them with a by-law exemption request received from Tammy Allison, located at 374122 Foldens Line, to permit the keeping of chickens within a residential zone.

Discussion took place among Council and the applicant regarding the number of chickens being kept, what they are used for and whether or not the chickens come into contact with wild fowl.

Keri Austin, neighbour and owner of property at 374120 Foldens Line, addressed Council regarding the request and expressed opposition. She commented on the screening that is required between the properties and the impact that the chickens have on their ability to enjoy their yard. She commented on pests and other wildlife that have started coming closer to the property line as a result of the chickens being kept and odour.

Council expressed concerns regarding the number of chickens currently being kept on the property. Ms. Allison advised that she would be willing to reduce the number of chickens being kept.

Resolution No. 14 Moved by Jim Pickard
 Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 39-2024: By-law Exemption Request - Animal Care and Control By-law (Chickens) - Tammy Allison (Foldens) as information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the by-law exemption request received from Tammy Allison to permit the keeping of chickens on her property located at 374122 Foldens Line subject to the following conditions:

- That no chicken be replaced at the end of its' useful life;
- That the chickens be for personal use only with no sale of eggs, manure or additional chickens being permitted;
- That no rooster be permitted on the property;
- That chicken feed be kept indoors or in a rodent proof container and secured at all times to

prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it;

- That the chickens be contained to Ms. Allison's property only and not permitted to roam to any neighbouring property; and
- Should continued complaints be received by enforcement staff in relation to noise, odour, dumping of waste or the chickens wandering off their property, the Township may issue an order that the chickens be removed from the property.

Moved By Craig Gillis
Seconded By Valerie Durston

THAT the motion be amended to limit the number of chickens permitted to six (6).

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Moved By Valerie Durston
Seconded By Craig Gillis

APPROVED
THAT the motion be amended to require that the chickens be relocated to be a minimum of 3m (10 feet) from all property lines.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Consideration of Motion as amended:

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 39-2024: By-law Exemption Request - Animal Care and Control By-law (Chickens) - Tammy Allison (Foldens) as information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the by-law exemption request received from Tammy Allison to permit the keeping of chickens on her property located at 374122 Foldens Line subject to the following conditions:

- That a maximum number of six (6) chickens be permitted;
- That no chicken be replaced at the end of its' useful life;

- That the chickens be relocated to require that the chickens be relocated to be a minimum of 3m (10 feet) from all property lines;
- That the chickens be for personal use only with no sale of eggs, manure or additional chickens being permitted;
- That no rooster be permitted on the property;
- That chicken feed be kept indoors or in a rodent proof container and secured at all times to prevent rodents and other animals from accessing it;
- That the chickens be contained to Ms. Allison's property only and not permitted to roam to any neighbouring property; and
- Should continued complaints be received by enforcement staff in relation to noise, odour, dumping of waste or the chickens wandering off their property, the Township may issue an order that the chickens be removed from the property.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

10:35 a.m. - By-law Exemption Request - Glen Willmot and Grace Cowderoy
re: Chickens in Residential Zone (Mount Elgin)
CL 40-2024: By-law Exemption Request - Animal Care and Control By-law
(Chickens) - Glen Willmot and Grace Cowderoy

Clerk Julie Middleton provided Council with a report to present them with a by-law exemption request received from Glen Willmot and Grace Cowderoy, located at 324132 Mount Elgin Road, to permit the keeping of chickens within a residential zone. Mr. Glen Willmot addressed Council in relation to the request and explained that they would like to keep 10 to 15 chickens and that the chicken run would be fully covered with a fence and roof. He advised Council that he has discussed the request with neighbours and advised them that they would like to work with them to resolve any concerns that may arise. They do not plan to keep a rooster. All feed would be stored indoors or in tamper proof containers. He further advised Council that they continue to plant trees for enhanced privacy and reduction of noise.

Members of Council expressed that they are appreciated of the request coming before Council before getting the chickens. Mr. Willmot advised Council that, with approval, they will ensure that the chickens are not able to mingle with wild flock.

Resolution No. 15 Moved by Jim Pickard
 Seconded by Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 41-2024: Noise By-law Exemption Request - Private Event (Sweaburg) as information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize an exemption to Section 3.3 of the Township's Noise By-law No. 49-2021 for a private surprise birthday party event to take place on Friday, August 30th, 2024 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at 15 Wilkins Drive South, Sweaburg;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to staff to notify enforcement staff and the OPP of the noise by-law exemption approved by Council.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Staff Reports (continued)

FD 13-2024: Elimination of Fire Services Station Duty Activities
To advise Council of the elimination of Fire Service Station Duty activities

Fire Chief Paul Groeneveld provided Council with a report to advise them of the elimination of fire service station duty activities. He advised that the District Chiefs are in support of this request. Cleaners will be hired for the halls; overall there will be a financial savings of approximately \$10,000 annually.

Resolution No. 17 Moved by Peter Ypma
 Secinded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. FD2024-013 entitled "Fire Services Station Duty" be received as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

FD 14-2024: Firefighting Water Cistern - Mount Elgin

Fire Chief Paul Groeneveld provided Council with a report to seek their approval to change the timing of the installation of a second firefighting water cistern in the Mount Elgin Developments Inc. subdivision from 2025 to 2024 due to the development schedule for the subdivision. He explained that a larger tank is being proposed on the south side of Mount Elgin Road at the

entrance to phase 6 of the Mount Elgin development. This will allow better access for the fire department for use in other locations as well.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of connecting the water cistern to a recirculation splash pad system. It was noted that water inspections are required to be completed three times a day at splash pad facilities.

Resolution No. 18 Moved by Paul Buchner
 Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. FD2024-014 entitled "Firefighting Water Cistern - Mount Elgin" be received as information;

AND THAT the installation of a firefighting water cistern in Mount Elgin scheduled for 2025 be installed in 2024 as per the proposal in this Report;

AND THAT the cost for the purchase and installation of the cistern be funded from the Development Charges Reserve (\$80,000) and the Fire Services Equipment Reserve (\$21,760).

APPROVED

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Appointments (continued)

11:49 a.m. - Development Planner Spencer McDonald - Public Meeting: Zone Change Application ZN 4-24-09 submitted by Murgo Farms Ltd. for property located at 484820 Sweaburg Road

Resolution No. 19 Moved by Jim Pickard
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford move into public meeting to consider zone change application ZN 4-24-09 submitted by Murgo Farms Ltd. for property located at 484820 Sweaburg Road.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Development Planner Spencer McDonald explained that the application for zone change proposes to rezone the lot severed via consent application B23-07-4 from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special Rural Residential Zone (RR-sp)' and from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General'

Coad LLP, whereby the lands described as Lot 3, Concession 4 (West Oxford), Township of South-West Oxford are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special Rural Residential Zone (RR-47)' and the lands being retained via B23-07-4 be rezoned to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-51).

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

11:55 a.m. - Development Planner Spencer McDonald - Public Meeting: Zone Change Application ZN 4-24-10 submitted by Andy and Mary Ann Pardy for property located at 323299 Mount Elgin Road

Resolution No. 22 Moved by Peter Ypma
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford move into public meeting to consider zone change application ZN 4-24-10 submitted by Andy and Mary Ann Pardy for property located at 323299 Mount Elgin Road.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Development Planner Spencer McDonald explained that the application for zone change proposes to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp)' to permit the establishment of an abattoir with associated retailing of meat products as an agriculture related use. Site-specific provisions to ensure an appropriate size and scale for the proposed abattoir and associated retailing are being proposed.

The subject lands are approximately 40 ha (100 ac) in area, with approximately 515 m (1,689 ft) of frontage on Mount Elgin Road. The subject lands contain an existing single detached dwelling (c. 1872), and a number of existing barns, agricultural accessory structures and a building for animal processing with an interior stripping room (c. 2001) Surrounding land uses are predominately agricultural.

It is the opinion of planning staff that the proposal is consistent with the PPS and maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan policies regarding agriculture-related uses.

Questions from Council

Discussion took place regarding the permitted size of the operation and the specific size that the applicant requested. It was also discussed that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency regulates excess material from the facility.

Comments from the Public/Council

No member of the public spoke in support of or opposed to the application.

Resolution No. 23 Moved by Paul Buchner
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford reconvene in regular session at 12:03 p.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 24 Moved by Craig Gillis
 Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford approve-in-principle the zone change application submitted by Wim Roos, whereby the lands described as Lot 26, Concession 4, (Dereham), Township of South-West Oxford are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-52)' to facilitate the use of the lands for an agriculture-related use as described in Report No CP 2024-267.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Staff Reports (continued)

FD 15-2024: Automatic Aid Agreement - Zorra Township

Fire Chief Paul Groeneveld provided Council with a report to request their approval to enter into a Fire Services Automatic Aid Agreement with the Township of Zorra for South-West Oxford Fire and Emergency Services to provide initial response to structural fires, motor vehicle collisions, and medical assistance (Tiered Response) incidents as per the draft Agreement attached to the staff report.

Resolution No. 25 Moved by Paul Buchner
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. FD2024-016 entitled "Automatic Aid Agreement - Zorra Township" be received as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford approves an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Township of Zorra to automatically dispatch South-West Oxford Fire and Emergency Services to provide fire protection services as outlined in the agreement attached to this report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide authorization to staff to amend the boundary that is subject to the agreement as necessary.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

FD 16-2024: Ontario Fire College Regional Training Centre – Joint Municipal Initiative

Fire Chief Paul Groeneveld provided Council with a report to obtain their approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ontario Fire College for the establishment of an Ontario Fire College Regional Training Centre. Chief Groeneveld explained the benefits of the agreement to Council. He advised Council that the agreement will allow RFSOC to provide more training opportunities for its members and fire fighters in surrounding areas.

Resolution No. 26 Moved by Paul Buchner
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED THAT Report FP-2024-06, entitled "Ontario Fire College Regional Training Centre – Joint Municipal Initiative" be received as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to sign the Emergency Services Training and Registration Agreement between the Ontario Fire College and the Corporation of the Township of Norwich on behalf of the Rural Fire Services of Oxford County (Norwich, Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Zorra, South-West Oxford) to establish a Regional Training Centre.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

** Council took a break for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:57 p.m.*

in 2024 for the Brownsville Hall Board to transform the basketball court to a pickleball court at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Agenda Items & Correspondence

#145 - July, 2024 County Council Report

#146 - July and August, 2024 SWOX Talks

#147 - For Review: Household Food Insecurity in the SWPH Region and Effective Policy-Based Solutions Letter

This item will be referred to the Township’s Engage and Inform Committee for further discussion at their September meeting. Discussion took place regarding the consideration of practical initiatives that the Township can do locally (i.e., community gardens). It was suggested that Irene Grace Bom be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss this item.

#148 - [2024 AMO Conference Workshops/Program](#) (click to view)

#149 - Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) Board of Directors re: Decision by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario to freeze the fees conservation authorities can charge

Julie to confirm with Brian if any action is required in relation to item #149.

Resolution No. 29 Moved by Peter Ypma
Seconded by Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive agenda and correspondence items #145 to #148 inclusive as information and that they be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Accounts Payable Report

August 13th, 2024 - Accounts Payable Report

Resolution No. 30 Moved by Jim Pickard
Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable for July 7 th to August 10 th , 2024	\$1,800,943.27
Bi-Weekly Payroll #14	\$49,836.12
Bi-Weekly Payroll #15	\$51,546.30
Bi-Weekly Payroll #16	\$48,987.75
Fire Pay #6	\$20,592.34
Council Pay #6	\$8,524.58
Total:	\$1,980,430.36

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Information Items & Correspondence

#150 - AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign - Physician Shortage

#151 - Municipality of Wawa re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

#152 - Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution: Ontario Long Service Medals

#153 - Township of Puslinch Resolution re: Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Building Code Act

#154 - City of Stratford Resolution re: Call to Action to Meet the Deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025

#155 - City of Stratford Resolution re: Solutions to Resolve Significant Financial and Budgetary Pressures relation to Infrastructure Development, Maintenance and Repairs

#156 - City of Stratford Resolution re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

#157 - Letter of Support for the Municipality of Tweed re: Sustainable Funding for OPP

Resolution No. 31 Moved by Craig Gillis
 Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive information and

correspondence items #150 to #157 (excluding items #152 and #156) as information and that they be noted and filed.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 32 Moved by Craig Gillis
Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to staff to send a letter of support in relation to information and correspondence items #152 and #156.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

By-laws and Agreements

- By-law No. 51-2024 - Strik Municipal Drain Provisional By-law (third reading only)
- By-Law No. 58-2024 - To provide for the regulation and control of setting of fires and the prevention of fire (Open-Air Burn By-law)
- By-Law No. 59-2024 - To amend Township of South-West Oxford Zoning By-law (ZN 4-24-04 - Moffat)
- By-Law No. 60-2024 - To authorize the execution of an automatic aid agreement with the Township of Zorra
- By-Law No. 61-2024 - To authorize the execution of an Emergency Services Training and Registration Agreement with the Ontario Fire College

Resolution No. 33 Moved by Paul Buchner
Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the following By-Laws be introduced and that they be read a first and second time:

- By-Law No. 58-2024 being a By-law to provide for the regulation and control of setting of fires and the prevention of fire (Open-Air Burn By-law);
- By-Law No. 59-2024 being a By-law to amend Township of South-West Oxford Zoning By-law (ZN 4-24-04 - Moffat);
- By-Law No. 60-2024 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an automatic aid agreement with the Township of Zorra;

- By-Law No. 61-2024 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Emergency Services Training and Registration Agreement with the Ontario Fire College, as amended.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 34 Moved by Jim Pickard
 Seconded by Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that By-Laws No. 51-2024 and 58-2024 to 61-2024 (as amended) inclusive be read a third time and finally passed, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the By-Laws and affix the corporate seal.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Strategic Planning

CL 32-2024: SWOX Strategic Plan 2023 to 2024 - 2024 Second Quarter Progress Report

Clerk Julie Middleton provided Council with a report to provide them with a summary of comments and input received from members of Council and staff in relation to the short and long-term goals established in relation to the Township's new strategic planning initiatives, progress to date and to provide members of Council with an opportunity to provide any additional comment and direction that they may have.

Resolution No. 35 Moved by Craig Gillis
 Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford receive report CL 32-2024: SWOX Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026 - 2024 Second Quarter Progress Report as information.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

New Business

Funding for Engineering Services for new Park in Mount Elgin

Discussion took place regarding the potential need for consulting and engineering services for the development of the new park in Mount Elgin.

Resolution No. 36 Moved by Peter Ypma
 Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to staff to bring a report back to Council with information in relation to engineering/design needs for the new proposed park in Mount Elgin with a recommendation for funds to be included within the draft 2025 budget.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Mount Elgin Tennis Courts

Council was advised that the Mount Elgin tennis courts have been repaved. The lines will soon be added and two basketball nets will be installed.

Strik Municipal Drain Outlet – Water Treatment Facility

Discussion took place regarding a request that is anticipated to come forward to Council at the next meeting on September 3rd regarding the costs associated with the water treatment facility at the outlet for the Strik Municipal Drain. Mayor Mayberry asked members of Council to give some consideration of this matter in advance of the next meeting.

Council Round Table

Council members shared updates from their respective wards and community involvement. Ribbon cutting for the Brownsville Gazebo will take place on September 8th, 2024. The next car show at the Beachville Museum will take place on Sunday, August 25th. Beachville Museum Annual BBQ will take place Friday, August 16th. Residents are encouraged to report speeding directly to the OPP as it occurs. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the installation of stairs at the Beachville Park to improve accessibility – something to consider in the future. Salford Hall Board will meet again on September 3rd. Mount Elgin Parks and Recreation met last night – a winner of the park design contest was selected. Trivia Night is coming up on October 4th. Pickleball court in Sweaburg is nearing completion. Working on drainage issues at the Sweaburg ball diamond – this was not an anticipated expense. Concerns have been brought forward regarding increased traffic on Karn Road. A revised agreement with Execulink will be coming forward for Council's consideration (to extend the contract until 2026).

Closed Session

The meeting will be closed to the public to discuss subject matter that is:

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

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

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Resolution No. 37 Moved by Paul Buchner
Seconded by Peter Ypma

RESOLVED that Council hold a closed meeting in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

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

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

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolution No. 38 Moved by Valerie Durston
Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford reconvene in regular session.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Resolutions arising from Closed Session: Broadband Internet Funding – Meeting with Ministry of Infrastructure Follow-Up

Resolution No. 39 Moved by Jim Pickard
Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure with a request that the Xplore portion of the Accelerated

High-Speed Internet Program (AHISP) located within South-West Oxford be descoped from their work.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Confirmatory By-law

By-Law No. 62-2024 - To confirm all actions and proceedings of Council (August 13th, 2024)

Resolution No. 40 Moved by Peter Ypma
Seconded by Valerie Durston

RESOLVED that By-law 62-2024 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council held Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 be read a first, second and third time this 13th day of August, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the By-law and affix the corporate seal.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Adjournment

Resolution No. 41 Moved by Paul Buchner
Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:09 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

CLERK: Julie Middleton

MAYOR: David Mayberry

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