

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The regular meeting of Council was held this date by Zoom electronic meetings (due to Covid-19 pandemic). Present were Mayor Ian Pennell, Deputy Mayor Sandy Cross, Coun Dan Maxwell, Coun Dean Grant, Roads Superintendent, Chris Whalley, Recreation/Landfill/Cemetery Manager, Jacob Grove and Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Pigeau.

Regrets: 1 (Councillor Olmstead)

Guests: 2 (Sean Sparling and Tammy Albers)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pennell

PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 (D), Item Title: Acceptance IC Report, Reason: "I'm named in the resolution."
Councillor Dean Grant declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 6 (F), Item Title: IC Report, Reason: "I'm named in the resolution."

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS: None

REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS: Jacob Grove - Landfill Diversion and Life Expectancy
Jacob Grove – Stripping and Waxing of Community Centre Floors
Jacob Grove – Council Report for Recreation and Landfill Departments

2021-038 MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Coun Grant and seconded by Coun Cross that the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 be hereby adopted and signed as circulated.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-024 BY-LAW 2021-004 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR SITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

By-law 2021-004 being a By-Law to adopt a policy for siting telecommunications facilities. This By-law received the 3rd and final reading on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and finally passed before an open Council on this date.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Third Reading

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

Councillor Grant had declared a Conflict of Interest and therefore shut off video and audio until after the vote for the next motion was taken.

2021-039 ACCEPTANCE OF INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the following reports, items A and B below, have been presented to Council at the February 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting by E4M Solutions:

A – Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Allegation: Contravention of the Municipality of Calvin Code of Conduct, by: Councillor Heather Olmstead

B- Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Allegation: Contravention of the Municipality of Calvin Code of Conduct, by: Councillor Dean Grant

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council hereby accepts these reports as presented.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Declared Conflict of Interest
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	

2021-040 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT – COUNCILLOR OLMSTEAD –RECOMMENDATIONS OF PENALTY BY INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

Moved by Coun Cross and Seconded by Mayor Pennell that WHEREAS a request for inquiry was made to the Integrity Commissioner alleging that Councillor Olmstead had contravened the Municipality’s Code of Conduct; WHEREAS an inquiry was conducted by the Integrity Commissioner in response to the request and a report was presented to Council on February 9, 2021; WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner found that Councillor Olmstead did:

- Contravene Sections 8.1, 8.2 8.3 and 8.5 of the Code of Conduct when she accused the CBO of backdating a building permit, her disrespect for the authority of the CBO when no fines were laid and her effort to discredit/question the integrity of the CBO and get a different decision by bringing the matter before Council;
- Contravene the Council-Staff Relations Policy and subsequently breached the Code of Conduct in her treatment of staff.

WHEREAS Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Councillor Olmstead shall formally apologize to staff and the CBO;
- b) Councillor Olmstead will be given a formal reprimand for her conduct toward staff;

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Vote to Defer to Next Regular Council Meeting

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Yea
Mayor Pennell	Yea

DEFERRED Until March 9, 2021 Council Meeting

Councillor Grant had declared a Conflict of Interest and therefore shut off video and audio until after the vote for the next motion was taken. It was however, requested that he return so that he may speak on his own behalf regarding the next motion.

The Council Meeting was paused at 8:00pm to wait for Councillor Grant to return to the meeting. Councillor Grant did not return so the meeting was reconvened at 8:30pm.

2021-041 INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT – COUNCILLOR GRANT – RECOMMENDATIONS OF PENALTY BY INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Mayor Pennell that WHEREAS a request for inquiry was made to the Integrity Commissioner alleging that Councillor Grant had contravened the Municipality’s Code of Conduct; WHEREAS an inquiry was conducted by the Integrity Commissioner in response to the request and a report was presented to Council on February 9, 2021; WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner found that Councillor Grant did:

- Contravene Section 13 of the Municipality of Calvin’s Code of Conduct when he participated in the meeting arising from his wife’s complaint;
- Breach his obligations of confidentiality regarding an Integrity Commissioner Inquiry

WHEREAS Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) Councillor Grant’s remuneration as a Member of Council be suspended for two months for the breach of his obligations to avoid conflict of interest;
- b) Councillor Grant’s remuneration as a Member of Council be suspended for two months for the breach of confidentiality and breach of his signed agreement to keep the investigation information confidential.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Vote to Defer to Next Regular Council Meeting

Councillor Cross	Nay
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Declared Conflict of Interest
Mayor Pennell	Yea

DEFERRED Until March 9, 2021 Council Meeting

2020-042 BY-LAW 2021-006-AGREEMENT WITH THE CANADIAN ECOLOGY CENTRE (Landfill)

By-law No. 2021-006 being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Canadian Ecology Centre (Landfill). This By-law received 1st and 2nd readings on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and will come before Council for 3rd and final reading on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

First Reading

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Second Reading

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2020-043 BY-LAW 2021-007-AGREEMENT WITH THE CANADIAN ECOLOGY CENTRE (Fire)

By-law No. 2021-006 being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Canadian Ecology Centre (Fire). This By-law received 1st and 2nd readings on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and will come before Council for 3rd and final reading on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

First Reading

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Second Reading

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-044 SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin request that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place and; THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jim McDonell and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-045 DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Coun Cross and seconded by Coun Maxwell that the disbursements dated February 18, 2021 in the amount of \$ 44,828.93 and February 23, 2021 in the amount of \$ 7,037.71 be hereby authorized and passed for payment.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea

Carried

2021-046 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Coun Maxwell and seconded by Coun Cross that this regular meeting of Council now be adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Recorded Vote as per Electronic Meeting Best Practices

Councillor Cross	Yea
Councillor Maxwell	Yea
Councillor Olmstead	Absent
Councillor Grant	Absent
Mayor Pennell	Yea
Carried	