

March 6, 2023

Regular Meeting of Council – Highlights

Delegations and Presentations

Cody Groat, Assistant Professor in the Department of History and the Indigenous Studies Program at Western University provided Council with a presentation on the Truth and Reconciliation's 57th Call to Action concerning professional development and training for public servants.

Mr. Groat is Kanyen'kehaka (Mohawk) and a band member of Six Nations of the Grand River. His presentation was educational, powerful and personal. To access the presentation click [HERE](#).

To watch the recording, click: [HERE](#)

Special Staff Reports

Plant More Trees

In alignment with the goals of the Strategic Plan, Council approved the adoption of the 'Plant More Trees' Policy which establishes that the Town will plant an additional 3,805 trees by 2030. In order to achieve this objective, the Town will continue to provide new trees to residents free of cost, require developers to plant three trees for every one that is cut down and will endeavour to plant 80 trees annually in the Town's public spaces.

Further information: [Report A-003-23](#)

Staff Engagement Morale, Attraction and Retention

Due to the number of recommendations contained in the report, Council resolved to defer its consideration to the next regular meeting in April.

Further information: [Report A-004-23](#)

Committee Mandate Review - Safe Cycling and Trails

Council reviewed and approved the proposed mandates, goals and objectives of the Safe Cycling and Recreational Trails Committees for the 2022-2026 term, each of which will focus on promoting and educating the public on cycling and trails in the Town of Ingersoll.

Further information: [Report C-009-23](#)

Patios on Municipal Property

Council considered and approved the report from the Manager of Economic Development to make the temporary patio encroachment program permanent. The program allows local restaurants to establish outdoor patios on public property between April and October.

Further information: [Report ED-003-23](#)

Carroll Street Reconstruction

Following public consultation on the matter in which resident input on the proposed reconstruction options was received, Council approved the option that will see sidewalk installed on both sides of Carroll Street.

Further information: [Report OP-005-23](#)

2023 Budget Approval

After deferring their decision in February, Council approved the 2023 Budget. The Budget represents an effective rate increase of 1.8%, the lowest of all Oxford County municipalities, includes no new debt and a cost of living increase for staff of 3.5%.

Further information: [Report T-007-23](#)

Planning Applications

Information on current Planning Applications, Notices and Reports can be accessed via the [County's Planning Site](#).

Zone Change Applications

ZN 6-22-08, Supplementary Report and Decision

Following a previous public meeting on the application, Council approved in principle, the zone change of 160 Carnegie St. from a MR zone to MR-sp which allows for business or professional office uses with a minimum gross floor area of 4,000 ft.

Further information: [Report CP 2023-10](#)

ZN 6-22-09, Public Meeting

The applicant, its representative(s) and members of the Public were invited to comment on the proposed zone change of 265 Ingersoll St. from Restricted Industrial Zone (MR) to Residential Type 1 Zone (R1).

Further information: [Report CP 2023-57](#), public comments on the application are available on the March 6th Council meeting minutes.

ZN 6-22-10, Public Meeting

The applicant, its representative(s) and members of the Public were invited to comment on the proposed zone change of the lands located at the south end of Keith Mabee Boulevard and west of Fuller Drive from Development Zone (D) to Residential Type 1 Zone (R1), Residential Type 3 Zone (R3) and Special Residential Type 3 Zone (R3-Special).

Further information: [Report CP 2023-58](#), public comments on the application are available on the March 6th Council meeting minutes.

Minor Variance Applications

The Committee of Adjustment **approved** the following minor variance applications:

- A-01-23, 347 King St. W.; and
- A-04-22, 286 Oxford St.

Further information: [Report CP 2023-60](#) and [CP 2023-59](#)

Delegations and Presentations

1. Dennis Burt – Pickleball Courts

Mr. Burt addressed Council to seek support for promotion of creating or partnering with existing facilities for indoor pickleball courts.

Correspondence and Resolution

Council received correspondence items concerning the following:

1. Ingersoll's Indigenous Solidarity Awareness Network's support of Council's decision to establish a Diversity and Inclusion Committee and to join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.
 - [IIASN's Correspondence](#)
 - [Staff Report C-007-23, Diversity and Newcomer Committee](#)
2. [Establishment of the Safe and Well Oxford Steering Committee](#)
 - The steering committee will be responsible for overseeing support of the goals and objectives of the "Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Safe and Well-Oxford. The steering committee will provide an important county-wide link and ensure the county's lower-tiers are updated on the committee's progress.
3. [City of Woodstock – Graphic Image Delivery](#)
 - Council directed staff to bring back a report providing a review and comment on the City of Woodstock's by-law for consideration of adoption a similar by-law in Ingersoll.

These Highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings and are not inclusive of all agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports and official meeting minutes, and a recording of the meeting, please visit the Town's [Agendas and Minutes Portal](#) or contact the Clerk's Department clerks@ingersoll.ca, (519) 485-0120