

ELGIN COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 1, 2022

Elgin County Council met this 1st day of February 2022. The meeting was held in a hybrid in-person/electronic format with Councillors and staff participating as indicated below.

Council Present: Warden Mary French (Council Chambers)
Councillor Duncan McPhail (Council Chambers)
Councillor Bob Purcell (electronic)
Councillor Sally Martyn (electronic)
Councillor Grant Jones (Council Chambers)
Councillor Dave Mennill (Council Chambers)
Councillor Dominique Giguère (Council Chambers)
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw (Council Chambers)

Regrets: Deputy Warden Tom Marks (notice provided in advance)

Staff Present: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer (Council Chambers)
Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Council Chambers)
Brian Masschaele, Director of Community & Cultural Services (electronic)
Amy Thomson, Director of Human Resources (electronic)
Michele Harris, Director of Homes and Seniors Services (electronic)
Jeff Brock, Director of Information Technology Services (electronic)
Jennifer Ford, Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer (Council Chambers)
Katherine Thompson, Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk (electronic)
Jeff VanRybroeck, Manager of Emergency Management (electronic)
Kate Burns Gallagher, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism
Mathew Waite, Financial Analyst (electronic)
Jenna Fentie, Legislative Services Coordinator (Council Chambers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. with Warden French in the chair.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

4. PRESENTING PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw
Seconded by: Councillor Mennill

RESOLVED THAT we do now move into Committee of the Whole Council.

Recorded Vote

		Yes	No	Abstain
West Elgin	Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Dutton Dunwich	Councillor Bob Purcell	X		

Southwold	Councillor Grant Jones	X		
Central Elgin	Councillor Sally Martyn	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dave Mennill	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Bayham	Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	X		
Aylmer	Warden Mary French	X		
TOTAL		8	0	0

- Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, OUTSIDE BOARDS AND STAFF

6.1 Budget 2022 – Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer

The Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer provided a presentation updating County Council on the budget review process undertaken by the County of Elgin Budget Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Ketchabaw

Seconded by: Councillor McPhail

RESOLVED THAT the 2022 be approved as presented; and

THAT the 2023 to 2031 budget with Option #1 be accepted in principle; and

THAT the Landfill ratio be accepted in principle to be amended as per regulation 95-17 once updated for 2022; and

THAT Staff proceed to include the Small-Scale On-Farm Business Subclass in the tax ratios beginning in 2022; and

THAT the recommended Tax Rate increase of 1.68% (3.85% increase on the Levy) be accepted in principle and amended once the Landfill Rate is set; and

THAT staff proceed with an application to Infrastructure Ontario to finance the Terrace Lodge Redevelopment Project and bring a report to Council to further the process before the Provincial Election.

Recorded Vote

		Yes	No	Abstain
West Elgin	Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Dutton Dunwich	Councillor Bob Purcell	X		
Southwold	Councillor Grant Jones	X		
Central Elgin	Councillor Sally Martyn	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dave Mennill	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Bayham	Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	X		
Aylmer	Warden Mary French	X		
TOTAL		8	0	0

- Motion Carried.

7. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Items for Consideration

None.

7.2 Items for Information (Consent Agenda)

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Statements/Inquiries by Members

None.

8.2 Notice of Motion

None.

8.3 Matters of Urgency

None.

9. CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

None.

10. MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT

None.

11. MOTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by: Councillor Mennill

Seconded by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED THAT we do now adopt recommendations of the Committee Of The Whole.

Recorded Vote

		Yes	No	Abstain
West Elgin	Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Dutton Dunwich	Councillor Bob Purcell	X		
Southwold	Councillor Grant Jones	X		
Central Elgin	Councillor Sally Martyn	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dave Mennill	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Bayham	Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	X		
Aylmer	Warden Mary French	X		
TOTAL		8	0	0

- Motion Carried.

12. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

12.1 By-Law No. 22-08 – Confirming all Actions and Proceedings

BEING a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Elgin at the February 1, 2022 Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Councillor Purcell

RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 22-08 be now read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Recorded Vote

		Yes	No	Abstain
West Elgin	Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Dutton Dunwich	Councillor Bob Purcell	X		
Southwold	Councillor Grant Jones	X		
Central Elgin	Councillor Sally Martyn	X		

Malahide	Councillor Dave Mennill	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Bayham	Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	X		
Aylmer	Warden Mary French	X		
	TOTAL	8	0	0

- Motion Carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Martyn

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 1:46 p.m. to meet again on February 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Recorded Vote

		Yes	No	Abstain
West Elgin	Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Dutton Dunwich	Councillor Bob Purcell	X		
Southwold	Councillor Grant Jones	X		
Central Elgin	Councillor Sally Martyn	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dave Mennill	X		
Malahide	Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Bayham	Councillor Ed Ketchabaw	X		
Aylmer	Warden Mary French	X		
	TOTAL	8	0	0

- Motion Carried.

Julie Gonyou,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Mary French,
Warden.