



January 18, 2024 Council Highlights

Delegation

Sarah Emons & Pete Zuzek re Long Point Littoral Cell Working Group presented to Council regarding a proposal for a grant application to seek out nature-based solutions to disrupted erosion and sediment transport issues along the north shore of Lake Erie.

Council resolved to provide a Letter of Support to assist in future grant applications.

By-law Enforcement Annual Report

The By-law Enforcement Officer presented the 2023 Annual By-law Summary Report to Council. The Report included statistics that demonstrated a substantial level of service increase between 2022 and 2023, including improvements in response rate, closure rate, compliance timelines, and workload carry-over from year to year.

Petition for Drainage – Vienna Ridge Subdivision

Vienna Ridge Subdivision developers submitted a Municipal Drainage Petition to staff, requiring Council consideration. Council received the Drainage Petition and Report from the Drainage Superintendent and resolved to appoint Spriet Associates as Municipal Engineers to proceed with the Engineer's Report.

Building Services 4th Quarter Report

The Chief Building Official presented the 4th quarter building department report, which also addressed 2023 as a whole. House construction was up in Q4 2023, however 2023 in general was a down year in building, which was reflected in large decreases in permit fees received. The CBO did mention that uptake of the Municipality's new ePermitting platform, CloudPermit, has been excellent, with a 90 percent uptake so far.

Development Reports

Council received a pair of planning Reports:

- Shaw/Shipway rezoning
- OP conformity review – public engagement strategies

Council adopted the rezoning for Shaw/Shipway by by-law, and resolved to proceed with a public engagement strategy for the Official Plan that includes the following components for *Engagement*: In-person Open House(s), and One-on-One Appointments; and for *Communication*: Municipal Website, Official Plan Review Email, and Contact List. Staff also expect to use Voyent to provide information, and will further investigate hard-copy information pamphlets in tax or utility bills.

The website is intended to be the main information hub for the Official Plan Review. More information will be coming in the near future.

Correspondence

Two pieces of correspondence were received – one was a late addition to the Agenda and was included for time-sensitive purposes.

Council resolved to support correspondence from AORS regarding the establishment and provincial funding of a Municipal Equipment Operators course, which would train and provide access to a labour pool with the skills necessary to operate municipal public works equipment.

Council resolved to provide a Letter of Support to Phil Mauer and Associates in support of their application to the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund (SWODF). They are seeking funds to assist in a technological expansion. The matter was handled as a walk-on, time-sensitive, as withholding the correspondence until the next meeting would push them past the grant submission deadline.

Municipal Energy Plan

Council resolved to proceed with a review and update of the Municipal Energy Plan – Local Action Plan. The current plan was adopted six years ago and due for a full review. This review is part of the 2023-2026 Community Strategic Plan, as adopted by Council in 2023.

**For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes [HERE](#)
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DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 23rd day of January, 2024.

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