

Minutes from the December 30, 2024 regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Hawarden held at 7:00 p.m. in the Hawarden Community Centre. The meeting was attended by Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Councillors Ray Chrétien, Steve Dingham, Char Edwards, Lorrie Harrison, and Administrator Kelly Dodd.

Mayor Dale Blenkinsop called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

148/2024 HARRISON: That we approve the agenda as presented. Carried

October 17th Minutes

149/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That the minutes of the October 17th, 2024, regular meeting be approved as presented. Carried

November 28th Minutes

150/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That the minutes of the October 17th, 2024, regular meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Policy 3.0 Communication

151/2024 EDWARDS: That Policy 3.0 a Communication policy is approved as presented and adopted into practice. Carried

Policy 3.1 Snow Removal

152/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That Policy 3.1 a Snow Removal policy is approved as presented and adopted into practice. Carried

Board of Revision

153/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That pursuant to Subsection 220(1) of The Municipalities Act, the VILLAGE OF HAWARDEN appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2025, through to December 31, 2025, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Tim Lafreniere, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro and Rick Leigh.

The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers. Carried

Board of Revision

- 154/2024 HARRISON: That pursuant to Subsection 221(1) of The Municipalities Act, the Village of Hawarden appoints Kara Lindal with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1, 2025, through to December 31, 2025, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. Fee schedule. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing.

Carried

Declaration of Eligibility Revenue Share

- 155/2024 EDWARDS: That the council of the Village of Hawarden confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant: Submission of the 2023 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government relations has not been completed but will be by Jan 30, 2024. submission of the 2023 Public Reporting on Municipal Water Works to the Ministry of Government Relations will be completed by Jan 30, 2024 ; In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes; Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw; Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and That we believe all requirements will have been met shortly and there should be no disruption to the payment schedule and That we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

Carried

Resident Complaint – Gun Shots

- 156/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That we advise the complainant that gun shots fired within town limits is a matter for the RCMP, and that any further incidents should be reported directly to the RCMP.

Carried

Resident Complaint – Snow Removal

- 157/2024 EDWARDS: That we advise the complainant that snow removal will be addressed according to Policy 3.1 Snow Removal effective immediately.

Carried

Resident Inquiry– Water On/Water Off

- 158/2024 DINGHAM: That we advise the resident that all requests for water shut off or reconnection must be requested in writing, and that a proposed date for service must be requested with a few proposed dates all with adequate notice and that council will do their best to accommodate the request, and that all requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 service request fee.

Carried

Water Records

- 159/2024 DINGHAM: That council accept the Dec 2024 Water Records to date as presented, and that Councilor Char Edwards be authorized to review and sign the record on council's behalf.

Carried

Water Testing

160/2024 EDWARDS: That we accept the resignation of Tony Suarez water tester effective December 31, 2024. Carried

Reports

161/2024 EDWARDS: That we accept the Administration & Water Reports as presented. Carried

Policy 3.2 Water & Sewer

162/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That Policy 3.2 a Water & Sewer Operations policy is approved as presented and adopted into practice. Carried

November Financials

163/2024 DINGHAM: That the statement of financial activity for November 2024 be accepted as presented. Carried

Accounts Payable

164/2024 EDWARDS: That cheques 103-111 in the amount of \$8,426.23 be approved as presented. Carried

Correspondence

165/2024 EDWARDS: That the correspondence be accepted as presented. Carried.

Regular Meeting

166/2024 HARRISON: That the next regular meeting of council be held Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall. Carried

Adjournment

167/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m. Carried.
