

**The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg**  
**Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**



Monday, August 12, 2024  
4:00 PM  
LPRCA  
4 Elm St  
Tillsonburg

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gilvesy (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Beres  
Councillor Luciani  
Councillor Parker  
Councillor Parsons  
Councillor Rosehart  
Councillor Spencer

Staff: Kyle Pratt, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tanya Daniels, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
Cephas Panschow, Development Commissioner  
Andrea Greenway, Interim Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks  
Johnathon Graham, Director of Operations & Development  
Cheyne Sarafinchin, Deputy Treasurer  
Richard Sparham, Manager of Public Works  
Joanna Kurowski, Manager of Human Resources  
Matt Johnson, Manager of Parks and Facilities  
Julie Ellis, Deputy Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

## 2. Closed Session

Councillor Parker not present at the commencement of Closed Session.

### **Resolution # 2024-353**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

THAT Council move into Closed Session to consider the following:

#### **2.4.1 CLD-CS-24-007 Litigation Update**

239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

239 (2) (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

239 (2) (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

#### **2.4.2 CAO 23-13 CLD-EDM-24-012 Assignment of VIP Lot 1 from 2776807 Ontario Inc. to 2153484 Ontario Inc. – Final Agreement and Supporting Information**

239 (2) (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

239 (2) (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

239 (2) (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**Carried**

**2.1 Adoption of Agenda**

**2.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

**2.3 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes**

**2.4 Reports**

**2.4.1 Litigation Update - CLD-CS-24-007**

**2.4.2 Assignment of VIP Lot 1 from 2776807 Ontario Inc to 2153484 Ontario Inc. – Final Agreement and Supporting Information - CLD-EDM-24-012**

**2.5 Back to Open Session**

**3. Moment of Silence**

**4. Adoption of Agenda (6:00 p.m.)**

**Resolution # 2024-359**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parker

THAT the agenda as prepared for the Council Meeting of August 12, 2024, be approved with the following amendment:

- Agenda Item 14.7.2 RCP-24-035 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be moved to be heard directly following Agenda Item 7.1 - the Presentation from thinc design.

**Carried**

**5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**5.1 Parsons - Ontario Provincial Police Re: Collective Agreements**

Councillor Parsons declared a conflict related to part-time employment with the OPP.

**6. Adoption of Council Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolution # 2024-360**

**Moved By:** Councillor Parker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

THAT the Council Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

## 7. Presentations

### 7.1 thinc design - Tillsonburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Leandra Correale Furguson and Gelila Mekonnen of thinc design attended Council to provide a presentation on the Tillsonburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The presentation included the following highlights:

- Programs and Event Recommendations;
- Recreation Facilities Recommendations;
- Recommendations in the following areas:
  - Parks
  - Trails and Cemeteries;
- Service Delivery Recommendations; and
- Implementation.

The consultants answered various questions from Council.

Council then considered item 14.7.2.

#### 14.7.2 Parks and Recreation Master Plan - RCP-24-035

##### **Resolution # 2024-361**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luciani

- A. THAT report titled RCP-24-035 titled “Parks and Recreation Master Plan” be received as information; and
- B. THAT the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan attached to Report RCP-24-035 addressing parks and recreation needs in Tillsonburg over the next ten years be adopted as a working document; and
- C. THAT the Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks be directed to develop an implementation strategy for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be presented to Council for consideration as part of the Town’s annual budget process.

**Carried**

## 8. Public Meetings

### 8.1 **Application for Minor Variance A06-24 (111 Rolph Street)**

Following item 14.7.2, Council considered item 8.1

Laurel Davies-Snyder, County Planner, attended before Committee to provide an overview of the application. No questions were posed by Committee members.

Erica Patenaude, Agent for Applicant, spoke in support of the application.

No persons came forward to speak in opposition.

#### **Resolution # 2024-362**

**Moved By:** Councillor Rosehart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

THAT Council move into the Committee of Adjustment to hear an application for Minor Variance at 6:29 p.m.

**Carried**

#### **Resolution # 2024-363**

**Moved By:** Councillor Parsons

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

THAT the Committee of Adjustment **approve** Application A06-24, submitted by Brothers Marketing Inc. for lands described as Lot 747, Plan 500, municipally known as 111 Rolph Street in the Town of Tillsonburg, as it relates to:

1. Relief from **Section 12.2 – EC Zone Provisions**, to reduce the minimum required rear yard setback from 7.5 m (24.6) to 3.5 m (11.48 ft) on a lot that has been granted conditional consent from the Oxford County Land Division Committee.

#### **Subject to the following conditions:**

1. That the relief granted is only applicable upon completion of related Consent Application B23-46-7;
2. That the Owner provide an updated building location survey confirming the rear yard depth of at least 3.5 m between the existing duplex dwelling and the rear lot line proposed through Consent Application B23-46-7, to the satisfaction of the Town of Tillsonburg Building Services Department;

3. The requested relief only applies to portions of the existing duplex dwelling, as depicted on Plate 3 of Report No. CP 2024-265.

As the requested variances are considered to be:

- i. minor variances from the provisions of the Town of Tillsonburg Zoning By- Law;
- ii. desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land;
- iii. in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the County's Official Plan, and
- iv. in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Town of Tillsonburg Zoning By-law.

**Carried**

**Resolution # 2024-364**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT Council move out of the Committee of Adjustment and move back into regular Council session at 6:37 p.m.

**Carried**

**8.2 Application for Official Plan Amendment OP23-14-7 and Zoning By-Law Amendment ZN 7-23-11 (97 North Street)**

Laurel Davies-Snyder, County Planner, attended before Council to provide an overview of Item 8.2. The presentation included the following highlights:

- Background on the application/file;
- Revised proposal;
- Renderings of the building on the property;
- Planning application overview;
- Circulation of Applications; and

- Planning review and recommendations;
- Next steps.

laurel Davies-Snyder answered various questions from members of Council.

Casey Kulchycki, Agent for Applicant, attended before Council and spoke in support of the application noting the revised location within the property and the adjusted grading/retaining wall rendering. Casey Kulicycki noted agreement with the Planners report.

Bernard Chadillion, attended before Council and spoke in opposition of the application noting the following suggestions:

- Adjustment of height and location does not meet the direction of Council from June 12th;
- Traffic concerns the new building will create;
- Concerns regarding the Planning processes.

Bernard Chadillion requested Council reject the application, direct staff to complete a traffic impact study, and revise the planning process.

Jonathon Graham, Director of Operations and Development, indicated the area would be reviewed within the Traffic Master Plan.

Pat Gracie attended before Council to speak in opposition of the application and expressed disappointed that the building has not moved in greater impact and the six floors of the building. Pat Gracie requested that the zoning remain medium density.

Casey Kulicycki, Agent for Applicant, explained the relocation of the building review that occurred as it aligned with street scape alignment and urban design standpoint.

### **Resolution # 2024-365**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luciani

THAT Town of Tillsonburg Council advise County Council that the Town supports the application to amend the Official Plan (File No. OP 23-14-7) as submitted by Southside Construction Management for lands legally described as Block38, Plan 41M-392, Town of Tillsonburg, to redesignate

the lands from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential;  
and

THAT Town of Tillsonburg Council approve in-principle Zone Change Application (ZN 7-23-11), submitted by Southside Construction Management, whereby the lands legally described as Block 38, Plan 41M-392, Town of Tillsonburg are to be rezoned from 'Special Medium Density Residential Zone (RM-8)' to 'Special High Density Residential Zone (RH-sp)', as described in Report CP 2024-236.

**Carried**

**9. Planning Reports**

**10. Delegations**

**10.1 Hickory Hills Residents Association Board of Directors Re: Property Standards By-Law Short Forming**

John Valle, Joanne Fowlie, and Monica Bratley attended before Council to request the creation of short-forming property standards specifically for section 3.04 (1). The presenters outlined the benefits, impact on the Community, other Municipalities comparison, and a request to have staff provide a report on short-form wording. The presenters submitted a petition regarding support for the changed process.

**Resolution # 2024-366**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parker

- A. THAT the delegation from the Hickory Hills Residents Association regarding Property Standards By-Law Short Forming be received as information; and
- B. THAT staff be requested to provide a report to Council regarding the short-forming parts of the Property Standards By-Law.

**Carried**

**11. Deputation(s) on Committee Reports**

**11.1 Committee Recommendation - Annandale House Fundraising Committee - CS-24-087**

**Resolution # 2024-367**



**Moved By:** Councillor Parker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

- A. THAT report CS-24-087 titled Museum, Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Advisory Committee Recommendation – Annandale House Fundraising Committee be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approve the recommendation as follows:
  - i. *THAT the Museum, Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Advisory Committee recommend to Council to create an Annandale House Fundraising Committee; and*
  - ii. *THAT Joan Weston, David Morris, Fran Bell, Penny Esseltine and Marilyn Avent be appointed as members to the Annandale House Fundraising Committee with a staff member from the museum as support.*

**Carried**

## **12. Information Items**

Councillor Parsons declared a conflict on item 12.6 and did not participate in voting on the entirety of Item 12.

### **Resolution # 2024-368**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Rosehart

THAT the following items be received as information:

- 12.1 Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Minutes - June 5, 2024**
- 12.2 Long Point Region Conservation Authority Hearing Board Minutes - June 5, 2024**
- 12.3 Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Association Re: Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Convention**
- 12.4 Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care Re: 24th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 24, 2024**

**12.5 Hickory Hills Residents Association Re: Property Standards By-Law****12.6 Ontario Provincial Police Re: Collective Agreements**

Councillor Parsons declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Parsons declared a conflict related to part-time employment with the OPP.)

**Carried**

**13. Financial Results - Q2 of 2024****13.1 Finance Overview****13.1.1 2024 Q2 Department Results - Consolidated - FIN-24-042****Resolution # 2024-369**

**Moved By:** Councillor Rosehart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

THAT report titled FIN 24-042 - 2024 Consolidated Q2 Operating Results be received as information.

**Carried**

**13.2 Departmental Results****Resolution # 2024-370**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT the following reports be received as information:

**13.2.1 Corporate Services**

**13.2.1.1 2024 Q2 Department Results – Corporate Services  
- CS-24-094**

**13.2.2 Economic Development and Marketing**

**13.2.2.1 2024 Q2 Department Results – Economic  
Development and Marketing - EDM-24-028**

**13.2.3 Finance**

**13.2.3.1 2024 Q2 Department Results - Finance - FIN-24-  
041**

**13.2.4 Fire and Emergency Services**

**13.2.4.1 2024 Q2 Department Results - Fire Rescue Services - FRS-24-004**

**13.2.5 Operations and Development**

**13.2.5.1 2024 Q2 Department Results - Building, Planning, By-Law Services - OPD-24-048**

**13.2.5.2 2024 Q2 Department Results - Operations and Development Services - OPD-24-049**

**13.2.6 Recreation, Culture and Parks**

**13.2.6.1 2024 Q2 Department Results - Recreation, Culture and Parks - RCP-24-034**

**Carried**

**14. Staff Reports**

**14.1 Chief Administrative Officer**

**14.1.1 Four Day Work Week - CAO-24-012**

**Resolution # 2024-371**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luciani

- A. THAT report CAO 24-012 titled “4 day work week” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves the 4 day work week option to be included as a possible work schedule for employees pending departmental operations not being negatively affected.

**Carried**

**14.1.2 Criminal Record Check Policy - CAO-24-019**

**Resolution # 2024-372**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parker

- A. THAT report CAO 24-019 titled Criminal Record Check Policy be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves the Criminal Record Check Policy for the Town of Tillsonburg; and

C. THAT a By-Law to implement the Criminal Record Check Policy be presented to Council for consideration.

**Carried**

## **14.2 Corporate Services**

### **14.2.1 Committees of Council - CS-24-083**

#### **Resolution # 2024-373**

**Moved By:** Councillor Parker

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

THAT report CS-24-083 titled "Committees of Council" be received as information.

**Carried**

### **14.2.2 2024 Customer Service Survey Results - CS-24-095**

#### **Resolution # 2024-374**

**Moved By:** Councillor Parsons

**Seconded By:** Councillor Rosehart

THAT report CS 24-095 titled "Customer Service Survey Results" be received as information.

**Carried**

## **14.3 Economic Development**

## **14.4 Finance**

### **14.4.1 2024 Levy for the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital - FIN-24-040**

#### **Resolution # 2024-375**

**Moved By:** Councillor Rosehart

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

A. THAT report FIN 24-040 titled 2024 Levy for the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital be received; and

- B. THAT a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2024 levy on the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital be brought forward for Council consideration.

**Carried**

**14.5 Fire and Emergency Services**

**14.6 Operations and Development**

**14.6.1 Public Works Fleet Services Asset Allocation - OPD-24-037**

**Resolution # 2024-376**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

1. THAT report OPD 24-037 titled Public Works Fleet Services Asset Allocations be received as information; and
2. THAT Council approves the reallocation of approved budgeted funds for the recommended purchase of associated fleet equipment, as below; and
3. THAT Council approves the additional \$26,072 to be funded from the Fleet Reserve:

Unit #	Item	Budget	Actual	Diff	Action
123	Snow Blower	\$182,000	\$246,545	\$ (64,545)	Approve
127	Tractor (+ attach)	\$145,000	-	\$ 145,000	Cancel + Re-all
128	Mower Deck	\$ 55,000	-	\$ 55,000	Cancel + Re-all
129	Flail/Brusher	\$ 55,000	-	\$ 55,000	Cancel + Re-all
130	Snow Blade	\$ 20,000	-	\$ 20,000	Cancel + Re-all

131	Snow Plow	\$465,000	\$424,936	\$ 9,165	Re-allocate
N/A	Leaf Vac	-	\$274,975	\$ (270,219)	Approve
054	Box Blade	\$ 55,000	\$ 25,717	\$ 29,283	Re-allocate
TOTAL	\$ 977,000	\$ 955,805	\$ (26,072)	Approve	

**Carried**

#### **14.6.2 Purchase of Single Axle Cab and Chassis with Plow - OPD-24-045**

##### **Resolution # 2024-377**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luciani

- A. THAT report OPD 24-045 titled Purchase of Single Axle Cab and Chassis with Plow be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves the purchase of a single axle cab and chassis with plow from Viking-Cives Ltd. in the total amount of \$424,936 (net of refundable HST) as per the Town's enrollment through Canoe's cooperative purchasing group.

**Carried**

#### **14.6.3 Purchase of New Leaf Vacuum Unit - OPD-24-047**

##### **Resolution # 2024-378**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parker

- A. THAT report OPD 24-047 titled Purchase of New Leaf Vacuum be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves the purchase of a new leaf vacuum trailer unit in the amount of \$274,975 (net of refundable HST) from Colvoy Equipment

**Carried**

#### **14.6.4 New Town Hall - Design Scope Change Update - OPD-24-050**

**Moved By:**

**Seconded By:**

- A. THAT report OPD 24-050 titled “New Town Hall - Design Scope Change Update” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council direct the Town’s Director of Operations and Development to proceed with +VG Architect’s proposed Amended Services Work Request No.1, dated July 30, 2024, in the amount of \$82,131.00 (excluding HST); and
- C. THAT Council direct the above overage amount to be funded through the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

#### **Resolution # 2024-379**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT Item 14.6.4 be referred to staff for a report that includes alternative location options, sale details for 10 Lisgar, and furnishing costs.

**Carried**

#### **14.6.5 Purchase of Loader-Mounted Snow Blower - OPD-24-051**

#### **Resolution # 2024-380**

**Moved By:** Councillor Parsons

**Seconded By:** Councillor Rosehart

- A. THAT report OPD 24-051 titled Purchase of Loader-Mounted Snow Blower be received as information; and

- B. THAT Council approves the purchase of a SnoGo Loader-Mounted Snow Blower from Colvoy Equipment in the amount of \$246,545 (net of refundable HST) as per the Town's enrollment through Canoe's cooperative purchasing group.

**Carried**

## **14.7 Recreation, Culture and Parks**

### **14.7.1 Recommendation for Security Concepts as Sole Provider for Security Systems in Tillsonburg - RCP-24-027**

#### **Resolution # 2024-381**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

- A. THAT report RCP 024-027 titled "Recommendation for Security Concepts as Sole Provider for Security Systems in Tillsonburg" be received as information; and
- B. THAT Security Concepts be appointed as the Town of Tillsonburg's single source supplier for security cameras and swipe card entry systems.

**Carried**

### **14.7.3 Reallocation of 2024 Capital Project Funding - Sports Fields - RCP-24-038**

#### **Resolution # 2024-382**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luciani

**Seconded By:** Councillor Parker

- A. THAT report RCP 24-038 titled "Reallocation of 2024 Capital Budget Funding – Sport Fields" be received as information; and,
- B. THAT Council approve the reallocation of \$10,000 from capital #622 "Aluminum Benches/Bleachers" to the capital project #400 "Sports Fields Maintenance & Repairs"

**Carried**



**15. New Business****16. Consideration of Minutes****16.1 Advisory Committee Minutes****Resolution # 2024-383****Moved By:** Councillor Parker**Seconded By:** Councillor Parsons

THAT the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received as information:

- Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated June 9, 2024

**Carried****17. Motions/Notice of Motions****17.1 Deputy Mayor Beres - Physician Shortage****Resolution # 2024-384****Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres**Seconded By:** Councillor Rosehart

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Town of Tillsonburg and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

**Carried**

**17.2 Deputy Mayor Beres - AMO Call to Action on Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

**Resolution # 2024-385**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ; the Minister of Finance ; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Oxford MPP.

**Carried**

### **17.3 Councillor Spencer - Purple Bench**

#### **Resolution # 2024-385**

**Moved By:** Councillor Spencer

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

WHEREAS, the Town of Tillsonburg received the delegation from Joanna Piatkowski, Manager of Ingamo Homes on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Resolution # 2024-213 was passed by Council at the May 13, 2024 Town of Tillsonburg Council Meeting:

1. THAT the delegation from Joanna Piatkowski regarding Gender-Based Violence in Oxford County be received as information; and
2. THAT Town of Tillsonburg Council supports Bill 173 Intimate Partner Violence and a letter be sent to the Province on behalf of Town Council; and

WHEREAS the 401 corridor has been well documented as a primary route for sex traffickers to transport and sell victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS the Oxford County police received 1570 calls regarding domestic violence in 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS in that time period, the statistics of IPV has increased 900%, the number of women and children in shelter in Oxford was 140, the number of women turned away due to capacity constraints In Oxford County was 73 and 796 individuals identified that required/could have

benefited from specialized sexual violence supports through Oxford County Community Health Care team, Ingamo Homes & Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO); and

WHEREAS these organizations are actively looking to prevent domestic violence and assist people in Tillsonburg; and

WHEREAS the installment of a purple bench would be a declaration and a strong message to victims of Intimate Partner Violence that they need not suffer violence in private and that they are part of a community that will stand with them, support them, and that the Town of Tillsonburg does not tolerate this violence in our community; and

WHEREAS the Downtown Tillsonburg Business Improvement Association is willing to assist with the space for purple bench installment as well as responsibility for the care and condition, including snow removal; and

WHEREAS Maglin Site Furniture Ltd. is willing to donate the bench and plaque at no cost to the Town; and

WHEREAS the plaque will be engraved and will include resources for people that are dealing with domestic violence, gender-based violence (GBV) or Intimate partner violence (IPV). The resources would include contact for DASO (Domestic Abuse Services Oxford), Ingamo and DART (Domestic Abuse Resource Team); and

WHEREAS, DASO and Ingamo have requested space from Town of Tillsonburg for Tillsonburg needs; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that approximately 85% off all women who are experiencing violence in the home right now aren't even aware of GBV services, which means they don't even know that DASO and/or Ingamo exist;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Council supports the purple bench campaign; and
- B. THAT Staff be directed to work with the downtown BIA to install a suitable visible location for the purple bench with a plaque; and
- C. THAT the CAO and Director of Operations and Development be authorized to complete any necessary agreements needed to execute the donation and placement of the bench; and

- D. THAT staff be directed to bring a report back to Council exploring the possibility of providing office space usage once a week or bimonthly for Ingamo Homes, DART and DASO team in order for them to provide local awareness and accessible support.

**Carried**

**17.4 Councillor Parsons - Planning Processes**

The following motion will be heard at the September 9, 2024 meeting of Council:

*THAT staff be directed to look into ways to enhance the notification process for planning applications to provide more detailed information to residents in advance with a broader circulation area.*

**17.5 Mayor Gilvesy - Stopping Bad Faith Renovictions**

Deputy Mayor Beres assumed the Chair for the Mayor to provide a Notice of Motion.

The following motion will be heard at the September 9, 2024 meeting of Council:

*Whereas in January 2024, Hamilton became the first community in Ontario to create a by-law to stop “bad faith renovictions”. As other communities are following Hamilton’s lead, it is prudent that Tillsonburg explore options available in this regard.*

*Therefore be it resolved*

*THAT Council request a report outlining options in creating a bylaw pertinent to “bad faith renovictions”. The report should include both pro’s and cons and potentially other options that other municipalities have undertaken in this regard; and*

*THAT this report be due back to council by the end of Q1 2025.*

**18. Resolutions/Resolutions Resulting from Closed Session**

**19. By-Laws**

Mayor Gilvesy assumed the Chair.

A revised By-Law listing was presented as a result of direction to the Clerk from Closed Session to include By-Law Item 19.5.

**Resolution # 2024-386****Moved By:** Councillor Parsons**Seconded By:** Councillor Rosehart

THAT the following By-Laws be read for a first, second, third and final reading and that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the same, and place the corporate seal thereunto.

- 19.1 By-Law 2024-086 A BY-LAW to amend By-Law 2023-009 being a by-law to appoint members to Town of Tillsonburg advisory committees.**
- 19.2 By-Law 2024-088 A By-Law to Levy the 2024 Amount Payable for the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital**
- 19.3 By-Law 2024-090 A By-Law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 3295, as amended (ZN 7-23-10)**
- 19.4 By-Law 2024-091 A BY-LAW to adopt a Criminal Record Check Policy for the Town of Tillsonburg**
- 19.5 19.5 By-Law 2024-087 A BY-LAW to authorize the Town's consent to the sale of Lot 1 in the Van Norman Innovation Park from 2776807 Ontario Inc. to 2513484 Ontario Inc.**

**Carried****20. Confirm Proceedings By-law****Resolution # 2024-387****Moved By:** Councillor Spencer**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT By-Law 2024-089, A By-Law to Confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on August 12, 2024, be read for a first, second, third and final reading and that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the same and place the corporate seal thereunto.

**Carried****21. Items of Public Interest****22. Adjournment**

**Resolution # 2024-388**

THAT the Council meeting of August 12, 2024, be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.