

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

## Council Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Council Present	Mayor Kenneth Craig Deputy Mayor Andrea Clarke Councillor Beth Blackwell Councillor Rory Cavanagh Councillor Mike Hinchberger Councillor Jennifer Prenger Councillor Bill Stewart Councillor Stellina Williams
Council Absent	Councillor Amanda Steinhoff-Gray
Staff Present	Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Lawrie, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk Roxana Baumann, Director of Corporate Services Lorie Fioze, Manager Strategic Initiatives Jayne Jagelewski, Director of Community Services Anne-Marie Thomson, Manager of Recreation Adam Weishar, Director of Infrastructure and Development Dwayne McNab, Manager of Development Services Mark O'Leary, Manager of Environmental Services

### 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Craig called to order the Regular Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine at 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Administration Centre.

#### 1.1 **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Councillor Blackwell opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

### 2. **Amendments, Additions or Deletions To/From the Agenda**

None.

### 3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None Disclosed

4. **Adoption of Minutes from Regular and Special Meetings of Council**

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 01**

**Moved by:** Mike Hinchberger

**Seconded by:** Stellina Williams

That the minutes of the Council meetings held on November 25, 2024 and November 27, 2024, be adopted as printed.

Carried.

5. **Matters for Public Participation**

5.1 **Delegations and Presentations**

- a. 2024 Employee Service Recognition, CAO General-2024-32

The Municipality of Kincardine recognized employees and firefighters who reached 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of continuous service in 2024.

- b. Bruce County

Christine MacDonald and Aaron Stauch presented the Bruce County Investment Services Report.

6. **Matters for Discussion and Direction**

6.1 **Staff Reports**

- a. Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

Peter Frise, Municipal Tax Equity (MTE) Consultants Inc., provided a presentation on the Property Tax Implications Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties.

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 02**

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

- b. Environmental Services Compliance Report October 2024, Environmental Services-2024-29  
Referred to the January 8, 2025 meeting
- c. Environmental Services Compliance Report November 2024, Environmental Services-2024-31  
Referred to the January 8, 2025 meeting
- d. Proposed Mapping Bruce County OP, Development Services-2024-29

Jack Van Dorp from the County of Bruce was present and available for questions.

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 03**

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

That Council endorse the recommended proposed changes to the County Official Plan through the proposed mapping updates as contained within Report Development Services-2024-29 except #22 Kincardine: North of Northline Extension and #23: Kincardine: East of Highway 9 and Highway 21; and

That staff be directed to share the local Council endorsement with Bruce County for its consideration.

Carried.

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 04**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Rory Cavanagh

That Council agree to move Agenda item 9.0 - Move into Closed Session and when complete return to finish the open meeting agenda.

Carried.

- e. Blue Box Transition Program Update, Environmental Services-2024-30

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 05**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

That Council discontinue the curbside collection of recyclable materials from ineligible sources through the municipal funding effective January 1, 2026; and

That staff be directed to communicate the changes as a result of Ontario's Blue Box Program transitioning to a new Extended Producer Responsibility model in accordance with the provincial Blue Box Regulation.

Deferred.

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 06**

**Moved by:** Jennifer Prenger  
**Seconded by:** Rory Cavanagh

That Resolution 12/11/24 - 05 be deferred until February 26, 2025.

Carried.

- f. The Use and Installation of Community Safety Zones and Traffic Calming Policy, Operations-2024-22

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 07**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell  
**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

That Council approve The Use and Installation of Community Safety Zones Policy as presented; and further

That Council approve the Traffic Calming Implementation Policy as presented.

Carried.

- g. Davidson Centre Concession Booth Lease Agreement, Recreation Community Programs-2024-02

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 08**

**Moved by:** Andrea Clarke  
**Seconded by:** Stellina Williams

That Council pass a by-law to enter into a five (5) year renewal lease agreement between the Municipality of Kincardine and Saba Umar for the management and operation of concession services at the Davidson Centre.

Carried.

- h. Dog Control By-law, Legislative Services-2024-30

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 09**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell  
**Seconded by:** Andrea Clarke

That Council approve the draft Dog Control By-law and amendments to the draft Set Fines Schedule to increase the fine for Kennel infractions (items 11-16) to \$300.

Carried.

**Amendment:**  
**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 10**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell  
**Seconded by:** Bill Stewart

That Council amend motion 12/11/24 - 09 to include an amendment to the draft Set Fines Schedule to increase the fines for Kennel infractions (items 11-16) to \$300.

Carried.

**7. Matters for Decision**

**7.1 Notice of Motion - At the Meeting**

None.

**7.2 Consideration of By-laws**

- a. 2025 Fees and Charges Amendment (1) By-law

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 11**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell  
**Seconded by:** Rory Cavanagh

That the “2025 Rates and Fee Amendment (1)” be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2024 - 157.

Carried.

- b. Motion to Pass By-laws

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 12**

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh  
**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

That the following By-laws are hereby read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 11th day of December, 2024:

1. Concession Services Agreement (2024) By-law By-law 2024 - 158
2. Dog Control By-law 2024 - 159
3. The Use and Installation of Community Safety Zones Policy By-law 2024 - 160

4. Traffic Calming Implementation Policy By-law 2024 - 161.

Carried.

## **8. Matters for Information**

### **8.1 Consent Agenda**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are enacted in one motion as a Matter Arising. The exception to this rule is that a Council member or the Chief Administrative Officer may request one or more items to be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and action.

- a. Statistical and Information Reports
  - a. Shared IT Services Update
  - b. Council Levee December 31, Recreation Community Programs-2024-01
  - c. KI Pill Distribution Plan, CEMC-2024-01
  - d. Update Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law, Development Services-2024-30
  - e. Statement of Operations for the period ending September 30, 2024
  - f. Davidson Centre 50th Anniversary Celebration, Parks Facilities-2024-29
- b. Minutes of Committees and Boards
  - a. Accessibility Advisory Committee - October 24, 2024
- c. Communications
  - a. Erin Netzke - Proposed Development 705 Princes Street
- d. Acceptance of Consent Agenda

#### **Resolution # 12/11/24 - 13**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Jennifer Prenger

That Council approve the recommendations contained in the consent agenda dated December 11, 2024 and direct staff to proceed with all necessary administrative actions.

Carried.

## **8.2 Members of Council General Announcements**

## **8.3 Chief Administrative Officer Announcements**

### **9. Closed Session (If Required)**

This item was considered after item 6.9 d.

#### **Resolution # 12/11/24 - 14**

**Moved by:** Mike Hinchberger

**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the purpose of considering:

- 1) The Closed Session minutes dated November 25, 2024 and November 27, 2024;
- 2) The security of the property of the Municipality or Local Board (IT Infrastructure and Security Assessment); and

Further, that Council return to Regular open meeting upon completion.

Carried.

#### **9.1 Matters Arising from Closed Session**

The automatic hour of adjournment was extended to the end of the business in the Closed Session.

Mayor Craig reported that pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Council discussed the following items in Closed Session:

- 1) The Closed Session minutes dated November 25, 2024 and November 27, 2024 were approved;
- 2) Council received for information only an update IT Infrastructure and Security Assessment.

### **10. Confirmatory By-law**

#### **Resolution # 12/11/24 - 15**

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

That the By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine of December 11, 2024 be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2024 - 162.

Carried.



11. **Adjournment**

**Resolution # 12/11/24 - 16**

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Jennifer Prenger

That this Council Meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk