



**Township of Amaranth  
Council Minutes  
Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**Electronic Meeting**

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

**Council Present:** Mayor B. Currie  
Deputy Mayor C. Gerrits  
Councillor G. Little  
Councillor H. Foster (logged in at approximately 6:05 p.m.)  
Councillor S. Niedzwiecki

**Staff Present:** CAO/Clerk N. Martin  
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer A. Gordon  
Township Planner J. Johnstone (for parts)

**1. Call to Order**

Clerk determined quorum was obtained and the meeting was able to proceed.

Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Added Items (Late Submissions) –**

- 8.5 agent presentation provided
- 17.2 Flag/Proclamation request provided
- 19.1 Closed Agenda item – pricing from R.J. Burnside

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution #1**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended.  
**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons**

None disclosed at this time, Council was reminded that they could declare a conflict at any time during the meeting should one arise.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5.1. Regular meeting of Council minutes held May 5, 2021

**Resolution #2**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 5, 2021 as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

6. **Public Question Period** - None received at this meeting

7. **Delegations/Presentations**

7.1. **Shelburne Multicultural Event** – President Althea Alli

Council heard from the delegation regarding the Multicultural Event and agreed to flying the multicultural flag for the month of June on the community flag pole. Council agreed to promoting the event on the website and event poster.

8. **Public Meeting under *The Planning Act***

**Resolution #3**  
**Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: H. Foster**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council now hold a Public Meeting under *The Planning Act* regarding the following:

1. Consent Application B08-2021 and B19-2021 for Adams
2. Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z06-2021 for Sawyer
3. Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z07-2021 and Z08-2021 for Monachino

**CARRIED.**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**8.1 To 8.3 B08-2021, B09-2021 and B10-2021 Consent Application** – Adams  
(Owner) East Half Lot 28, Concession 6 Part 1 7R2794, Amaranth

An Application for Consent (the “Application”) has been submitted by Gary Adams (the “Applicant/Owner”) for East Half Lot 28, Concession 6, Part 1, 7R-2794, Amaranth, Ontario (the “Property”). The purpose of the Application is the creation of a new rural lot. The property is legally referred to as Eat Half Lot 28, Concession 6, Part 1, 7R-2794, Township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin. The property is designated Rural (RU) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Official Plan, and zoned Rural (RU) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Zoning By-Law. The property is designated “Countryside Area” in the County Official Plan. The property is used for agricultural purposes and has no buildings or structures on the property. The property has an area of 50.34 hectares, a frontage of 613.21 metres and a depth of 627.50 metres. The Retained Property will have an approximate area of 33.74 hectares, an approximate frontage of 184.27 metres and an approximate depth of 627.50 metres. The Severed Property will have an approximate area of 3.87 hectares, an approximate frontage of 99.97 metres and an approximate depth of 387.00 metres. Please note that two other severance applications have been submitted concurrently with this application which is why the areas, frontages and depths of the severed/retained parcels do not necessarily add up to those of the existing parcel. Subject to the consideration of any input received at the public meeting, it is recommended that the Consent Application be deferred for the following reasons: GRCA is of the opinion that the consent application is incomplete until the Applicant submits an Environmental Impact Statement and a

Hydraulic Analysis. County is of the opinion that the consent application is incomplete until the Applicant submits an Environmental Impact Statement.

The committee was afforded the opportunity to hear from the owner Gary Adams who was available to answer questions. Council asked for a map showing the location of the severances in relation to the EP lands and watercourses. No other member of the public provided verbal or written comments.

**8.4. Z06-2021 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application – Sawyer (Owner)**  
295159 8<sup>th</sup> Line, Amaranth

An Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment (the “Application”) has been submitted by Laryssa Sawyer (the “Applicant”/the “Owner”) for 295159 8th Line, Amaranth, Ontario (the “Property”). The purposes of the application are the rezoning of the property to permit a secondary dwelling unit (mobile home) and to permit a farm storage/workshop with a height of 12 metres. The property is legally referred to as West Half Lot 23, Concession 7, Part 2, 7R-3420, Amaranth, Dufferin. The Property is designated Agricultural (A) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Official Plan and zoned Agricultural (A) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Zoning By-Law. The Property is currently used as a single detached dwelling. Subject to the consideration of any input received at the public meeting, it is recommended that the Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment be deferred for the following reasons with associated conditions: MDS 1 setback analysis has not been completed and should be completed in order to satisfy Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) formulae.

The Committee heard from the owner Laryssa Sawyer and discussed the height and temporary use of the property. Council questioned the assessment value of a secondary dwelling if the Building Department would consider a mobile home as dwelling. Staff will provide further comments in this regard. No other member of the public provided verbal or written comments.

**8.5 To 8.6. Z07-2021 and Z08-2021 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application – Monachino (Owner) Adam Santos (Agent) 555272 Mono-Amaranth Townline, Amaranth**

An Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment (the “Application”) has been submitted by Frank Monachino (the “Applicant”/the “Owner”) for 555272 Mono-Amaranth Townline, Amaranth, Ontario (the “Property”). The purposes of the application are the rezoning of the property to permit a secondary dwelling unit (second floor loft). The property is legally referred to as West Part Lot 25, Concession 1, Part 1, 7R-6045, Amaranth, Dufferin. The Property is designated Rural (RU) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Official Plan and zoned Rural (RU) and Environmental Protection (EP) in the Township Zoning By-Law. The Property is currently used as a farm operation for cash crops. Subject to the consideration of any input received at the public meeting and comments received from Dufferin County and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, it is recommended that conditional approval be granted for the Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment for the following reasons with associated conditions: The Provincial Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Growth Plan, County Official Plan and Township Official Plan all permit secondary dwelling units; Risk Management Officer has concluded that no policies are applicable for the current application and there are no requirements from source protection; MDS 1 setback analysis is not required for dwelling renovations; and Although natural heritage features are located on the property, the proposal is to permit an secondary dwelling unit as a dwelling renovation outside of existing natural heritage features which it is not anticipated to create additional risk or development pressure.

The Committee heard from the agent Adam Santos from Weston Consulting who provided a short presentation. The owner Frank Monachio was present and answered some questions. Nelson Costa, a neighbour, asked some questions regarding the driveway to the property which has been cleared out and if there was anything being built at the property line which were addressed. Council questioned the environmentally protected areas and how it can be removed from that designation and if environmental features can be removed by the conservation

authorities. Staff will follow up. No other member of the public provided verbal or written comments.

**Resolution #4**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do now adjourn the Public Meeting under *The Planning Act* and resume regular business.  
**CARRIED.**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**9. Unfinished Business**

**9.1. SWIFT Update** – Verbal discussion from Deputy Mayor Gerrits

Council was updated that the Dufferin County projects were moving ahead as scheduled. The Deputy Mayor indicated that the fibre cable would be extended to the municipal office and the elementary school.

**9.2. R.J. Burnside** – Bridge 15 Superstructure Suitability Memo

Council heard from R.J. Burnside, Chris Knechtel and Stephen Riley about the existing superstructure and potential uses for same. Burnside indicated that there could be 6 sites that could be suitable, bridges 10 and 11 among the recommended areas. The option of selling the superstructure deck was discussed. The most suitable structures based on site geometry are Bridges 10, 11, 12, and 13, all of which were noted in the Township's recent Bridge Inspection Report to be in poor condition requiring replacement in 1-5 years. Bridges 10 and 11 fit within the geometric constraints and these sites were previously discussed with Council. While they may fit the geometric requirements, their existing geometry and condition would require considerable investment in their rehabilitation. The costs would be in the higher end of the range previously noted. Burnside's recommendation included placing the superstructure at sites 10 or 11 if detailed assessment confirms viability of the abutments.

**10. Planning Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

**10.1. Memo to Council 2021-018**  
**Primrose Estates Signs**

Council was provided a planning memo requesting two construction signs on the Primrose Estates location.

**Resolution #5**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council approve that Primrose Estates be permitted to install two construction signs for the proposed subdivision located at 485471 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.  
**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		

<b>Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mayor Bob Currie</b>	<b>X</b>		

10.2. **Town of Shelburne** – Planning Application circulation

10.3. **Other**, if any. Council was provided an update on the Litz property and the site alteration application status.

**11. Public Works Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 **Other**, if any. Council commented on the recent street sweeping in the Waldemar area. Council was also updated on the top coat of asphalt at County Meadows Drive and the relocation of the school bus stop. Council was also advised of the failed asphalt at the intersection of County Road 11 and Sideroad 20 that was fixed under the warranty.

**12. County Council Business**

The following items were reviewed and dealt with:

**12.1 Building Department** - MPAC submission report for April

**12.2 Other**, if any.

**13. Committee Reports**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

**13.1. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex** – 2021 forecast update; Regular Board Meeting Minutes held March 24, 2021

**13.2. Township of Mulmur** – Police Services Board Composition

Council would like to send a letter of support to the Township of Mulmur for this resolution.

**13.3. Town of Mono** – Joint Municipal Water Management Agreement

**13.4. Grand Valley Public Library** – Minutes April 14, 2021

**13.5. Other**, if any

**14. General Business and Correspondence**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 14.1.** AMO Communications: [AMO policy Update – Long Term Care Commission Report Overview and Digital Ontario](#); AMO [Digital Partner Webinars](#); AMO WatchFile – [May 6, 2021](#); AMO Communications: [Leading Through Crisis Strengthening Personal Resilience](#); AMO Events: [Women's Leadership Forum at the AMO 2021 Conference](#); AMO Digital Partner Webinars: [One-stop Shop for Citizen Services and Digital Mental Health Support](#); AMO 2021 Training [Human Rights and Equity The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders](#), AMO WatchFile: [May 13, 2021](#), AMO Policy Update – [Stay at Home Order Extended](#)
- 14.2.** Ontario News: [Ontario Recognizes Occupational Safety and Health Day](#); Ontario News: [Ontario Responds to High Vaccination Rates, Modifies Restrictions in Long-Term Care Homes](#); Ontario News: [Ontario Supports Launch of Technology That Helps Detect Early Disease Warnings](#); Ontario News: [Ontario Releases Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan](#), Ontario News: [Expanding Access to Broadband Connectivity in Wellington County](#), Ontario News: [Ontario to Modernize and Streamline Apprenticeship Training](#); Ontario

News: [Ontario Funding Program to Help Seniors Struggling with COVID-related Cognitive Impairment](#), Ontario News: [Ontario Supports Families, Businesses and Workers during COVID-19](#), Ontario News: [Ontario Hires 89 New Correctional Officers](#), Ontario News: [Ontario Celebrates Second Annual Day of Action on Litter](#), Ontario News: [Ontario Advances Economic Growth and Prosperity for Indigenous Communities](#), Ontario News: [Ontario Acting to Combat Anti-Asian Racism in Schools](#)

**14.3. Town of Amherstburg** – Support of the City of Kitchener’s resolution regarding *The Planning Act* timelines

**14.4. Town of Shelburne** – Waste Treatment Plant expansion

**14.5. Kyle Seebach** – [Justin Trudeau’s assault on free speech must be stopped](#)

Council would like to send a letter of support in this regard.

**14.6. Municipality of Leamington** – Advocacy for Reform Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

**14.7. Town of Perth** – Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment

**14.8. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards** – 2021 Senior of the Year Award

Council would like to nominate Jim Mellon for the 2021 Senior of the Year Award.

**14.9. Town of The Blue Mountains** – Provincial Re-Opening Strategy

**14.10. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council** – Notice of Moratorium

**14.11.** Other, if any

**15. Treasury/Accounts**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

**15.1. Bills and Accounts**  
General Accounts

**15.2. Bills and Accounts**  
Road Accounts

Council discussed the bills and accounts as presented. Council requested further information in connection with a few bills and invoices which staff provided clarification on.

**Resolution #6**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: G. Little**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The following bills and Accounts be approved for payment:  
General 2021 \$314,649.49  
Roads 2021 \$ 46,010.83

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**15.3. Other**, if any. Nothing was discussed at this time.

**16. Added Items - Late Submissions (to be in office prior to meeting)**

16.1. All added items were dealt with under different headings in the agenda.

**17. New Business**

**17.1. Integrity Commissioner - Special Report to Council and Annual Report**

Council reviewed the Integrity Commissioner report as provided. Council would like to review the integrity commissioner roles and review who is qualified.

**Resolution #7**

**Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council direct staff to provide a list of Integrity Commissioner options for review.

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**17.2. Flag/Proclamation**

Council was provided with the proclamation request from the Amaranth Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee for Pride Month for the month of June. As the request was not provided one month in advance of the desired proclamation in accordance with the policy and procedure, Council did not approve the proclamation request at this time.

**18. Notice of Motions – None at this meeting.**

**19. Closed Meeting**

**Resolution #8**

**Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons:

Third party information supplied in confidence to the Municipality;  
Labour relations or employee negotiations; and  
Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**Resolution #9**

**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
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Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

It was confirmed that the only items discussed in closed session were those items on the closed session agenda. The matters resulting from the closed session were further addressed as follows.

**Resolution #10**  
**Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: G. Little**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Report to Council 2021-022 be received and that staff be instructed to enter into a five year banking services agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada.

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**Resolution #11**  
**Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: C. Gerrits**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council instruct staff to obtain a cost estimate for all engineering studies for Bridge 10 and the re-use of the existing bridge superstructure.

**CARRIED**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**20. By-Laws - Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws**

**20.1. Resolution #12**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: G. Little**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a by-law to amend the Zoning By-Law 2-2009 for West Part Lot 20, Concession 10, Part 2 7R-3420 (File No. Z05-2021); and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

**CARRIED.**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

**21. Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution #13**  
**Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**



Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for May 19, 2021; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.  
**CARRIED.**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

22.     **Adjournment**

**Resolution #14**  
**Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: H. Foster**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.  
**CARRIED.**

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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Head of Council

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CAO/Clerk