

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Tartan Hall - Char-Lan Recreation Centre  
19740 John Street, Williamstown**

PRESENT: Mayor Lachlan McDonald, Deputy Mayor Martin Lang and  
Councillor Stephanie Jaworski.

STAFF PRESENT: CAO Doug Robertson, GM Corporate Services/Clerk Kelli  
Campeau, GM Finance/Treasurer Kimberley Goyette, GM  
Infrastructure Services Sarah McDonald, GM Planning, Building  
& Enforcement Joanne Haley, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Sherry-Lynn Servage and Deputy Clerk Kayce Dixon.

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Resolution No. 345-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 4th, 2023 Council Meeting of the  
Township of South Glengarry now be opened at 7:02 pm

CARRIED

2. O CANADA

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion:

-10.c. Letter - RRCA 2024 Draft Budget

**Resolution No. 346-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry approve  
the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Resolution No. 347-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as  
circulated:

- Previous Meeting Minutes - November 20th, 2023
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - November 27th, 2023

CARRIED

- 5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2023
- 5.2 Committee of the Whole Minutes - November 27, 2023

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Storm Internet Community Update - Birket Foster
- 6.2 Cairnview Park Concept - Thinc Design
- 6.3 2023 OSIM Summary - Jacobs Engineering

7. ACTION REQUESTS

- 7.1 2023 OSIM Report Acceptance - Bridges and Structural Culverts (S. McDonald)

**Resolution No. 348-2023**

Moved by Councillor Jaworski  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 135-2023 be received and that the Council of the Township of South Glengarry receive and accept the 2023 Ontario Structural Inspection Manual (OSIM) Summary Report detailing the current condition of the municipality's bridges and structural culverts.

CARRIED

8. BY-LAWS

- 8.1 Bainsville Shared Well Agreement (S. Servage)

**Resolution No. 349-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 136-2023 be received and By-law 80-2023, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Eric Taylor and Shanti Kalfon regarding the shared well located at 21479 MacCuaig Drive, Bainsville, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in open council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

CARRIED

9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 9.1 Notice of Motion - Enbridge Gas Support

**Resolution No. 350-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas has shared with the Township of South Glengarry key messages regarding the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to

Construct (LTC) process, entitled “reducing red tape for more cost-effective, timely energy connections in Ontario.”

AND WHEREAS the Township of South Glengarry supports and wishes to endorse the recommendations put forward by Enbridge Gas in order to expedite the installation of natural gas to rural, remote or underserved communities such as the Township of South Glengarry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of South Glengarry petition the Ontario Government to expedite the implementation of the following recommendations:

i) THAT the Government of Ontario move to modernize the Ontario Energy Board’s (OEB) Leave to Construct (LTC) process for smaller pipeline projects in order to bring reliable, affordable energy options to communities, homes and businesses in a more cost-effective and timely manner;

ii) AND THAT the LTC cost threshold be updated from \$2M to \$10M for hydrocarbon lines (by amending Ontario Regulation O.Reg.328/03) while maintaining current requirements and expectations for Indigenous consultation and environmental review for projects greater than \$2M and less than \$10M;

iii) AND THAT these outdated regulations are causing the LTC to apply far more broadly than intended when it was established over 20 years ago due to increased regulatory and cost pressures, as well as inflation, virtually all gas pipeline projects are now greater than \$2M rendering the threshold meaningless;

iv) AND THAT roughly 0.5 KM pipe in urban settings now often exceeds the \$2M threshold;

v) AND THAT modernizing these outdated regulations would reduce delays and costs for economic development initiatives including transit projects, community expansion projects, housing developments, connections for low carbon fuel blending (e.g., renewable natural gas, hydrogen) as well as residential and business customer connections;

vi) AND THAT based on OEB’s performance standards, this proposal would save approx. 5-7 months of regulatory process which is in addition to the time needed to undertake Indigenous consultation and environmental review and prepare an application to the OEB;

vii) AND THAT the cost of preparing and having a LTC application heard ranges from approx. ~\$50,000 to ~\$200,000, which is passed on to customers;

viii) AND THAT while no cost-based threshold exists for electricity lines, there are a range of exemptions ensuring that LTC is only required for significant electricity projects and the proposed changes would help ensure that, consistent with electricity projects, LTC for hydrocarbon lines would only be required for significant projects;

ix) AND THAT increasing the cost threshold to \$10M would closer align Ontario with other Canadian jurisdictions;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Finance, and MPP Nolan Quinn requesting support of the proposed changes regarding reducing red tape for more cost-effective, timely energy connections in Ontario.

CARRIED

9.2 Notice of Motion - Support for Tax Credit for Firefighters

**Resolution No. 351-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa and calls upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MP Eric Duncan and the Municipality of Wawa.

CARRIED

9.3 Letter - RRCA Draft 2024 Budget

10. CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolution No. 352-2023**

Moved by Councillor Jaworski  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED

- 10.1 Parks, Recreation and Culture Department - Final 2023 Projects Update (S. Servage)
- 10.2 Committee of the Whole Summary - November 27, 2023 (S. McDonald)
- 10.3 Letter - RRCA Draft 2024 Budget
- 10.4 RRCA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights - November 16, 2023
- 10.5 RESOLUTION - Support for declaring gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario (North Dundas)
- 10.6 RESOLUTION - Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act (Town of Aylmer)
- 10.7 RESOLUTION - Conservation Officer Reclassification (Township of Coleman)
- 10.8 RESOLUTION - Infrastructure Funding Grant Programs (Municipality of Tweed)
- 10.9 RESOLUTION - Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates (Town of Orangeville)
- 10.10 RESOLUTION - Permit-by-rule (Prince Edward County)
- 10.11 RESOLUTION - Septage Letter (Municipality of South Bruce)
- 10.12 RESOLUTION - Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes (Municipality of Shuniah)
- 11. CLOSED SESSION

**Resolution No. 353-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene to Closed Session at 8:15 pm pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

(2) a meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is;

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual

Specifically: Staffing Matter

(e) litigation or potential litigation

Specifically: Litigation

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on by the municipality

Specifically: instructions for negotiations

CARRIED

Councillor Trevor Bougie joined the Closed Session meeting electronically at 8:17 pm.

Councillor Sam McDonell joined the Closed Session meeting electronically at 8:23 pm.

Councillors Bougie and McDonell exited the meeting at 9:34 pm.

**Resolution No. 354-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and reconvene at 9:34 pm into open session without reporting.

CARRIED

**Resolution No. 355-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to carry out all actions as specified in the Closed Session minutes.

CARRIED

12. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

**Resolution No. 356-2023**

Moved by Councillor Jaworski  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 81-2023, being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in open council this 4th day of December, 2023.

CARRIED

12.1 Confirming By-law 81-2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

**Resolution No. 357-2023**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang  
Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry adjourn to the call of the chair at 9:35 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk