

**Township of South-West Oxford
Council Minutes
(via Web Conference)
January 5, 2021**

Members Present: Mayor: David Mayberry
Councillors: Paul Buchner (Ward 1), Peter Ypma (Ward 2), George Way (Ward 4), Jim Pickard (Ward 5), Craig Gillis (Ward 6)

Members Absent: Valerie Durston (Ward 3)

Staff Present: Mary Ellen Greb, Chief Administrative Officer
Diane Larder, Treasurer/Deputy CAO
Julie Forth, Clerk
Adam Prouse, Works Superintendent

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor David Mayberry and a quorum was present.

Motion to Accept Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by Peter Ypma
Seconded by Jim Pickard

RESOLVED that the regular meeting agenda for the January 5th, 2020 meeting of Council be approved, as amended to include discussion about the speed limit on Beachville Road.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

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December 15th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by Paul Buchner
Seconded by Craig Gillis

RESOLVED that the regular minutes of the December 15th, 2020 council meeting be approved.

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;

