

Township of Woolwich
Summary of Recommendations to Council
From September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Legal Representation at Ontario Lands Tribunal regarding Hawk Ridge Homes and Capital Paving Appeals

That Council of the Township of Woolwich direct SmithValeriot Law Firm LLP to represent Woolwich Township at the Ontario Lands Tribunal (OLT) regarding the Hawk Ridge Homes and Capital Paving files.

2. Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan – Updates and Actions

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities; and further

THAT rental-related fees associated with the use of municipal parks and facilities, for recognized Indigenous organizations to lead cultural and ceremonial events, be suspended for September 30, 2021.

3. Article of Agreements for the Enabling Accessibility Fund

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report R18-2021 authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Article of Agreements for the Enabling Accessibility Fund.

4. Purchase of one New Holland 145hp Tractor

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report IS29-2021 approve the purchase of one 2019 New Holland T6.145 DCT 145 hp Tractor with optional equipment from ESM Farm Equipment Limited for a total cost of \$128,636.85 after H.S.T. rebate.

5. Scoped Official Plan Review – Proposed New Township Official Plan

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich considering Report DS26-2021 respecting the scoped review and update of the Township Official Plan:

1. Adopt a by-law, to repeal the current Township Official Plan (i.e., By-law 75-2000) approved by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (the “Region”) and replace it with the proposed new Township Official Plan (“TOP”) attached as Appendix ‘A’;
2. Defer decisions for certain policies identified as Deferrals No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the proposed TOP pending the outcome of other concurrent and separate Planning Act processes being the Region’s municipal comprehensive review of the Regional Official Plan and the Stockyard Secondary Plan Amendment No. 38 to the current Township Official Plan;
3. Request the Region to expedite their review of the adopted TOP and to provide a decision concerning its approval by December 31, 2021;
4. Pursuant to Section 22.2.2 of the Planning Act, waive the 2-year moratorium prescribed in Section 22.2.1 and thereby allow the Township to accept and process complete Official Plan Amendment applications before the second (2nd) anniversary of the first day any part of the new TOP came into effect, subject to being in conformity with the applicable Provincial and Regional planning policies; and
5. Consider the changes contained in the proposed TOP since the last statutory public meeting held on August 25, 2020, to be minor and does not warrant holding another statutory public meeting.