



Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2021
2:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall

Mayor A. Thompson
Councillor I. Sinclair (remote)
Councillor L. Kiernan (remote)
Councillor J. Downey (remote)
Councillor C. Early (remote)
Councillor J. Innis (remote)
Councillor N. deBoer (remote)
Councillor A. Groves (remote)
Councillor T. Rosa (remote)

Chief Administrative Officer: C. Herd (remote)
Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk: L. Hall
Deputy Clerk, Council & Committee Services: J. Lavecchia (remote)

INTRODUCTION

Town Clerk, L. Hall, advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Bill 187, Emergency Management Act, 2020, that the meeting would be held as an electronic meeting and open to the public through an audio broadcast and remote public participation. She advised Members of Council of procedural functions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. and delivered the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Robert Williams and Jack Ammendolia of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. provided a presentation regarding the Ward Boundary Review project. Dr. Williams and Mr. Ammendolia provided context on the need for a ward boundary review in the Town, specifically to address growth and changes since the last review in 1994. They presented information on the legislative framework and the historical application of the guiding principles in 1994 when the current ward boundary structure was implemented through an Ontario Municipal Board decision, which focused largely on communities of interest as a key component to Caledon's unique geography. The consultants provided an overview of the survey results and comments received from the first round of public engagement sessions conducted in the Fall of 2020. Mr. Ammendolia noted key considerations that will need to be addressed through the review, which include the current number of Area Councillors, the recent reduction of Regional Council seats and the selection of Regional Councillors. The Consultants provided an overview of municipal comparators that have been reviewed as part of the project, including Brampton, Mississauga, Halton Hills and Bradford West Gwillimbury. Dr. Williams indicated that the focus and approach of the review is to consider quantitative and qualitative data, the set of guiding principles, case law and successful models applied in other municipalities. He emphasized the preliminary options may focus on a specific guiding principle, but all the principles are considered in each scenario. Mr. Ammendolia presented the preliminary options outlining the challenges and opportunities of each scenario. They concluded the presentation noting next steps in the process, which include the finalization of the ward boundary options, a second round of public consultation and a final report for Council consideration.

Members of Council provided comments and asked several questions and received responses from the presenters.

Mayor A. Thompson thanked Dr. Williams and Mr. Ammendolia for their presentation.

Councillor J. Downey left the meeting at 4:40 p.m. and did not return.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer – Seconded by: Councillor C. Early 2021-11

That the following by-law be read a first time and passed:

BL-2021-04 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon at its Council Meeting held on the 1st day of February 2021

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	X		
Councillor I. Sinclair	X		
Councillor L. Kiernan	X		
Councillor J. Downey			X
Councillor C. Early	X		
Councillor J. Innis	X		
Councillor N. deBoer	X		
Councillor A. Groves	X		
Councillor T. Rosa	X		
Total	8	0	1

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On a verbal motion moved by Councillor L. Kiernan, Council adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Allan Thompson, Mayor

Laura Hall, Town Clerk