



Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting December 4, 2024 - 07:00 PM

Present Were:	Mayor,	Valerie Jahn
	Councillor,	Sheldon Keller
	Councillor,	Wayne Banks
	Councillor,	Iris Kauffeldt
	Councillor,	Kevin Quade
Also Present:	Clerk-Treasurer,	Virginia Phanenhour
	Deputy Clerk,	Tammy Thompson
Public Attending:	Via Zoom/Telephone/In Person	

1 Call to Order & Roll Call

Call to order Regular Council Meeting for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan this 4th day of December, 2024 at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call:

Councillor Banks

Councillor Kauffeldt

Councillor Keller

Councillor Quade

2 Land Acknowledgement

"As we gather this evening I would like to acknowledge on behalf of this Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin people and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years."

3 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-01

Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt

Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan adopt the agenda as amended to include item 11.2 - 2025 Municipal Insurance Renewal, and item 9.2 Public Works Staff Report."

CARRIED

4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest expressed.

5 Mayor's Address

Attended 4-5 meetings in November. The warming center in Pembroke will be open in December 24hrs/day. The Wardens Community Services Award was presented at the November meeting, the Non-Profit Award went to Bryan O'Connor with Paddler Coop and the For-Profit Award went to the Valley Gazette. Road rationalization study was presented at County Committee and has been sent to municipal staff; for comment only. Trans Canada Trail/Algonquin trail is now open to Mattawa. Renfrew County was awarded the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association 2024 Municipal Champion Award in recognition of leadership and vision in implementing the regions Mesa Wellness initiative. County has been invited to present at the 2025 at OMSSA conference. Climate Action Committee Report was presented and reviewed for comment and recommendations. A letter was received from Solicitor General regarding the policing budgets. BLR has been reduced by \$57,000. It went from \$392,000 to \$335,000, previous year was \$322,000. Procedural by-law was passed at county and going further they will meet as committee of a whole, meaning less committee meetings.

6 Clerk's Report

Attended two meetings and on November 20th administrative staff attended a Fred Dean workshop, which was a very informative workshop.

7 Delegations and/or Presentations

7.1 MV Public Library - Natalie Barrington

8 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-02

Moved By: Sheldon Keller

Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 6th, 2024 as presented."

CARRIED

9 Committee and/or Staff Reports

9.1 Holiday Hours

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-03

Moved By: Kevin Quade

Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby authorize the closure of the Township Office from December 24, 2024 - January 1, 2025; AND FURTHER THAT staff will use three days of vacation and one day will be given by Council, AND FURTHER THAT the Waste Sites will be closed on December 24th – December 26th and closed on December 31st and re-open on January 2nd, 2025."

CARRIED

9.2 Public Works - Staff Report

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-04

Moved By: Wayne Banks

Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby directs the Operations Manager to proceed with a pre-2025 budget purchase of a 2017 Ford F450 with plow and dump box from GovDeals, bidding up to \$25,000 plus applicable fees and taxes. Should a purchase be made, council declares the 2008 Ford F250 as surplus and dispose of via GovDeals."

CARRIED

10 Correspondence

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-05

Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt

Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the correspondence as circulated with the exception of item 10.2 and 10.5 to be brought back to the next regular council meeting."

CARRIED

10.1 The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

10.2 Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

10.3 Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

10.4 County Council Summary - October 2024

10.5 Child Welfare Funding

10.6 Thank you from Paddle for Benny

10.7 Enabling greater beneficial reuse excess soil

10.8 Mayors of Highway 28

11 New Business

11.1 Letter of Support Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-06

Moved By: Wayne Banks

Seconded By: Kevin Quade

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the following:

"WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support."

CARRIED

11.2 2025 Municipal Insurance Renewal

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-07

Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt

Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan accept the 2025 Municipal Insurance quote as presented and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the agreement."

CARRIED

12 Financial Report

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-08

Moved By: Sheldon Keller

Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan accept the Year-to-Date Budget Variance and the Monthly Expenses Summary as presented."

CARRIED

13 By-Laws

14 Closed Session

15 Confirmation By-Law

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-09

Moved By: Sheldon Keller

Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2024-42 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the December 4th, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, having been read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

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Adjournment

Resolution No: 2024-12-04-10

Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt

"THAT this meeting adjourns at 8:13 pm."

CARRIED

Mayor, Valerie Jahn

Clerk-Treasurer, Virginia Phanenhour