

Town of Davidson
Council Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Davidson Town Council was held in the Davidson Town Hall Council Chambers on July 16, 2024.

Present: Mayor: Elaine Ebenal; Councillors: Keith LePoudre, Kirby Manz, Stacey Siroski-Belisle, Arlene Low, Clark Puckett (7:50 p.m.); Administrator Yvonne Jess.

Absent: Councillor Gene Stangland, Director of Recreation & Culture Dave Whitenect

MLA Dana Skoropad attended Council Chambers prior to the Council Meeting to discuss any concerns Council had.

Mayor Elaine Ebenal called the Council Meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Agenda

2024-132 Siroski-Belisle: That the agenda be approved as amended.
LePoudre:

Carried.

Delegation – Shirley Blenkin – 7:25 p.m.

Shirley Blenkin attended the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to discuss her desire to have a memorial bench placed at one of the Communities in Bloom sites, and concerns with a particular property in Town.

Shirley Blenkin left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Delegation – Logan Tennent – 7:30 p.m.

Logan Tennent attended the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss his line sewer repair and reported that the he felt the issue was a result of the repair that was done in 2016 or 2017.

Logan Tennent left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes

2024-133 Low: That the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting be
Siroski-Belisle: approved as corrected.

Carried.

Councillor Puckett arrived to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Rail Safety Week

2024-134 Manz: Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from
Low: September 23 to 29, 2024;

Whereas, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

Whereas, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested Town Council to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is hereby resolved to support National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024.

Carried.

Correspondence

2024-135 Low: That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:
Puckett:

- Rural Integrated Road for Growth
- CN Rail

Carried.

Dutch Elm Disease

2024-136 LePoudre: That due to the presence of Dutch Elm Disease in the area, we
Siroski-Belisle: have a survey completed on an annual basis to protect our urban
forest.

Carried.

2024 Tax Abatements

2024-137 Siroski-Belisle: That we apply the following tax abatements for 2024 as per Base Tax Bylaw No. 805, Davidson P.S.C.O Centre Bylaw No. 807, Tax Incentive Bylaw No. 813:
 Low:

Roll No.	Amount	Explanation
29	\$ 2,492.32	Abatement as per bylaw
32	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
38	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
41	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
53	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
57	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
60	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
74	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
100	\$ 600.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
293	\$ 550.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
107	\$ 148.40	Tax Incentive - commercial - year 2 (2d) 25% School
107	\$ 853.06	Tax Incentive - commercial - year 2 (2d) 25% Mun
258	\$ 550.00	Cancellation - chgd 2 base taxes
763	\$ 2,313.48	Yr 1 - 50% discount on municipal portion - new home
766	\$ 2,086.21	Yr 1 - 50% discount on municipal portion - new home
	\$ 13,793.47	2024 municipal tax abatements

Carried.

Building Official Appointment

2024-138 LePoudre: That the following has been appointed as a licensed building official with Professional Building Inspections, Inc. under the authority of subsections 16(2) and 16(3) of *The Construction Codes Act*:
 Manz:

- Charles Fiss – T-Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan – BOL815

Carried.

Public Works Report

Minutes from the July 9, 2024 Public Works Meeting were presented and discussed.

Water Tower Rehabilitation Project

2024-139 Siroski-Belisle: That we accept the proposal from XtremeAxis to remove the water tower access ladder and electrical conduit for \$5,125
 Puckett:

Carried.

Communities in Bloom

Minutes from the July 9, 2024 Communities in Bloom Meeting were presented.

Library

Councillor Low provided a verbal report on the Federal Enabling Accessibility Grant for the library elevator project.

Davidson Days

Councillor Low reported on the Davidson Days wrap up meeting scheduled for July 23rd.

Reports – Administrator

2024-140 Siroski-Belisle: That Council accepts the Administration Report as presented.
LePoudre: Carried.

Financial Statement

2024-141 Manz: That the June 2024 financial statement be accepted as
Puckett: presented. Carried.

Payment of Accounts

2024-142 Manz: That Council acknowledge and approve the list of payments,
Puckett: cheques #34125 to #34175 inclusive, in the amount of
\$309,053.66, EFT's totalling \$53,987.48, and June payroll
totalling \$46,765.71. Carried.

In-Camera Session

2024-143 Low: That Council move in-camera at 8:47 p.m. as per section 12 of
Siroski-Belisle: Bylaw No. 771 Council Procedures Bylaw, and Part III of *The
Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of
Privacy Act* in regards to legal and human resource matters. Carried.

In attendance for the in-camera session: Mayor Ebenal, Councillors Puckett, Low,
Siroski-Belisle, LePoudre, Manz, and Administrator Jess.

Council returned from the in-camera session at 9:11 p.m.

Adjournment

2024-144 Low: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Siroski-Belisle: Carried.

Elaine Ebenal, Mayor

Yvonne Jess, Administrator