



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

C06/26
APRIL 14, 2026
6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:

B. Grant	Mayor
J. Anderson	Councillor
T. Gilmore	Councillor
J. MacLellan	Councillor
S. Van Vliet	Councillor

STAFF PRESENT:

M. Luey	Chief Administrative Officer
A. Chrastina	Clerk
L. Earl	Manager of Community & Development Services
C. Hart	Manager of Financial Planning/Deputy Treasurer
S. Ivins	Planner
M. Jemison	Drainage Superintendent
A. Jenkins	Deputy Clerk
C. Mayr	Library Programmer
R. Nan	Manager of Operations

OTHER:

C. Rohe	Project Manager, GSP Group
S. Wever	Project Advisor, GSP Group

1. Call to Order

Mayor Grant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. National Anthem

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Grant acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee Peoples, acknowledging the One Bowl and Spoon Treaty.

4. Disclosures of Interest

None.

5. Presentations

None.

6. Mayor's Announcements & Remarks

Mayor Grant provided the following remarks:

- Please note that these meeting proceedings are being broadcast live, recorded and made available through the Township website and youtube.com.

- We will be having the earth day tree giveaway on Saturday April 25th.
 - Time: 8:00am to 12:00 pm or earlier if all trees are given away
 - Location: 31976 Sugarloaf Street (Public Works)
 - Trees available: 100 Hackberry, 100 Red Maple, 100 Sycamore & 100 Black Cherry
 - Proof of residency is required and there is a 2 tree maximum
 - While quantities last
- Our next regular meeting of Council is Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 6:30pm
- The NPCA has begun floodplain mapping in the Upper Welland River watershed. Residents can follow updates and learn more through the Get Involved NPCA portal.
- Corporate Services Committee meets tomorrow
- NPCA Finance Committee meets tomorrow

7. Councillor's Announcements & Remarks

None.

8. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

Resolution No. C-2026-045

Moved by Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 24, 2026 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

9. Public Meeting

Mayor Grant called the public meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and advised that the purpose of the Public Meeting is to present information regarding the Official Plan Update to the public and for Council to receive comments from the public

The Manager of Community and Development Services provided an overview of the related staff report CDS-002/2026 and confirmed that no written public comments have been received.

Notice was also circulated to external agencies and internal departments Enbridge Gas does not object to the proposed application(s) however, reserved the right to amend or remove development conditions. The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) noted that are the Treaty Holders of the land on which the Township of Wainfleet is located. Their consultation team provided standard information regarding “Municipal Official Plan Input” and requested an introductory meeting with Township staff.

The Manager of Community and Development Services provided an overview of the purpose and details of the project and then introduced the consulting team from GSP Group: Mr. Craig Rohe, Project Manager, and Mr. Steve Wever, Senior Project Advisor.

GSP Group presented the findings of the Gap Analysis.

Mayor Grant called for any members of Council wishing to provide comment.

Councillor Anderson commented regarding the use of Community planning permit system (CPPS) and shoreline concerns.

Councillor MacLellan commented on the need to evaluate legal non-conforming uses.

Councillor Anderson commented that she would like to see GSP Group present at future public meetings related to this project.

Mayor Grant called for any members of the public wishing to provide comment on the proposed application.

Chris Hamilton – 73684 Gracey Road

Chris commented on agriculture being essential to our future, feeding families across Ontario and representing the economic backbone of Wainfleet. The new Official Plan should be balanced, representing a mix of protection of agricultural lands and flexibility/practicality with agricultural lands that will never be farmed.

Laurie Dayboll – 10128 Lakeshore Road

Laurie expressed thanks for considering the boil water advisory in the scope of this project. She further commented that there is a gap in mapping and requested that the new Official Plan and Zoning By-law reflect the true impact of the Eagle Marsh Drain and that the Hazard Lands designation be removed from her property.

Laurie Dayboll – 10128 Lakeshore Road

Laurie returned to the podium to provide comment regarding road stubs which lead to the Lake Erie shoreline. Clear policy direction is needed in the new Official Plan to ensure these road stubs are maintained as public access points and that any being considered for disposal should require an easement to accommodate any municipal services.

Greg Chew – 12125 Hock Road

Greg encouraged consideration of ensuring the new Official Plan provides for the option of secondary plans (which the current OP does not) which is important for the lakeshore area and access to beaches, both public and private.

The Manager of Community and Development Services provided information regarding next steps and where to find updates online.

The Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

10. Delegations

None.

11. Consent Agenda

None.

12. Staff Reports & Recommendations

a) Administrative Staff Reports

- i. ASR-004/2026 Re: 2025 Year-End Results Report

Resolution No. C-2026-046

Moved by Councillor Van Vliet
Seconded by Councillor MacLellan

“**THAT** this memorandum be received and

THAT Administrative Staff Report ASR-004-2026 respecting the 2025 Year-End Results Report be received; and

THAT the recommended transfers to and from reserves, as outlined below, be approved.”

CARRIED

- ii. ASR-005/2026 Re: 2025 Building & Septic Annual Report

Resolution No. C-2026-047

Moved by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor MacLellan

“**THAT** Administrative Staff Report ASR-005/2026 regarding the 2025 Building & Septic Annual Report be received for information.”

CARRIED

- iii. ASR-006/2026 Re: 2026 Property Tax Rates

Resolution No. C-2026-048

Moved by Councillor MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“**THAT** Administrative Staff Report ASR-006/2026 respecting 2026 Property Tax rates be received; and

THAT Council consider the by-law attached to this report as Appendix “A” to provide for Final Property Tax Rates for the 2026 taxation year.”

CARRIED

b) Drainage Reports

- i.
- DSR-004/2026
- Re: 2025-2026 Drainage Program Update

Resolution No. C-2026-049

Moved by Councillor Gilmore

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“**THAT** Drainage Staff Report DSR-004/2026 respecting the Township’s 2025-2026 Drainage Program Update be received; and

THAT the 2026 municipal drain maintenance program be approved.”

CARRIED

- ii.
- DSR-005/2026
- Re: Award of Tender for Drain Improvement of the Collver and Shafley Municipal Drains

Resolution No. C-2026-050

Moved by Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“**THAT** Drainage Staff Report DSR-005/2026 respecting the Award of Tender for Drain Improvement of the Collver and Shafley Municipal Drains be received; and

THAT Council direct Staff to award the tender for the Improvement of the Collver and Shafley Municipal Drains to Anthony’s Excavating Central Inc for \$1,446,022 +HST.”

CARRIED

- iii.
- DSR-006/2026
- Re: Drain Abandonment Request – CSW #46

Resolution No. C-2026-051

Moved by Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor Gilmore

“**THAT** Drainage Staff Report DSR-006/2026 respecting CSW #46 Abandonment Report, be received; and

THAT the draft Abandonment by-law attached as Appendix “C” be adopted.”

CARRIED

c) Public Works Staff Reports

- i. PWSR-007/2026 Re: Municipal Speed Reduction

Resolution No. C-2026-052

Moved by Councillor Gilmore
Seconded by Councillor MacLellan

“THAT Public Works Staff Report PWSR-007/2026 respecting Municipal Speed Reduction be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to reduce the speed limit on Hewitt Road as per the established traffic calming process and consider future requests on a case-by-case basis.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence

- a) Correspondence Item C-066 Re: AORS Certification of Mark Jemison

Mayor Grant congratulated Mark on this achievement and thanked him for his continued efforts in service to the Township.

- b) Correspondence Item C-076 Re: Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3)

Resolution No. C-2026-053

Moved by Councillor MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“THAT Niagara Region Report PW 10-2026 - Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3) be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Amending Agreement (Amendment 3) to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement to continue the Red Light Camera (RLC) program.”

CARRIED

16. By-laws**Resolution No. C-2026-054**

Moved by Councillor MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

“THAT the following by-laws be read a third time and finally passed this 14th day of April, 2026:

- a) By-law No. 007-2026 being a by-law to provide for drainage works in the Township of Wainfleet in the Region of Niagara (Shafley Road Drain)
- b) By-law No. 008-2026 being a by-law to provide for drainage works in the Township of Wainfleet in the Region of Niagara (Collver Drain)

CARRIED

Resolution No. C-2026-055

Moved by Councillor MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor Gilmore

“**THAT** the following by-laws be read and passed this 14th day of April, 2026:

- a) By-law No. 017-2026 being a by-law to establish estimates and tax rates for the year 2026
- b) By-law No. 018-2026 being a by-law to provide Abandonment of the CSW #46 Drain for drainage works in the Township of Wainfleet in the Region of Niagara”

CARRIED

16. Notices of Motion

None.

13. Closed Meeting

None.

14. Rise & Report

None.

17. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

Resolution No. C-2026-056

Moved by Councillor Van Vliet
Seconded by Councillor MacLellan

“**THAT** By-law No. 019-2026 being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet at its Regular Meeting of Council held April 14, 2026 be read and passed this 14th day of April, 2026.”

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

B. Grant, MAYOR

A. Chrastina, CLERK

Approved May 5, 2026