



Council Meeting Minutes

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview met in a hybrid in-person session at the Council Chambers, 217 Gideon Street on April 13, 2026, at 05:30 PM.

Those in attendance were:

Council:

Mayor Douglas Measures
Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren
Ward 1 - Councillor Phyllis Dineen
Ward 2 - Councillor Robert McArthur
Ward 3 - Councillor John Broderick
Ward 4 - Councillor Robert Walker
Ward 5 - Councillor Marty Beelen

Staff:

CAO, John Ferguson
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Sasha Helmkey
Director of Parks & Recreation, Terry Vachon
Treasurer/Director of Finance, Kelly McDonald
Manager of Parks and Recreation, Amanda Murray
Events & Tourism Coordinator, Grace Beaman
Deputy Clerk, Emma Coleman
Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly
Youth Centre Coordinator, Felicia Wells

Regrets:

1. Closed Session (3:30 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Dineen

Seconded by Councillor Walker

Be It Resolved that the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Topic(s) for Discussion: Proposed Property Purchase

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Topic(s) for Discussion: Creemore Bleachers Project

Motion Carried

1.1 Approval of Agenda

1.2 Declarations of Interest

1.3 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

1.4 Creemore Bleachers Project

1.5 Proposed Property Purchase

1.6 Identification of Items to Arise into Open Session

1.6.1 Creemore Bleachers Project

1.6.2 Proposed Property Purchase

1.7 Reconvene into Open Session

2. Approval of Agenda (5:30 p.m.)

Mayor Measures began the meeting by reading the Land Acknowledgment.

Moved by Councillor McArthur

Seconded by Councillor Broderick

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Agenda dated April 13, 2026, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Councillor Broderick - Report # LS-011-2026 - Facility Lease Agreement - Wilcox Place (Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

President of the Clearview Chamber of Commerce

3.2 Councillor Broderick - By-law 26-26 - Facility Lease Agreement - Wilcox Place (Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

President of the Clearview Chamber of Commerce

4. Public Participation Period

Valerie Bradey

- Asked about the use of the Stayner Hall for the Youth Centre and loss of rental revenue

Andrew Bronee & Deb Bronee, Cybergnomes Robotics

- Shared the success of their group so far this year, including winning the First Robotics Competition- Ontario District & North Bay Event, and the upcoming competitions they will be participating in

Andy Uden, Singhampton Community Centre Memorial Park Committee

- Shared the current status of their renovation fundraising and the support they are requesting from the Township
- Shared that the 39th Annual Ramp Romp is taking place Saturday, May 9th

Carla Hanisch, Singhampton Community Centre Memorial Park Committee

- Shared the support the Singhampton Community Centre can provide regarding the Canada Revitalization Fund Grant they are applying for

Gord Zeggil

- Available to answer question regarding the Creemore Bleachers project

5. Delegations and Presentations

No items.

6. Public Meetings

No items.

7. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

Seconded by Councillor Walker

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2026, Council Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

8. Correspondence and Information Items

8.1 Closed Session Report (if any)

Moved by Councillor Broderick

Seconded by Councillor McArthur

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct the CAO to amend the management and construction lease agreement for the Creemore Bleachers project by removing the requirement for securities from 737494476 Ontario Inc. (Mountain Ridge Custom Homes Inc.); and,

That the building permit fees for the project be paid for by the Township.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Walker

Seconded by Councillor Beelen

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby direct staff to act in accordance with the direction provided in Closed Session regarding the Proposed Property Purchase.

Motion Carried

8.2 National Volunteer Week Proclamation

The Mayor read the following proclamation.

Whereas, volunteers are the backbone of our community, contributing their time, talent, and energy to improve the lives of others and strengthen the fabric of our society; and,

Whereas, volunteers in the Township of Clearview serve in vital roles, including mentoring youth, supporting seniors, protecting our environment, managing emergency services, and enhancing community events; and,

Whereas, these dedicated individuals embody the spirit of compassion and service, contributing significantly to a more vibrant, inclusive, and compassionate place to live; and,

Whereas, National Volunteer Week is a time to thank, celebrate, and recognize the invaluable contributions of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds; and,
Now Therefore, I, Doug Measures, Mayor of Clearview Township do hereby proclaim April 19 through to April 26, 2026, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

8.3 Simcoe County District School Board - Protecting Local Voice in Public Education

Moved by Councillor Broderick

Seconded by Councillor Dineen

Whereas locally elected trustees provide essential community representation;

And Whereas rural communities rely on trustees to reflect local priorities, ensure accountability, and advocate for students;

And Whereas proposed changes may reduce or eliminate locally elected trustees;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby supports the Simcoe County District School Board's position on maintaining elected trustees;

And that the Government of Ontario should commit to a full-scale, transparent and province-wide consultation on school board governance models;

And that correspondence outlining this support be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; MPP Brian Saunderson; OPSBA, ROMA, and AMO.

Motion Carried

8.4 County Advisory - County of Simcoe Paramedic Services launch "Paramedic for a Day" Contest

8.5 County Release - Regular leaf and yard waste collection restarts in Simcoe County on April 6

8.6 County Release - County launches 2026 Bursary Program to support local students and families

8.7 NVCA Media Release - Students Dive into Great Lakes Learning at Wasaga Beach

8.8 County Statement - Statement from Warden Basil Clarke Regarding Provincial Governance Announcement

9. Council Reports and Community Announcements

9.1 Ward Reports

Councillor Walker

- Attended the Special Council Meeting and the 3-On-3 Youth Hockey Tournament

Councillor Beelen

- Attended the Simcoe County Warden's Bonspiel and announced that the Clearview team won the championship
- Attended the Good Roads Conference, the Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting and shared that the recognition awards will be presented on April 22, the Organ Donor Flag Raising, the Jarlette Grand Reopening, and the Culture and Sports Hall of Fame meeting

Councillor Dineen

- Attended the Simcoe County Warden's Bonspiel, the Good Roads Conference, Special Council Meeting, the Organ Donor Flag Raising, the Jarlette Grand Reopening,
- Will be attending the Community Assistance Grant cheque presentations on Wednesday, April 15
- Shared that the Nottawa Hall scrap metal drive has begun

Councillor McArthur

- Attended the Simcoe County Warden's Bonspiel, the Annual General Meeting of the Lavender Cemetery Board, the 3-On-3 Youth Hockey Tournament, the Good Roads Conference, the Jarlette Grand Reopening, the Committee of Adjustment meeting, the Creemore Log Cabin & Jail Service Board Annual General Meeting, Docs on Ice and the Huron Tractor Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture Kids Safety Day

Councillor Broderick

- Attended the Simcoe County Council meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Special Meeting, the Good Roads Conference, the Special Council meeting and the Organ Donor Flag Raising
- Share that he will be interim chair for the Sunnidale Hall Board and that they

will host their annual pancake breakfast on April 18th and that weekly euchre nights will start back up soon

Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

- Attended the 3-On-3 Youth Hockey Tournament for the puck drop and the Culture and Sports Hall of Fame meeting
- Will be attending the NVCA meeting

Mayor Measures

- Shared well wishes to the Wyant's and Bell's for their 65th Wedding Anniversaries and the Grand Re-opening of the Jarlette Stayner Care Centre
- Proud of the Clearview team who won the Simcoe County Warden's Bonspiel and the Parks & Recreation Department for another successful 3-On-3 Youth Hockey Tournament
- Shared that he met with Brian Saunderson about growth in the community and the changes to the County Council structure
- Attended Docs on Ice for the puck drop
- Congratulated the Stayner Siskins on their season and winning the Carruthers Division Cup

10. Department Reports

10.1 Parks and Recreation

10.1.1 Report # PCR-004-2026 - Youth Centre Stayner Community Centre Hall - Permanent Usage 2-year Term

Moved by Councillor Beelen

Seconded by Councillor Dineen

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report # PCR-004-2026 (Youth Centre Stayner Community Centre Hall - Permanent Usage 2-year Term) dated April 13, 2026; and,

1. That Council approve using the North end of the Stayner Community Centre Hall and Boardroom strictly for the Youth Centre operations, on a permanent basis for a period up to two years; and,
2. That Council approve utilizing the South end of the Stayner Community Centre Hall for the Clearview Public Library and other Township of Clearview recreation related programming; and,

3. That Council approve pausing rentals of the Stayner Community Hall for external social rentals and events during the two-year period.

Motion Carried

10.1.2 Report # PCR-005-2026 - Singhampton Memorial Park Updates

Moved by Councillor McArthur

Seconded by Councillor Broderick

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report # PCR-005-2026 (Singhampton Memorial Park and Playground Grant Application) dated April 13, 2026; and,

1. That Council, in recognizing the Singhampton Memorial Park as a municipal capital facility, approve of staff assisting the Board in making an application to the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Agri-Spirit Fund, not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the purpose of the Park's playground capital project; and,
2. That Council approves using the Township of Clearview's Canada Helps fundraising program to accept online donations for the Singhampton Memorial Park capital improvements, for a period up to two (2) years.

Motion Carried

10.1.3 Report # PCR-006-2026 - Signature Events 2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

Seconded by Councillor Walker

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report # PCR-006-2026 (Signature Events 2026) dated April 13, 2026, for information.

Motion Carried

10.1.4 Report # PCR-007-2026 - SOCAN & Re:Sound Licensing Agreement

Moved by Councillor Broderick

Seconded by Councillor Walker

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive Report # PCR-007-2026 (SOCAN & Re:Sound Licensing Agreements) dated April 13, 2026; and,

1. That Council approve the SOCAN Licence Agreement and Re:Sound Licence Agreement with Entandem Inc. for a four (4) year period, as

attached as Appendix A and B to this report; and,

2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of the Township.

Motion Carried

10.2 Administration

- 10.2.1 Report # CAO-006-2026 - Community and Situational Economic Analysis

Moved by Councillor Dineen

Seconded by Councillor McArthur

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report # CAO-006-2026 (Community and Situational Economic Analysis) dated April 13, 2026, for information.

Motion Carried

10.3 Clerks Department & By-law Enforcement

- 10.3.1 Report # LS-011-2026 - Facility Lease Agreement - Wilcox Place (Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

Councillor Broderick declared a conflict on this item. (President of the Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

Moved by Councillor McArthur

Seconded by Councillor Walker

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report # LS-011-2026 (Facility Lease Agreement with Clearview Chamber of Commerce – Wilcox Place) dated April 13, 2026; and

1. That Council approve allowing the Clearview Chamber of Commerce to utilize ground floor office space at the Wilcox Place located at 7308 A Highway 26, as per the proposed Lease Agreement attached as Appendix A; and,
2. That a by-law formalizing the Facility Lease Agreement with the Clearview Chamber of Commerce be presented to Council for approval at the April 13, 2026, meeting.

Motion Carried

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 26-24 - Noise By-law

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

Seconded by Councillor Dineen

Be It Resolved that By-law 26-24, being a by-law to regulate noise within the Township of Clearview, be presented and read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of April, 2026.

Motion Carried

11.2 By-law 26-25 - Agricultural Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor McArthur

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

Be It Resolved that By-law 26-25, being a by-law to establish and adopt Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee, be presented and read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of April, 2026.

Motion Carried

11.3 By-law 26-26 - Facility Lease Agreement - Wilcox Place (Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

Councillor Broderick declared a conflict on this item. (President of the Clearview Chamber of Commerce)

Moved by Councillor Walker

Seconded by Councillor Dineen

Be It Resolved that By-law 26-26, being a by-law to authorize entering into a Lease Agreement with the Clearview Chamber of Commerce for use of office space at 7308 A Highway 26, be presented and read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 13th day of April, 2026.

Motion Carried

12. Notice of Motion/New Business

No items.

13. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Councillor Beelen

Seconded by Councillor Broderick

Be It Resolved that By-Law 26-28, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the April 13, 2026, Council Meeting, be presented and read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of April, 2026.

Motion Carried

14. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Walker

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren

Be It Resolved that the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Carried

Douglas Measures, Mayor

Sasha Helmkey, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk