

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Date: May 12, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers - Hybrid
60 Snyder's Road West
Baden, Ontario
N3A 1A1

Members Present: Mayor N. Salonen
Councillor S. Cressman
Councillor K. Wilkinson
Councillor H. Sidhu
Councillor L. Dunstall
Councillor S. Martin

Staff Present: Acting CAO / Director of Development Services, H. O'Krafka
Director of Corporate Services/CFO, G. Clark
Director of Community Services, C. Catania
Supervisor of Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, M. Dykstra
Desktop Support Technician, R. Ubhi
Administrative Clerk, C. Greenley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Moved by: Councillor S. Cressman

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dunstall

THAT the Special Council Meeting on May 12, 2025 be called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously by All Members Present

2. TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor N. Salonen read the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Item 6.1 - Specific Interest Delegations

- 6.1.1 Andrea Berwick (Virtual)
- 6.1.2 Robyn Spicer (In-Person)
- 6.1.3 Jack Spicer-Forler (In-Person)
- 6.1.4 Karen Doehn (In-Person)
- 6.1.5 Caterina Lindman (In-Person)
- 6.1.6 Barry Wolfe (In-person)
- 6.1.7 Pat and Dennis Mighton (In-Person)
- 6.1.8 Caleb Jukes (In-Person)
- 6.1.8 Glen Mathers (Virtual)

Item 7 – Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from Brendan Wycks Regarding PMP
- 7.2 Correspondence from Melissa Kristensen Regarding PMP
- 7.3 Correspondence from Mike Rice Regarding PMP
- 7.4 Correspondence from Connie McKie Regarding PMP
- 7.5 Correspondence from Victoria Dost Regarding PMP
- 7.6 Correspondence from Helen Lammers-Helps Regarding PMP

Item 8 – Reports

- 8.1 CAO-2025-10 Prime Ministers Path – Working Group Recommendations:
 - corrections and adjustments to Recommendations (now including 3 naming options) and the Historical timeline; and
 - addition of Prime Ministers Path Engagement Report.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT the Agenda as presented for May 12, 2025 be adopted.

Motion Carried Unanimously by All Members Present

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Specific Interest Delegations

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6.1.2 Robyn Spicer (In-Person)

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6.1.9 Glen Mathers (Virtual)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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8. REPORTS

8.1 CAO-2025-10 Prime Ministers Path – Working Group Recommendations

A motion was brought forward by Councillor L. Dunstall, seconded by Councillor S. Cressman, THAT Report CAO-2025-10 be received for information; THAT the Wilmot's Prime Ministers Path Working Group Recommendations to Council, as included as Attachment 1, be received for Council consideration; and THAT Council refers Report CAO-2025-10

Prime Ministers Path - Working Group Recommendations to the June 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was brought forward by Councillor L. Dunstall, seconded by Councillor K. Wilkinson, THAT the Motion be amended to strike out June 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole and insert July 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Council now voted on the amendment. The motion was carried unanimously by all members present.

Director of Corporate Services / CFO, Greg Clark, provided an introduction to the Report.

Prime Ministers Path Engagement Project co-leads D. Soueidan-O'Leary and B. Skinner, of LURA, presented the Project Recommendations to Council.

Councillor S. Martin joined the meeting virtually at 6:22 p.m.

Council asked and received a response from the project co-leads on the following:

- How public news articles were counterbalanced during creation of the project history document;
- How the scope was maintained during the engagement project;
- How diverse opinions were considered and included in the engagement process;
- How diverse opinions were considered and included in the Working Group; and
- Whether there is raw data supporting the recommendations, can the raw data be shared with members of Council.

Delegate A. Berwick addressed Council.

Delegate R. Spicer addressed Council.

Delegate J. Spicer-Forler addressed Council.

Delegate K. Doehn addressed Council.

Delegate C. Lindman addressed Council.

Delegate B. Wolfe addressed Council.

Council asked and received a response from the delegate on the following:

- Further clarification regarding the full-time employee position suggested; and
- Whether controversial topics can offer an opportunity for constructive conversations regarding differing opinions and experiences.

Delegates P. and D. Mighton addressed Council.

Delegate C. Jukes addressed Council.

Delegate G. Mathers addressed Council.

Council asked and received a response from the project co-leads on the following:

- When members of Council might expect to receive the raw data.

Council asked and received a response from Delegate B. Wolfe on the following:

- Whether the delegate would share with Council the historical documents obtained.

Council now voted on the main motion, as amended.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT Report CAO-2025-10 be received for information; and,

THAT the Wilmot's Prime Ministers Path Working Group Recommendations to Council, as included as Attachment 1, be received for Council consideration; and,

THAT Council refers Report CAO-2025-10 - Prime Ministers Path – Working Group Recommendations to the July 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor N. Salonen provided an announcement regarding the upcoming PMP Community Gathering which will be held at the Wilmot Recreation Complex on May 28, 2025.

10. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT the Confirmatory By-Law as attached to this Agenda be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in Open Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor K. Wilkinson

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

Motion Carried Unanimously