

Committee of the Whole Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers - Hybrid

60 Snyder's Road West

Baden, Ontario

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

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, J. Willmer
Deputy CAO / Director of Corporate Services, H. O'Krafka
Director of Development Services, A. Martin
Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, H. Grewal
Director of Community Services, C. Catania
Director of Infrastructure Services, K. VanderWal
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, Amelia Jaggard
Supervisor of Legislative Services/ Deputy Clerk, J. Bouzane
Desktop Support Technician, R. Ubhi

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with Chair Mayor Salonen presiding.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT the Committee of the Whole on April 13, 2026 be called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

H Sidhu read the Territorial Land Acknowledgement.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor H. Sidhu

Seconded by: Councillor S. Martin

THAT the Agenda as presented for the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 13, 2026 be adopted.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.1 Zone Change Application 01/26 - 53-75 Brubacher Street, Baden - DS-2026-05

Cameron Miller, Senior Development Planner, provided an overview of the application.

Opportunity was provided for questions from Members of Council.

Christian Tsimenidis, Agent, appeared before Council in support of the application.

No members of the public appeared before Council either in support or opposition to the application.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT Report DS-2026-05, Zone Change Application 01/26 - 53-75 Brubacher Street, Baden, be received for information.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.2 Draft Plan of Subdivision 30T-22602 and Zone Change Application 11-22, Activa Holdings, Baden - DS-2026-06

Andrew Martin, Director of Development Services, provided an overview of the application.

Opportunity was provided for questions from Members of Council.

Pierre Chauvain, Agent, appeared before Council in support of the application.

Members of Council raised questions and concerns regarding density, including building types and height in comparison to neighbouring properties. Questions were also raised regarding traffic impacts and potential mitigation measures while accommodating emergency services.

Further discussion included parkland versus trail provision, as well as school capacity, water servicing, walkway design, transit proximity, and accessibility considerations.

No member of the public appeared before Council in support of the application.

John Will, appeared before Council in opposition of the application.

Alex Sooley, appeared before Council in opposition of the application.

No other members of the public appeared before Council in opposition of the application.

Moved by: Councillor H. Sidhu

Seconded by: Councillor S. Martin

THAT Report DS-2026-06, Draft Plan of Subdivision 30T-22602 and Zone Change Application 11-22, Activa Holdings, Baden, be received for information.

Motion Carried

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Wilmot Civic Action Network (WilmotCAN) Re: Land Assembly (no attachments)

Kevin Thomason and John Jordan, WilmotCAN, made a presentation to Council.

Moved by: Councillor K. Wilkinson

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dunstall

THAT Council suspend the rules to permit the presenter an additional five (5) minutes to present.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Councillor K. Wilkinson

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

That Council recess at 7:36 p.m. for 5 minutes.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Councillor S. Cressman

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dunstall

That Council reconvenes at 7:43 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. DELEGATIONS

11. REPORTS

11.1 Adoption of Use and Acceptance of Electronic Signatures Policy for the Township of Wilmot - COR-2026-08

Manager of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk, Amelia Jaggard, presented the report.

Moved by: Councillor S. Cressman

Seconded by: Councillor K. Wilkinson

THAT Report COR-2026-08 Adoption of Use and Acceptance of Electronic Signatures Policy for the Township of Wilmot be received for information; and,

THAT Council direct staff to present a By-Law to adopt a Use and Acceptance of Electronic Signatures Policy for the Township of Wilmot, as attached to Report COR-2026-08.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11.2 Council Remuneration Review 2026-2030 Term - COR-2026-09

Deputy CAO/Director of Corporate Services, Harold O'Krafka, presented the report.

Moved by: Councillor H. Sidhu

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dunstall

THAT Report COR-2026-09 Council Remuneration Review 2026-2030 Term be received for information;

THAT Council approve an increase of \$10,651.57 to the base annual remuneration for the Mayor for a total of \$50,076.57 effective for the new term of Council;

THAT Council approve an increase of \$3,343.25 to the base annual remuneration for Councillors for a total of \$25,215.25 effective for the new term of Council;

THAT Council direct Staff to present a by-law respecting Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council for the 2026-2030 term of Council prior to 'Nomination Day' in accordance with Policy CL-2025-01; and,

That a comprehensive comparative analysis of the remuneration of the Mayor and Councillors be completed in 2027 as part of the Market Compensation Review of employees.

Motion Carried

11.3 Weddings at Castle Kilbride - CS-2026-10

Director of Community Services, Chris Catania, presented the report.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dunstall

Seconded by: Councillor H. Sidhu

THAT Report CS-2026-10 Weddings at Castle Kilbride be received for information; and,

THAT Council rescind Resolution 94-73 Ban on interior weddings and wedding party photographs at Castle Kilbride.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11.4 Renewal of Agreement with Garden Wilmot - CS-2026-11

Director of Community Services, Chris Catania, presented the report.

Moved by: Councillor H. Sidhu

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT Report CS-2026-11 Renewal of Agreement with Garden Wilmot be received for information; and,

THAT Council direct staff to present a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a five-year agreement between the Township of Wilmot

and Garden Wilmot (Wilmot Horticultural Society), as attached to Report CS-2026-11.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11.5 Proposed Sponsorship, Naming Rights and Donation Policies - CS-2026-07

Director of Community Services, Chris Catania, presented the report.

There was discussion regarding naming rights term lengths.

Moved by: Councillor K. Wilkinson

Seconded by: Councillor S. Cressman

THAT Report CS-2026-07 Proposed Sponsorship, Naming Rights and Donation Policies be received for information; and,

THAT Council direct staff to present By-Laws to adopt the Sponsorship, Naming Rights and Donations Policies for the Township of Wilmot, as attached to Report CS-2026-07.

THAT staff be directed to prepare an inventory of municipal assets available for sponsorship or naming rights, for Council's consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor S. Cressman

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dunstall

THAT the meeting of April 13, 2026 be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously