

**The Corporation of the Township of Tay**  
**Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Zoom Video Conference**

Committee Present: Mayor Walker  
Councillor La Chapelle  
Councillor Talbot

Council Present: Deputy Mayor Norris  
Councillor Bumstead  
Councillor Raymond

Council Absent: Councillor Larmand

Staff Present: Andrea Fay - Chief Administrative Officer  
Shawn Aymer - General Manager, Protective and Development Services  
Shawn Berriault - General Manager, Operational Services  
Saleem Sandhu - Treasurer  
Katelyn Johns - Municipal Clerk  
Lindsay Brant – Manager of Human Resources  
Nadia Bekerman – Human Resources Assistant  
Lacey McKay – Senior Executive Assistant

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor La Chapelle

Seconded by Councillor Talbot

That the Corporate Services Committee Meeting Agenda for March 9, 2023, be approved.

**Carried.**

**3. Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures made.

**4. Presentations / Delegations**

There were no items for this portion of the Agenda.

Mayor Walker introduced new employees, Nadia Bekerman – Human Resources Assistant and Lacey McKay – Senior Executive Assistant.

Mayor Walker turned the meeting over to Councillor La Chapelle to Chair.

**5. Standing Committee Business**

**5.1 Reports from Municipal Officials**

**5.1.1 CS-2023-18 Municipal Clerk, Re: Council Committee Structure Review**

Moved by Councillor Talbot

Seconded by Mayor Walker

That Item CS-2023-18, dated March 9, 2023, regarding Committee Structure Review, be received; and

That the four (4) current Standing Committees of Council be amalgamated into one Committee of the Whole structure with four (4) distinct Agenda sections and current appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs remaining status quo; and

That the Committee of the Whole meetings be held virtually on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 9:00 a.m., with the Regular Council meetings being held on the Wednesday occurring two weeks later commencing at 7:00 p.m.; and

That the amended 2023 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule, attached as Schedule 3 to this report, be approved; and

Further that the appropriate amendments to the Procedure By-law be presented at the March regular meeting of Council.

**Carried.**

**5.1.2 CS-2023-21 Chief Administrative Officer, Re: 2022-2026 Strategic Plan**

Moved by Mayor Walker  
Seconded by Councillor Talbot

That Item CS 2023-21, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, be received; and

That the previous Strategic Plan be carried over to the 2022-2026 term of Council.

**Carried.**

5.1.3 CS-2023-19 Manager of Human Resources, Re: Monthly Activity Report

Moved by Councillor Talbot  
Seconded by Mayor Walker

That Item CS-2023-19, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the Monthly Activity Report for Human Resources, be received.

**Carried.**

5.1.4 CS-2023-17 Municipal Clerk, Re: Monthly Activity Report

Moved by Mayor Walker  
Seconded by Councillor Talbot

That Staff Report No. CS-2023-17, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the Monthly Activity Report – Municipal Clerk, be received.

**Carried.**

5.1.5 CS-2023-20 Chief Administrative Officer, Re: Monthly Activity Report

Moved by Councillor Talbot  
Seconded by Mayor Walker

That Item CS-2023-20, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the Monthly Activity Report for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

**Carried.**

5.2 Other Business

5.3 Items for Information

5.3.1 Correspondence from Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Re: \$1 Billion Booster for Freshwater Health Campaign

Moved by Mayor Walker

Seconded by Councillor Talbot

Whereas Township of Tay, as a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, supports: protecting source water, planning for climate change impacts and shoreline resilience, ensuring safe and affordable water services for all our residents, and building up a sustainable blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

Whereas ensuring healthy communities and a strong economy for Canadians depend on securing Canada's source water, which includes addressing water quality issues, contaminants and pollution, supporting biodiversity and reversing wetland and fish and wildlife habitat loss and improving community knowledge to empower citizens to safeguard this essential resource.

Whereas a Freshwater Action Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Initiative it supported were first announced in the 2017 Canadian federal budget with a \$44.84 million investment over five years.

Whereas the Freshwater Action Plan has combined science and action to address priorities in the Great Lakes such as preventing toxic and nuisance algae, enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes, restoring Great Lakes Areas of Concern and supporting Canada's commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, among other priorities.

Whereas a commitment was made by the Liberal Party of Canada in the 2021 federal election to strengthen the Freshwater Action Plan with an historic investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore and protect large lakes and river systems starting with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

Whereas the federal government only committed \$19.6 million in funding in the 2022 Budget for the Freshwater Action Plan, falling short of the aforementioned commitment.

Whereas the United States has invested \$1.8 billion in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) since 2017 and will see accelerated funding with the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.

Whereas a 2018 University of Michigan study shows that for every dollar of federal spending on GLRI projects between 2010 and 2016, yielded \$3.35 in additional economic activity.

Whereas nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, a region that will continue to see accelerated growth, resulting in greater land and resource use pressures that will further contribute to water availability and quality issues.

Whereas the [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#) recently identified the importance of wetlands as carbon sinks and fresh water's role in climate mitigation.

Whereas the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative outlined 30 recommendations to Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of a ten-year, \$2.2 billion [Action Plan 2020-2030 to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence](#) (Action Plan 2020-2030), addressing shoreline erosion, outdated infrastructure, invasive species, exposure to toxins and beach contamination, following an 18-month consultation with First Nations, NGOs, academics and other experts.

Whereas the recommendations outlined in Action Plan 2020-2030 should serve as the basis of programming for strengthened federal action in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin through its strengthened Freshwater Action Plan.

Whereas the newly established Canada Water Agency should play a role in accelerating the rollout of funding made available through a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan.

Whereas Freshwater Action Plan funding should largely be directed to community groups, local governments and First Nations to ensure that investments made will have the biggest local impact and empower action

at the local level, rather than being held back for federal administration and operations.

Whereas it is critical to implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including accelerating a \$1 billion over five years, and to creating a Canada Water Agency to consolidate and coordinate federal water efforts and support provinces and territories in addressing systemic issues impacting the viability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin and the communities dependent upon the region's source water.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Tay calls on the federal government to commit \$1 billion in funding over five years for a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan in Budget 2023.

Be it further resolved that the Township of Tay calls on the federal government to guide its Freshwater Action Plan funding to implement recommendations in the Action Plan 2020-2030.

Be it further resolved that the Township of Tay calls on the federal government to direct priority funding under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan to projects in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

Be it further resolved that the Township of Tay calls on the federal government to make municipalities eligible for future funding in programs announced under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan.

Be it finally resolved that the Township of Tay directs its staff to submit this resolution to the federal Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Finance; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (responsible for the Canada Water Agency), and local Member of Parliament.

**Carried.**

5.3.2 Correspondence from Township of Springwater dated February 7, 2023, Re: Annual Log-Sawing Contest - Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

5.3.3 Correspondence from St. Antoine Daniel Catholic School dated February 17, 2023, Re: Grade Eight Graduation

5.4 Delegation Follow-Up

There were no items for this portion of the Agenda.

6. **General Discussion – Committee/Staff Question & Answer Period**

No discussion took place.

Councillor La Chapelle returned the meeting to Mayor Walker to Chair.

7. **Closed Session**

There were no items for this portion of the Agenda.

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor La Chapelle

Seconded by Councillor Talbot

That this Corporate Services Committee meeting adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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Minute Recorder