



Township of Georgian Bluffs Special Council Minutes

**May 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Township Administration Offices
177964 Grey Road 18, RR#3, Owen Sound ON N4K 5N5**

Members Present: Mayor Sue Carleton
Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn
Councillor Ryan Thompson
Councillor Rick Winters
Councillor Tobin Day
Councillor Isaac Shouldice
Mayor Scott Mackey (Township of Chatsworth)
Deputy Mayor Terry McKay (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Peter Whitten (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Elizabeth Thompson (Township of Chatsworth)
Councillor Shawn Greig (Township of Chatsworth)

Staff Present: Niall Loble, Acting CAO/Director of Community Services
Carly Craig, Acting Clerk
Samantha Buchanan, Acting Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Tim Lewis, Superintendent of Infrastructure and Building
Patty Sinnamon, CAO (Township of Chatsworth)

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Sue Carleton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Sue Carleton opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Terry McKay

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Presentation by Wessuc/Fitec - Operation of BioGRID Assets

The Director of Sales, Environmental Manager of Wessuc, and the Owner of Fitec were in attendance. They presented an overview of their company and highlighted their services including:

- CCTV & Flushing
- Dewatering
- Haulage
- Lagoon cleaning
- Safety & Confined space training for staff
- Spot repair
- Vacuum services

Questions and comments of the Joint Councils included:

- What is the level of acceptance of the agricultural community in accepting lagoon material?
- Lessons learned through previous management of lagoon facilities

The Joint Councils engaged in discussion with the Owner of Fitec regarding the Biodigester operating proposal. Discussion included:

- Feedstock/feedstock mix evaluation
- Investigation into the feasibility – what could be done with the site in today's market? Would the size need to be increased to be profitable? The Fitec owner noted that there would need to be a period to investigate the economic conditions to generate a proposal to operate the biodigester and

whether a long-term lease or purchase of the facility would be most feasible.

- Possibility of profit in decommissioning
- Reusable assets – is there any value?

6. Closed Session

RES2023-114

Moved by: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

That Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs and Township of Chatsworth move into closed session at 6:14 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the Acting CAO, Acting Clerk, Acting Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Superintendent of Infrastructure and Building, and CAO/Clerk of the Township of Chatsworth remaining in the room to discuss:

6.1 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 (open meeting exemption "k" of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

The Joint Councils returned to open session at 6:48 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Terry Mckay left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Sue Carleton reported out of closed session that the Joint Councils moved into closed session under open meeting exemption "k" of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001. As a result of closed session discussions:

RES2023-115

Moved by: Mayor Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Rick Winters

That Joint Councils of the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the Township of Chatsworth opt not to proceed with the proposal from Wessuc and Fitec as received.

Carried

7. Confirming By-law

RES2023-116

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

That By-law No. 2023-032, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Joint Councils on May 15, 2023, be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried

8. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

To be determined by the Joint Councils. It was noted that staff from both Townships would work together to bring back a report which would include details on the operating cost of the lagoons, value of all assets, biodigester feasibility study, and formerly completed decommissioning study for consideration of both Councils.

Moved by: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded by: Councillor Peter Whitten

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Sue Carleton

Acting Clerk, Carly Craig