

Township of Carlow/Mayo
Special Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020

6:30 p.m.

The Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo held a special council meeting on Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. by participating in a telephone conference call with the following members present on the call:

Council:

Mayor: Bonnie Adams

Councillors: Mike Cannon, Richard Dillabough, Dan Hughey, Eldon Stewart

Staff:

Clerk-Administrator: Arlene Cox

Treasurer: Jenny Snider

Others Present:

No person in attendance

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Clerk-Administrator conducted a roll call of everyone in attendance.

Agenda was reviewed as circulated.

Moved By: Richard Dillabough

Seconded By: Eldon Stewart

That the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo adopts the agenda for the June 24, 2020 special meeting of Council as circulated.

-Carried-

There were no disclosure of pecuniary interest declared.

Moved By: Mike Cannon

Seconded By: Eldon Stewart

Re: Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Township of Carlow/Mayo is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Township of Carlow/Mayo is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Township of Carlow/Mayo strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

THAT the Township of Carlow/Mayo would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023.

AND THAT this decision is based on the following rationale:

1. There is no written contract for the collection and processing for our Blue Box material and furthermore to save cost to the residents.

AND THAT the Township of Carlow/Mayo would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

AND FURTHER THAT any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to Arlene Cox, Clerk-Administrator at 613-332-1760 or clerk@carlowmayo.ca

AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

-Carried-

Moved By: Richard Dillabough

Seconded By: Eldon Stewart

That the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo adjourn at 6:44 p.m. to meet again on August 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting of Council and participating in this meeting by teleconference or at the call of the Mayor.

-Carried-

Bonnie Adams
Mayor

Arlene Cox
Clerk-Administrator