

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town of Oxford Council

Place: Council Chambers  
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018  
Presiding Officer: Mayor Patricia Stewart  
Councilors present: Councilors Brenton Colborne, Dave Clark, Dawn Thompson, Tom Kay, Rick Draper and Wade Adshade  
Councilors absent: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Rachel Jones, CAO  
Linda Cloney, Deputy Clerk (minute taker)  
Call to order: Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

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Presentation	Discussion and Decisions
1. EMO - Sinkhole	<p>Mike Johnson from EMO presented to Council the details of the sinkhole Keys points of the presentation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• July 28, 2018 was the first recorded sighting of a small sinkhole</li><li>• August 22, 2018 – Mike Johnson was aware of the sinkhole</li><li>• August 23, 2018 – EMO, Dept of Energy &amp; Mines, and Dept. of Lands &amp; Forestry were on site</li><li>• Amy Tizzard and her colleague Denise came on site to take measurements of the sinkhole and also the cracks in the pavement that are visible around the sinkhole. A record is being kept.</li><li>• A couple of specialist were in: Irving Oil and Glenn Bursey with Fracflow.</li><li>• It was thought that the ground penetration radar may not be very effective at our sinkhole site.</li><li>• We need to know what the geology is underneath the parking lot at the Lion's Centre.</li><li>• Looking at applying to the National Disaster Fund</li><li>• Have been dealing with traffic control and media releases</li><li>• The loss of the Lion's building and parkland is a big loss to the Lion's and the community.</li><li>• Looking at installing a fence to go from water's edge to water's edge.</li><li>• DNR may have a chain link fence that could be available for use.</li><li>• The sinkhole is located on the Lions Club's property and the insurance company says this was an act of God and that the Lion's are not covered for that.</li><li>• The Lions Club property is situated on a part of the Windsor Group – gypsum soft rock area.</li><li>• Rachel has been in touch with the Municipal Advisor</li><li>• We will need to cover our costs through the reserves</li><li>• Need to secure the site tonight and cover the cost of security.</li><li>• Safety measure have been put in place for those working at the sinkhole site.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the buddy system, no one person is to be alone</li></ul></li></ul>

- life jackets and a rescue throw bag
- only required personnel are allowed on the site
- The EMO team, Department of Energy and Mines, along with the Department of Lands and Forestry are actively measuring and monitoring the sinkhole and also the Lions building.
- Shaun Whalen is there to document the progression of the sinkhole.

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2. Motion                      It was moved and seconded for Rachel Jones to cost and implement a fence to secure the sinkhole site (Lions Club property); also for the Town of Oxford to pay out the commissionaire contract for security at the sinkhole site, and to pay the Fracflow Consultants Inc. for the initial work they had done.

**Motion Carried**

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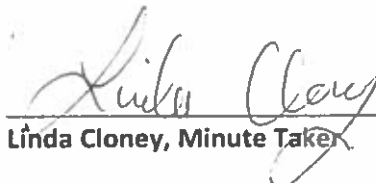
3. Adjournment              It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

**The motion was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

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Patricia Stewart, Mayor

  
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Linda Cloney, Minute Taker