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On Mon, 25 Aug 2025 at 17:51, Cathy Anderson <cathanderson2020@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for your reply Reeve Rainer.

It is interesting to note that Councillor Jordan's remarks on the subject of livestreaming were included in the Minutes (which I applaud). But Councillor Pierman's were not. Why the discrepancy?

6. PRIORITY ISSUES

i) **Report #CAO-2025-25 – Livestreaming and Council Chamber Audio/Visual System.**

A Member questioned why Option four (4), to not offer livestreaming, was included in the report after Council had made a motion to implement it.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk explained that;

- the resolution in question directs livestreaming to be implemented
- the verbal instructions given to staff were to bring back livestreaming options to consider
- the report presents the easiest options to implement livestreaming
- option four (4) was included in case Council chose to reconsider its decision

Members discussed the desire to start livestreaming quickly, efficiently and cost effectively. A Member further suggested that staff explore the options of having the meetings recorded and stored for future viewing so that Council could discuss whether they wanted to implement this or not.

Recommendation to Council:

“THAT, the broken audio system in the Council Chambers be replaced, funded from the contingency reserve.”

Additionally, the Minutes reflect the CAO’s response to Councillor Jordan’s query (see above), but do not include her own admission that following the Council meeting on March 25th, at which Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of implementing livestreaming, “there was some talk” that led her to feel that Council would benefit from an opportunity to reconsider the status quo as an option related to livestreaming. That was not the direction that she received from Council, and I do not believe that it was her prerogative to

reintroduce that option. This was a public demonstration of lack of accountability by Staff to the direction of Council. And it left me wondering, 'What 'talk' was she referencing? Who was talking? In what context? Were other Council members aware of this 'talk'?'. And this has caused me to think back to the decision made a few years ago by TVT Staff not to follow the explicit direction of the last Council to remove the RAA from the Planning ByLaw, and the divisive process that has unfolded following that decision. But I digress.

Beyond that, my only response is that I cannot wait for the introduction of livestreaming. It will provide an opportunity for the residents of Tay Valley to not only observe and celebrate the times when their elected representatives on Tay Valley Council successfully represent their interests, but will also promote transparency in governance and accountability by all. These Minutes, as

written, do not reflect or promote transparency or accountability.

Sincerely,
Catherine Anderson

On Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 4:36 PM Rob Rainer <rrainer.reeve@tayvalleytwp.ca> wrote:

Hi Cathy,

Per standard practice, minutes typically record the titles of motions or recommendations, the names of movers and seconders, and the decisions rendered. When additional information is recorded it is for the purpose of providing context around the foregoing. The minutes do not record comments that are off topic or extraneous to the proceedings, or comments which are reflective of the personal views of a given Member of Council.

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Subject: Minutes of COW Minutes held on August 12, 2025

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Good morning Ms. Mabo and Reeve Rainer,

I have taken the opportunity to review the Minutes of the August 12th COW Meeting, which I attended in part. Before they are brought before Council for approval at the August 26th Council Meeting, I would like to point out that the Minutes, as published, are incomplete.

There is no mention of Deputy Reeve Dobbie's remarks, directed to members of the public sitting in the gallery, which came at the end of the discussion on livestreaming.

There is also no mention of Councillor Pierman's comments during the livestreaming portion of the meeting that night. She mentioned having reached out to several other Townships to find out about their experience with recording and storing recordings of public meetings. I recall her saying that the feedback she received was that it was a simpler and less expensive process than was being discussed in Tay Valley Township's deliberations.

I believe that a complete rendering of the Minutes of the August 12th COW Meeting should include these two omissions, as both should be part of the public record. I am respectfully requesting that the Minutes be adjusted before being approved.

Sincerely,
Catherine Anderson