

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

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Minutes

Date:

June 20, 2017

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Location:

52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, Council Chambers - Gibson Street Entrance

Members Present:

Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Clr. Paul Borneman, Clr. Bonnie Keith, Clr. Jim Marshall, Clr. Doug McCann, Clr. Keith Saulnier

Regrets:

Clr. Brad Horne

Staff Present:

Rob Mens, Jackie Boggs, Peter Brown, Clayton Harris, Trevor Pinn, Dave Thompson, John Este, Rob Beaumont

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Presentations:

The Mayor presented the Town of Parry Sound Civic Scholarship Award to Scott Turriff who is attending Georgian College in Barrie for Environmental Technology's 3 year program.

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

9.6.2 Support for Mr. Qais Abboud - Drivers Licence Waiting Period

9.6.3 Letter of Support for Micro Homes Project Biosphere

9.2.1 Council Approved Sign Application - Georgian Bay Airways - Bay St. - Withdrawn by applicant.

5.1 Vanessa Backman, Parry Sound Tourism - Withdrawn by Ms. Backman

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That the Council agenda for June 20, 2017 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That the Minutes from the Council meeting June 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

Councillor Borneman asked Mr. Este about a building permit that was issued to a development on River Street which seems to have stalled. Councillor Borneman recognizes that we don't control it but how long does the building permit last and what can we do about expediting this project?

Mr. Este said that the Building Code Act stipulates the duties of the Chief Building Official. We make inspections for work when people call and permits show the required inspections under the Act. Upon inspection, we may issue orders if the builder is in violation of the Building Code Act. Beyond that we have little power and authority to influence construction of a building. If a person makes an application for a development agreement and they fulfil the requirements as stipulated in the By-law and Council approves the by-law we can hold security through a development agreement to ensure certain elements of the project are completed. Things like storm water management and the paving of parking lots, etc. The actual construction of the building itself is not controlled by the municipality. If they stop work we have no control over the construction itself other than inspections when called. We have to wait. If we determine the building is unsafe we have certain powers to get that remedied but it's a high

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threshold safety factor. The whole building would have to be unsafe. We have no control over the construction.

Councillor Borneman asked about the type of construction materials-- exposed styrofoam, metal pieces strewn about the property and exposed rebar and concrete. Is exposure to the elements having an impact on the hoped for outcome for this kind of building? Mr. Este responded that the building at 81 River is being built from ICF construction which is Insulated Concrete Formwork. Essentially you build a bunch of styrofoam lego blocks and you fill them with concrete. While the styrofoam is open to the elements is not currently a hazard and concrete is a strong material

Mayor McGarvey asked if the styrofoam is UV resistant? If not it, it will break down and cause a problem. The metal inside will come loose. We need to find out if it is or isn't UV resistant.

Councillor McCann asked if there was no statute of limitations for a building permit? Mr. Este answered yes that's correct.

Councillor Marshall asked Mr. Brown for an update on Parry Sound Drive. Mr. Brown responded that the contractor is pulverizing the McDougall side of the road, fine grading it and packing it and plan to pave it this week or next, weather dependant. The only part that will not be completed is the section of the fitness trail that is off road which will be completed at a later date.

Councillor Saulnier noted to Mr. Brown that we had some rain over the weekend and he understands that our system is still not quite set up to handle the heavy rain event we

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had over the weekend. He understands that every time we redo a road we separate the storm water from the waste water system which alleviates some pressure on our pumps which sends the flow to our waste water treatment plant. However, there still seems to be many instances of cut acrosses and hook ups and Y's for whatever reasons over the decades that this has happened. We're treating much more water than is necessary How can we mitigate this and what would it cost? Mr. Brown replied that we had 69 mm of rain in a very short time. We had two by-passes at two sewage pumping stations and at the wastewater plant because it couldn't handle the flow. Sewage plants are built for sewage. They are not built for eavestroughs, down spouts, sump pumps, storm sewers, roof leaders, etc. They are built for when you flush a toilet or take a shower. Most Towns have this situation, Parry Sound included, that you find roof leaders going into the ground and are probably connecting to a sanitary sewer because in the past it has been easier to connect to a sanitary sewer or there aren't any storm sewers in the area. Every time we do a road we make every effort to put a storm sewer system in and make every effort to connect when we find them and reduce the amount of flow coming in. Parry Sound needs to look at doing an I&I test. An Inflow Infiltration test. This test would look at where all the water from eavestroughs, down spouts, sump pumps, etc. from all the structures in Town go and if they are going into the waste water system, we take them off. The water treatment plant will last longer if it only treats wastewater and there would be less overtime demand on staff's time. We also need to seal up our manholes. We have old and new holes. Some of the old holes are made of brick and they leak. If we seal them this will reduce the amount of inflow. Areas where its leaking should be fixed. This all takes time and takes money. Mr. Brown recommended that this be a budgetary item in the near future.

The following direction was proposed:

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

That Mr. Brown be directed to come up with some numbers for the Inflow and Infiltration Study for the 2018 budget.

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Carried

4. Correspondence

4.1 Harry Kleinhuis, Rosseau resident

Re: Concerns about the lack of sidewalks on Pine Drive. Response from the Director of Public Works was provided. The property along Pine Drive is private and outside of our purview.

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Director of Public Works for follow-up - Response provided)

4.2 AMO Watchfile - June 1 & 8, 2017

Re: Municipal Industry News.

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded to Clerk for placement on e-agenda)

4.3/8.1 Susan Hrycyna, ED, Parry Sound Downtown Business Association

Re: Request to add a member to the Board of Directors for the DBA

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Clerk for follow-up)

5. Deputations

5.1 Vanessa Backman, Parry Sound Tourism 10 mins.

Re: Update on Parry Sound Tourism for 2017

Withdrawn

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor and Councillors gave their reports on meetings attended and matters arising.

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

n/a

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Appointment to the PS Downtown Business Association

Resolution 2017 - 109

Moved By Councillor Keith

Seconded By Councillor Saulnier

That Council appoint Karen Hobson of the Town Trading Post to the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association Board of Directors until the end of the current Council term of November 30, 2018.

Carried

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Public Works

9.1.1 DBA Busking Policy - Amended May 2017

Spokesperson: Peter Brown, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2017 - 110

Moved By Councillor Borneman

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Seconded By Councillor Marshall

That Council approve the DBA Busking Policy - Amended May 2017, attached as Schedule "A".

Carried

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

That the Director of Public Works monitor the DBA Busking Policy over the course of 2017 and report on its effectiveness and bring back a recommended policy as appropriate for future years, by April 2018.

Carried

9.1.2 Belvedere Avenue Parking Ad-Hoc Committee

Spokesperson: Peter Brown, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2017 - 111

Moved By Councillor Keith

Seconded By Councillor Saulnier

That Council approve the Belvedere Avenue Parking Ad-hoc Committee Terms of Reference, attached as Schedule "A", and further;

That Council appoint the following members to sit on the committee:

1. Marsha Rivers, CEO, Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged
2. Mario Buszynski, Board Member, Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged
3. Kathleen McGill, Home owner, Belvedere Avenue
4. John Patterson, Home owner, Belvedere Avenue
5. Representative, DSSAB
6. Representative, DSAAB

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Carried

9.2 Development and Leisure Services

9.2.1 Council Approved Sign Application - Georgian Bay Airways - Bay St.

Spokesperson: John Este, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2017 -

Moved By Councillor Saulnier

Seconded By Councillor Keith

That pursuant to section 3.(4) of the Sign By-law, the Chief Building Official is authorized to issue a permit for a sign on the Bay Street road allowance pursuant to the following conditions and variances:

- a) The appearance of the sign shall be substantially according to the application,
- b) The location of the sign shall be to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official,
- c) The Town reserves the right to remove or relocate the sign on occasion should the lands be required for municipal purposes,
- d) A permit may be issued pursuant to this resolution, for the summer of 2018, 2019, and 2020 upon payment of a fee of \$50 per season,
- e) The 2017 permit pursuant to this resolution shall expire on October 31, and
- f) All other regulations in the sign by-law continue to apply except for those revised by this resolution.

Withdrawn

9.2.2 Permit minor variances within two years of a zoning by-law amendment

Spokesperson: Taylor Elgie, Principal Planner

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Resolution 2017 - 112

Moved By Councillor Saulnier

Seconded By Councillor Keith

That in accordance with Section 45 (1.4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, minor variance applications are permitted before the second anniversary of the day of a zoning by-law amendment.

Carried

9.3 Emergency and Protective Services

9.4 Administration

9.4.1 Goal Plan Update - 2nd Quarter

Spokesperson: Rob Mens, C.A.O.

Resolution 2017 - 113

Moved By Councillor Borneman

Seconded By Councillor McCann

That Council approves the June, 2017 Second Quarter Goal Plan update, attached as Schedule "A".

Carried

9.5 Finance and POA Court Services

9.5.1 2016 Annual Investment Report

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Resolution 2017 - 114

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Moved By Councillor Keith

Seconded By Councillor Saulnier

That Council accepts the 2016 Annual Investment Report, attached as Schedule "A", in accordance with the Town's Investment Policy.

Carried

9.6 Other Business

9.6.1 Wasauksing Swing Bridge Restrictions

Spokesperson: Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Direction Withdrawn (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

That a follow-up letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation regarding the planned restrictions to the operation of the Wasauksing swing bridge.

Withdrawn by general consent of Council

9.6.2 Support for Mr. Qais Abboud - Drivers Licence Waiting Period

Spokesperson: Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Resolution 2017 - 115

Moved By Councillor Borneman

Seconded By Councillor Marshall

Whereas the West Parry Sound Refugee Program has been very successful in bringing two Syrian families into our community and assisting them with their transition from Syria to Canada; and

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Whereas Mr. Qais Abboud, who is now a Permanent Resident and resides in the Town of Parry Sound, is considered a “new driver” by MTO, as he was unable to renew his expired license in Syria in 2013 due to the ongoing civil war; and

Whereas Mr. Abboud has found permanent full-time employment for Kropf Industrial in the nearby Township of Seguin and in order to get to work Mr. Abboud needs to rely on taxis and the generosity of Parry Sounders; and

Although Mr. Abboud is a competent and experienced driver who could easily prove his ability to hold a G2 licence immediately, as a “new driver” Mr. Abboud has to wait until December of 2017 to take a driving test for his G2; and

Whereas Council has provided support by way of a resolution, attached as Schedule “A”, to Mr. Norm Miller, M.P.P for Parry Sound Muskoka, in his intention to approach the Ministry of Transportation so that Mr. Abboud can take his G2 test immediately;

Therefore, Now Be It Resolved that Council for the Town of Parry Sound provide a follow-up letter to the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, The Honourable Ahmed Hussen and the Provincial Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Honourable Laura Albanese to resolve this issue so that Mr. Abboud, and other new refugees who are experienced drivers, can take their G2 test expeditiously so they are able to support themselves and their families in their new home; and

Further that the letter be copied to Derek George, Chair of the West Parry Sound Refugee Program, the Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Steven Del Duca, the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, and the Prime Minister of Canada the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau.

Carried

9.6.3 Letter of Support for Micro Homes Project Biosphere

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Spokesperson: Mayor Jamie McGarvey and Clayton Harris, Economic Development Officer

Resolution 2017 - 116

Moved By Councillor Keith

Seconded By Councillor McCann

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound has received a request for a letter of support from Elliot Sherman, Project and Construction Manager for Micro Homes Project Biosphere Parry Sound, a zero emission, self sustaining micro-home project in the Town of Parry Sound; and

Whereas the Town's Vision in the Strategic Plan states that "Parry Sound will be recognized as the Jewel of Georgian Bay, encompassing healthy, progressive lifestyles, sustainable growth and development"; and

Whereas the Town is anchored in the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve; and

Whereas a key objective of the project is to reduce environmental impacts; and

Whereas Innovation, Economic Development and Employment are priority Goals for Council; and

Whereas the project will create a range of employment opportunities in areas such as research, design and the construction of proto-types;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Mayor be authorized to provide a letter supporting the project locating in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Public Works

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10.2 Development and Leisure Services

10.3 Emergency and Protective Services Administration

10.4 Administration

10.5 Finance and POA Court Services

10.5.1 By-law to specify claw back percentages for 2017 property taxes

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

By-law 2017 - 6749

Being a by-law to Specify the "Claw-back Percentages" in Respect of Properties in the Commercial Class for the 2017 Taxation Year.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed this 20th day of June, 2017

10.6 Other Business

10.6.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2017 - 6750

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed this 20th day of June, 2017

11. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Jackie Johnston Boggs, Clerk

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