

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2018

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## **Minutes**

### **Date:**

February 20, 2018

### **Time:**

7:00 p.m. (Closed - 6:30 p.m.)

### **Location:**

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

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Staff Present:**

Rob Mens, Jackie Boggs, Dave Thompson, Peter Brown, Lynn Middaugh, Kim Chen

### **Presentations:**

None

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Open Meeting of Council, Council adjourned to a Closed Meeting pursuant to the following resolution:

**Resolution 2018 - 023**

**Moved by Councillor Marshall**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

**That** pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 21, Chapter 25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound move to a meeting closed to the public in order to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

d) labour relations or employee negotiations. **(Performance Review-Director of Public Works)**

j) educating or training council members and no member shall discuss or deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business of the Council **(Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport Update)**

**Carried**

**1. Agenda**

**1.1** Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

**1.2** Prioritization of Agenda

**10.2.1** Fluoride Question on the Ballot-2018 Municipal Election

**1.3** Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

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**Seconded by Councillor Saulnier**

That the Council agenda for February 20, 2018 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

**1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None disclosed.

**2. Public Meeting**

**2.1 Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

That we do now adjourn the regular meeting and declare the public meeting open.

**Carried**

**2.1.1** Council will hold a public meeting to consider comments from the public regarding the placement of the following question on the ballot for the 2018 Municipal Election per the *Fluoridation Act, R.S.O. 1990*:

*Are you in favour of the fluoridation of the public water supply of this municipality?*

Council will hear from the public regarding the placement of the question on the ballot. This is not a forum to debate the issue of fluoride in the public drinking water supply.

Public notice of the intention to pass a by-law to submit a question to the electors and notice of the public meeting respecting the matter was provided through the Parry

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Sound Beacon Star on Friday, February 3 and February 9, 2018 as well as being posted on the town's website and delivered through social media.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to explain the purpose of this public meeting. This public meeting is designed to allow for public comment on whether the by-law should be passed, i.e. whether the town should direct the submission of the question on the ballot for the 2018 municipal election. It is not public meeting to determine whether fluoride in the municipal water supply is helpful or harmful. As Parry Sound Council has already passed a resolution requesting the by-law question be put on the ballot, there may be few comments. Anyone making comments on the benefits or injurious affects of fluoride in the drinking water is considered campaigning for the question and will be in contravention of the Municipal Elections Act. Campaigning may begin once advertisers are registered with the Town Clerk from May 1st to July 27th, 2018.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favour of putting the question on the ballot? Please identify yourself by name and give your address.

Mr. Roger Little, resident in Parry Sound is in favour of placing the question on the ballot to make an informed decision about fluoride in the town's drinking water. He has concerns however, with the process excluding the views and interests of those young people whom this will affect the most. He feels that it is up to the voters to educate themselves about fluoridation and engage the young people in their lives in that conversation.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of putting the question on the ballot? Please identify yourself by name and give your address.

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Mr. Malcolm Fraser, resident on Wood Street in Parry Sound. Mr. Fraser was confused as to the purpose of this public meeting because if we say no, then who makes the decision about fluoride in the drinking water? He feels that if Council omitted a referendum on fluoride in the water people would start started to learn about new facts. Mr. Fraser started to talk about the how fluoride would affect young people and lower income people. The Mayor requested that Mr. Fraser stay on topic. Mr. Fraser said he would find that tough to stay within the boundaries. Mr. Fraser said he would stay neutral. He finds the reason for the public meeting ambiguous and confusing. He would rather provide a scientific viewpoint. He thanked the Mayor.

Ms. Elise Rensonnet, resident on Louisa Street of Parry Sound. She finds it difficult to answer yes or no as to the question on the ballot but is suggesting that the question should be clear. She is a little opposed on the question exactly the way it is worded. The Mayor informed Ms. Rensonnet that the *Fluoride Act* stipulates exactly what the question on the ballot should be.

Mr. Little expressed his concern for the actual question contained in the by-law. It doesn't take into account that we've had fluoride since the 1960's now we don't have it and we're now putting a question on the ballot. The question doesn't really reflect that.

The Mayor asked if there had been any letters received as a result of this notice? The Clerk read Mr. Roger Little's submission. {*Posted on the website with the Minutes, under Presentations*}

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The Mayor informed those present that if council passes the by-law, notice of the passage of the by-law will be given within 15 days to the public and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, in accordance with the *MEA*. The notice will be provided through the Parry Sound Beacon Star, the town's website, social media and included in the section on the town's website respecting the question.

Within 20 days after the passing shall be the last day to file an appeal of the passing of the by-law. Section 8.1 (6). Within 15 days after receiving an appeal, the Clerk shall send the information pertaining to the appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario. Within 60 days the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario shall hold a hearing regarding the appeal of the by-law.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending.

## **2.2 Moved by Councillor Marshall**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That we do declare the public meetings closed and the regular meeting reconvened.

**Carried**

## **3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes**

### **3.1 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Horne**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

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That the Minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 6th, 2018 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

### **3.2 Questions of Staff**

Councillor Marshall asked Mr. Brown how the town is doing with all this heavy rain? Mr. Brown replied that the Public Works staff have been dealing some flooding. They have been opening up culverts and have been digging some ditches. All the catch basins are clear. Flows at the wastewater plant increased but the plant is handling it. We are expecting more rain this evening and we have our night crew monitoring it.

Mayor McGarvey introduced Kim Chen, as our new Director of Finance/Treasurer and welcomed her to the community. Ms. Kim thanked the Mayor and said that everyone has been very welcoming and friendly. She is happy to be in this area to enjoy it and to make a contribution to the community and to the Town of Parry Sound.

Councillor Horne asked Ms. Chen to provide a little background about her work experience and education. Ms. Chen replied that she came to Canada from China over 16 years ago. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering in China. When she came to Canada she went to the University of Windsor to get her MBA. After that she continued her education and got her accounting designation CMA and also a CFA and she has been working in the finance area all these years, either in banking or now in the municipal sector. She changed her career from banking to the municipal sector and worked at York Region for over 4 years before she came here. While working on a research project for two years she came to understand the challenges that small municipalities face and she hopes that she can contribute to the town with her background and expertise.

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**4. Correspondence**

**4.1 Kenney, Boyd and Gilbert Families**

Re: Thank you card for donation to the OSPCA on behalf of Barbara Jean Kennedy  
*(Circulated to Mayor and Council, posted on staff bulletin board)*

**4.2 Lauren Scott**

Re: Correspondence about the dangers of a 5G system.  
*(Circulated to Mayor and Council and filed)*

**4.3 AMO Watchfile - February 1 and February 8, 2018**

Re: Municipal Industry News

*(Circulated to Mayor and Council, forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion on the e-agenda)*

**4.4 FONOM Winter Newsletter**

Re: Activities update regarding Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Board of Directors

*(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded for inclusion on the e-agenda)*

**5. Deputations**

**5.1 Simon Blakely, Employment Officer, Professions North\*Nord (PNN)**

Re: Presentation of PNN's services and programs. 10 mins.



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Mr. Blakely provided information about this group's services. Professions North is a program offered out of Laurentian University and they are funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. Employment services are provided to those international professionals who have just come to Canada looking for employment and Professions North provides a bridge to employment in northern Ontario. There is no charge for these services for either the employers or the professionals. *{Powerpoint Presentation located on town website with Minutes, under Presentations.}*

**5.2** Lynn Middaugh, Director of Development and Leisure Services, Parry Sound

Re: The Ontario Business Case for Cruising the Great Lakes, by Cruise Ship Industry Group (CSIG) 10 mins.

Ms. Middaugh provided information to Council on behalf of the CSIG. This new study project is essentially measuring and assessing the return on investment in the cruise ship industry on the Great Lakes. What does a cruise ship in port do for our community? *{Powerpoint Presentation located on town website with Minutes, under Presentations.}*

## **6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

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

## **7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda**

7.1 Performance Review - Director of Public Works, Peter Brown

**Resolution 2018 - 024**

**Moved by Councillor Marshall**

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**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

That the performance review for Peter Brown dated February, 2018 be accepted.

**Carried**

**7.2 Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport**

Council was updated by Councillor Borneman of activities of the Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport. Councillor Borneman is Parry Sound's representative on the Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport Commission. No member discussed or dealt with any matter in a way that materially advanced the business of Council.

**8. Consent Agenda**

8.1 Amendments to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and the *Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act*

**Resolution 2018 - 025**

**Moved by Councillor Horne**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

Whereas Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act amended the Ambulance Act to permit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medic model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and

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Whereas the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and

Whereas in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medical model as a result of interest arbitration; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and the *Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act* to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and

Whereas there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the *Police Services Act* which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medical pilot or program imposed upon them.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Parry Sound calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medical pilot or program, are

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placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Norm Miller, M.L.A Parry Sound-Muskoka; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**

## **9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff**

### **9.1 Emergency and Protective Services**

### **9.2 CAO's Office / Administration**

**9.2.1** Update of Procedural By-law, a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings.

Spokesperson: Jackie Boggs, Clerk

#### **Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)**

That staff be directed to post for the public the updated draft procedural By-law that governs the meetings of Council and Committees per Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act (MOMLA)*, which introduced a series of reforms to the *Municipal Act*, *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, and *City of Toronto Act* affecting Parry Sound's procedural by-law.

**Carried**

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### **9.3 Finance and POA Court Services**

#### **9.3.1 Approve Signing Authorities**

Spokesperson: Christine Gilbert, Manager of Accounting

#### **Resolution 2018 -**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

Whereas the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound approved Resolutions 2014-030 and 2014-228 approving signing authority and credit card authority to Members of Council and certain members of staff; and

Whereas there are no changes to the position or authority levels at this time; and

Whereas there has been a change in the Director of Finance and POA Court Services position;

Now therefore be it resolved that Resolution 2014-030 be amended to remove Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services as a signing authority; and

Further that Kim Chen, Director of Finance and POA Court Services be added as a signing authority.

*The following amendment was proposed:*

**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That Ms. Chen's title be corrected to read Director of Finance/Treasurer

**Carried**

**Resolution 2018 - 026**

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**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

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**Carried**

**9.4 Public Works**

**9.5 Development and Leisure Services**

**9.6 Other Business**

**10. By-laws**

**10.1 Emergency and Protective Services**

**10.2 Administration**

**10.2.1 Fluoride Question on the Ballot-2018 Municipal Election**

Spokesperson: Jackie Boggs, Clerk

**By-law 2018 - 6802**

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Being a bylaw to submit a Question to the Electors on the 2018 Election Municipal Ballot.

**Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed** this 20th day of February, 2018

#### **10.2.2 Appointment of Treasurer**

Spokesperson: Rob Mens, C.A.O.

#### **By-law 2018 - 6803**

Being a By-law to appoint a Treasurer for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound and to repeal by-law 2017-6786.

**Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed** this 20th day of February, 2018

### **10.3 Finance/POA Court Services**

### **10.4 Public Works**

### **10.5 Development and Leisure Services**

**10.5.1 Department of Canadian Heritage - Cultural Spaces Canada - Funding Agreement**

Spokesperson: Lynn Middaugh, Director of Development and Leisure Services

#### **By-law 2018 - 6804**

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement with the Department of Canadian Heritage - Cultural Spaces Canada - for the Stockey Centre specialized equipment for the performance hall.

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**Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed** this 20th day of February, 2018

## **10.6 Other Business**

### **10.6.1 Confirming By-law**

#### **By-law 2018 - 6805**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for February 20, 2018.

**Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed** this 20th day of February, 2018

## **11. Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**

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**Jackie Johnston Boggs, Clerk**

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