

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021

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Minutes

Date:

January 19, 2021

Time:

7:00 P.M. (6:30 PM Closed)

Location:

Zoom Video Conference

Members Present:

Mayor McGarvey, Councillor Backman, Councillor Borneman, Councillor Burden, Councillor Horne, Councillor Keith, Councillor Doug McCann

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara, Program & Events Manager Nicole Mullen, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator Caitlin Dyer, By-law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger, Manager of Infrastructure & Technology Forrest Pengra

Prior to the Regularly scheduled meeting, Council adjourned to a closed meeting to consider the following

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Resolution 2021 - 001

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, 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 matters pertaining to:

d) labour relations or employee negotiations; **(Collective Agreement Union Negotiations; and Employee impacts resulting from Provincial Declared Emergency Lock-Down);**

k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, **(Collective Agreement Union Negotiations).**

Carried

Presentations:

1. 2020 Order of Parry Sound

Mayor McGarvey presented the 2020 Order of Parry Sound to Linda West, recognizing her leadership role in establishing a COVID Response Committee within the Rotary Club of Parry Sound of which she is currently President.

Under this Committee, Ms. West organized a shopping and curbside pick-up/delivery service supported by Rotarians, Sobeys and many volunteers to ensure a safe, continued supply of groceries to area residents.

Ms. West recognized a need to supplement the Breakfast Club Program which has offered nutritious food items to all students attending physical school facilities. Students in need, learning at home on-line, were provided with grocery cards to be able to get those nutritious items previously provided at the school. High School students also

struggling with on-line learning benefitted from a tutoring program set up through grants applied for by Ms. West.

Other projects initiated and/or coordinated by Ms. West included the organization of Christmas hampers, distribution of residential patio planters complete with soil and starter veggies, and bus delivery of grocery orders for a local First Nations community under temporary COVID lock-down.

Ms. West accepted the award, expressing appreciation in turn, saying: "I will cherish it for ever; nevertheless, it has been earned by a team who made great decisions, took action together, attracted support and delivered the services our community needed during this challenging year."

2. 2020 Year in Review

Mayor McGarvey reviewed development in the Town over the last year, with accompanying photos illustrating building development and economic stimulus initiatives such as buy local campaigns.

3. Coping with COVID

Mayor McGarvey concluded his presentation with appreciation for the work of medical staff, front-line workers and volunteers during this COVID pandemic, as well as reminding the public on means of obtaining latest information with regards to the pandemic.

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

1.1.1 Councillor Backman reported that she would like an opportunity to describe a Youth Founders entrepreneurial initiative. This was added as item 10.5.1 to the agenda.

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.2.1 Council prioritized item of business 10.1.2

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

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Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Council agenda for January 19, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.4.1 Councillor Horne declared pecuniary interest on item 10.4.1 regarding donations to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation and Lakeland Long Term Care from the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Reserve Fund as these two organizations are governed and operated by the West Parry Sound Health Centre (WPSHC) and his spouse is the Chief Operating Officer for the WPSHC. Councillor Horne left the meeting for the item, did not participate in discussion, nor vote on the issue.

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Horne

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held December 15, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

3.2.1 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry expressing concerns regarding low lighting at the Pine Drive and Bowes Street intersection, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that he would review the lighting and cautioned that there might be restrictions in terms of light standards because of the congestion of transformers and wire-sets and set back requirements and clearances at that location.

3.2.2. In response to Councillor Backman's inquiry regarding the deterioration of boat houses near the Sailing School, Director of Development and Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that staff has been attempting since last summer to address this situation with property owner MNR and presumed property lessees who own the boat houses, however to date have not been able move the issue forward, as MNR has not provided requested paperwork confirming the lease arrangements.

3.2.3 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry as to what tourism marketing activity Explorers' Edge has or is undertaking throughout the COVID pandemic, CAO Clayton Harris reported that he would contact both the Town's Economic Development Officer Vladimir Shehovtsov and the new Regional Economic Development Officer James Cox to follow-up with Explorers' Edge and report back to Council.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Wayne Major

RE: Concern regarding wait time & crowding at Town boat launches

4.2 Susan Heder

RE: Appreciation for Rugged Trail - Filed

4.3 Lynne Atkinson

RE: Request for Proclamation of Feb 6, 2021 as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation - see item 9.5.1 on Agenda.

4.4 Layla MacCallum

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RE: Request that ice stay in at BOCC, citing benefits of healthy activity for youth in particular

4.5 Dan Hildebrand, President, Parry Sound Hockey Club

RE: Request that ice stay in at BOCC, until lock down has ended, i.e. Feb. 11 with commitment to use existing ice time to end of season, including extending use beyond March should the option be available.

5. Deputations - N/A

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

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

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda - N/A

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Finance and POA Court Services

9.2 Public Works

9.2.1 Provincial State of Emergency - Bobby Orr Community Centre Ice Out

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Resolution 2020 - 002

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council approve the closure of the ice surface at the Bobby Orr Community Centre in response to the Provincial Emergency Order/Closure of non-essential services.

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Defeated

Resolution 2020 - 003

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council direct staff to proceed with the removal of ice at the BOCC; and

Further that staff be directed that should the state of emergency issued by the Province of Ontario be lifted before Feb 20th and, the demand for ice time rental is at or exceeds the current level that the ice be re-installed promptly so long as no other directives from either the province or the Health Unit prohibiting the use of the facility are issued in the interim.

Carried

9.2.2 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Covid Stream - Local Government

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2020 - 004

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council receive the report *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID Stream - Local Government* for information purposes

Carried

9.3 Development and Protective Services

9.3.1 Declaration of Second Provincial Emergency

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Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

Resolution 2020 - 005

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That Council receive the report *Declaration of Second Provincial Emergency* for information purposes.

Carried

9.4 CAO's Office/Administration

9.4.1 Rural Economic Development Grant

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO

Resolution 2020 - 006

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor McCann

Be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound supports the DBA's request to submit a grant application under the Rural Economic Development (RED) program; and

That the Town of Parry Sound provide 50% match funding up to \$25,450.

Carried

9.5 Other Business

9.5.1 Proclamation of Zero Tolerance for FGM

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2020 - 008

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Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Burden

Whereas International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to honor those women, girls, boys and men who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice.

Whereas this day invites us to reflect on the fact that 4.1 million girls are still at risk of mutilation each year, including girls in Canada.

Whereas on this day, we acknowledge that female genital mutilation is an issue in more than 90 countries and on every continent except Antarctica, and that there are at least 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including more than 100,000 in Canada.

Whereas we acknowledge that FGM has no basis in any religious text and is recognized by the United Nations and other world bodies as child abuse and an abuse of a girl's fundamental human rights.

Whereas we acknowledge that FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, including death, difficulties with urination, menstruation, sexual intimacy, post-traumatic stress disorder and increased maternal and child mortality.

Whereas on this International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, we acknowledge and celebrate all national and international efforts being made, especially at the grass roots level, to achieve United Nations Sustainable Millennium Development Goal #5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful traditional practices by 2030.

Whereas on this Day of Zero Tolerance, we call for increased, concerted global and Canadian action to end female genital mutilation, and ask all governments-international, national, and local- to fully uphold the human rights of women and girls so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation.

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NOW THEREFORE, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby proclaim February 6, 2021, as International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Finance and POA Court Services

10.1.1 Temporary Borrowing Authorization

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2021 - 7096

Being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenditures of the Town of Parry Sound until taxes are collected and other revenues are received.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

10.1.2 Water and Wastewater Rates

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips introduced Watson & Associates managing partner Andrew Grunda who provided an explanation of underlying assumptions made within the November 9, 2020 Water & Wastewater Rate Study, in response to some comments received from the public. Mr. Grunda noted that a review of the number of water connections made since 2010 at roughly 7 per year, combined with a review of the number of developments approved by Council, registered and building permit-ready helped to determine a projected number of 3 connections over the coming 10 years, which supports the recommended rates. At the request of Town staff in response to public comments concerned that the assumed projected development was too low, Mr.

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Grunda undertook a sensitivity analysis assuming an increase to 20 annual connections. This resulted in a projected annual reduction of only \$3.00 to \$4.00 per year for the average residential customer and therefore Mr. Grunda expressed confidence in the report's recommended rates.

CAO Clayton Harris confirmed in response to Council discussion that staff could provide annual or more frequent reports on the number of connections and consumption as a means of keeping abreast of whether the report projections are on target or not and whether any rate adjustments should be made as a result of discrepancy between the projection and actuals.

By-law 2021 - 7097

Being a By-law to establish water and wastewater rates in the Town of Parry Sound, starting with the consumption month of March 2021.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

Resolution 2021- 007

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Town of Parry Sound's Ontario Regulation 453/07 Water Financial Plan prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. dated January 15, 2021 be approved; and

That notice of availability of the Financial Plan be advertised; and

That the Financial Plan dated January 15, 2021 be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (O.Reg. 453/07, section 3 (1) 6); and further

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That the resolution of Council approving the Financial Plan be submitted to the MECP, satisfying the requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act. (S.D.W.A. section 32 (5) 2.ii.)

Carried

10.2 Public Works

10.3 Development and Protective Services

10.3.1 Agreements for the use of public property for Georgian Bay Airways/Tailwinds

Spokesperson(s): Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

By-law 2021 - 7098

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of agreements with Georgian Bay Airways for the lease of a water lot; and maintenance of a Town parking lot.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

10.4 CAO's Office/Administration

10.4.1 Donations to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation and Lakeland

Long Term Care from the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Reserve Fund

Spokespersons: Caitlin Dyer, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator

Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

By-law 2021 - 7099

Being a By-law to Authorize Donations from the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Reserve Fund, transfer the balance, and close the Fund

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Youth Founders Entrepreneurship

Councillor Backman reported on and requested that a program entitled Youth Founders Entrepreneurship, aimed at working with youth aged 14 to 24 to help overcome barriers to finding meaningful work, be considered by the Founders Circle, of which the Town is a contributor. CAO Clayton Harris confirmed that in the first year of the Founders Circle some monies were set aside for consideration of high school student entrepreneurship, and that he would bring forward this issue for the Founders Circle to consider as well.

10.5.2 Confirming by-law

By-law 2021 - 7100

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

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM

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