

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound
Special Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021

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Special Council Minutes

Date:

April 6, 2021

Time:

6:30 P.M.

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 Infrastructure & Technology Forrest Pengra, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator Caitlin Dyer, Stockey Centre Marketing Coordinator Kelsey Norris, Manager of Accounting Suzanne Diller.

Presentations: N/A

1.1 Prioritization of Agenda

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1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Special Council Meeting Agenda for April 6, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes - N/A

4. Correspondence

4.1 Janice Dupuis, Deputy Clerk, West Nipissing

RE: Support for vaccine allocation to be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in Phase 1. Dealt with under item 9.5.1

5. Deputations - N/A

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports - N/A

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

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 CAO's Office/Administration

9.1.1 Move from a WSIB Schedule 2 Employer to Schedule 1

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Spokespersons: Alicia Lesperance, CHRL - Human Resources Coordinator

CAO and the Senior Leadership Team

Resolution 2021 - 037

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council receives the Confidential - WSIB Schedule 1 Employer Memo; and

That Council authorizes staff to transition to a Schedule 1 employer with WSIB.

Carried

9.2 Finance and POA Court Services

9.3 Public Works

9.4 Development and Protective Services

9.5. Other Business

9.5.1 Advocating for More COVID-19 Vaccines for Health Units in Phase 1

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2021 - 038

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

WHEREAS, the Town of Parry Sound is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

WHEREAS, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

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WHEREAS, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R(t)$, are among the highest in the province; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

WHEREAS, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

WHEREAS, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocation and smaller vaccine quantities are causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, none of the local pharmacies have been included in the vaccine rollout in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit area thereby limiting access to parts of the population that can travel large distances to our very few mass vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, due to the vaccine allocation, our front-line medical personnel and first responders and Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound requests that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sylvia Jones Solicitor General, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP –

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Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa).

The following amendment was proposed

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the eighth "Whereas" clause of the Resolution be amended to read "Whereas only one pharmacy has been included in the vaccine roll-out..."

Amendment Carried

The amended resolution was voted on:

Carried as Amended

10. By-laws

10.1 CAO's Office/Administration

10.1.1 Stockey Centre Honeywell Service Agreement Renewal

Spokesperson: Caitlin Dyer, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator

By-law 2021 - 7116

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a renewal agreement with Honeywell Limited for provision of HVAC services at the Charles W. Stockey Centre.

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

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10.2 Finance and POA Court Services

10.3 Public Works

10.4 Development and Protective Services

10.4.1 Fire Safety Grant

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

By-law 2021 - 7117

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for the transfer of funds required for the Fire Safety Grant.

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey Adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:47 PM

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