

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021

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Minutes

Date:

April 6, 2021

Time:

7:00 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 Building & Planning Services Taylor Elgie, Manager of Infrastructure & Technology Forrest Pengra, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator Caitlin Dyer, Human Resources Coordinator Alicia Lesperance, Stockey Centre Marketing Coordinator Kelsey Norris, Manager of Accounting Suzanne Diller, Economic Development Officer Vladimir Shehovtsov

Presentations: N/A

Prior to the Regular Agenda, Council made the following motion to move to a meeting closed to the public.

Resolution 2021 - 036

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, **(Taxi License Appeal Hearing);**

Carried

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Council agenda for April 6, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Horne

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

Carried

Council held a public meeting to consider two proposed Zoning By-law amendments under Sections 34 of the Planning Act, as amended.

2.1 Z/21-02 – George Street (John Jackson Planner Inc. on behalf of Ravi Prasher)

After the Mayor adjourned the regular meeting and declared the public meeting open, Clerk Rebecca Johnson advised that notice had been given by prepaid first-class mail to the required prescribed agencies and property owners within 120 metres, posted on the property and placed on the Town's website.

Manager of Building and Planning Services Taylor Elgie advised that the purpose of the first proposed Zoning By-law amendment is to change the zoning of the property from Residential Medium Density (R2) to Residential High Density (R3). The effect of the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment is to allow for creation of a 36-unit apartment building.

John Jackson, agent for applicant Ravi Prasher, responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak in favour of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment.

Mr. Jackson reported that the application was filed with a number of supporting components, pre-consultation was undertaken with staff, and the following reports were prepared: a planning justification report, environmental report, traffic impact report, noise impact study and a preliminary engineering report. Mr. Jackson said he believed the proposal is in conformity with policies of the Official Plan, and that creation of housing is supported in the Provincial Policy Statement, and in the growth plan for Northern Ontario. Mr. Jackson said it was his belief that many concerns expressed by neighbours would be addressed through a more detailed site plan process, and that screening could alleviate privacy concerns. Mr. Jackson acknowledged that sight lines from George to Forest Street are not good, but that this problem is being addressed in

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the engineering report. Mr. Jackson concluded with the suggestion that the proposal will help respond to what we know is a housing crisis both in Town and throughout the province and country.

The following members of the public responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment:

Sarah Priaulx of 53 Forest Street addressed Council with the following questions and concerns: development is in her backyard bordering her fence line, effects of blasting beside foundation, location of sewer and water lines and who pays for this, potential increase in taxes for this development, increased density impacts on safety, liability as a result of location beside trestle, treacherous turning from George Street onto Forest Street, traffic study done in February when it should be done in July when population is high. Ms. Priaulx said she had a number of questions which she would address with staff.

France Beaulieu of Forest Street addressed Council with the following questions and concerns: environmental feasibility in a nice wooded area, opposed to the building going up, concerns with traffic study and questioning when it was undertaken, questioning if the Town is contributing money towards water and sewer; concerned about population in backyard; will fence be put up, will there be too much light on at night in the parking lot; will the developer receive grant money from municipal sources to build; is there money available if neighbours want to consult with a lawyer; what happens if building foundations are damaged due to blasting; will a fence be provided to help with privacy; Ms. Beaulieu also expressed concerns that during winter, Forest Street will become more busy as a means of getting in and out of the development since the George Street hill becomes slippery, and this increased traffic will cause an accident. She also expressed concerns with potential increased population density and overcrowding in this area.

Mr. Elgie advised that he had received the following items of correspondence expressing concerns or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment:

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- Ken Webb, George Street - ok with density but height is too much overall degrading the intrinsic value of Tower Hill and Museum; 36-unit building does not celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Tower Hill well; safety concerns with the entrance on to Forrest Street.

- David Juffs - concern with drainage and trespass problems of the roadway area; wants roadway and offsite storm water considered as part of any approval; concerns with the entrance between Forest and George Streets and suggests a 3-way stop may be advisable; opposes rezoning to R3.

- Ray & Roxanne Prialx - question the number of stories, and whether it is subsidized housing; concern with intersection of George and Forest Streets and Parry Sound Road; question the impact on wildlife, stormwater and traffic, and resulting wear and tear on other roads such as Parry Sound Road.

- Chris & Angela Clark - concern with the intersection; safety will become a greater issue with this proposal; concern with the quality of George Street and lack of sidewalks; property is unsafe due to proximity to train tracks and soil quality due to previous oil tank storage; this will negatively impact the Museum and Tower Hill.

- James Bisson & Brenda Regan - concern that location too close to back yard; lighting from parking lot; number of vehicles going in and out, impeding upon privacy; traffic and intersection concerns; Forest Street currently has no sidewalks and is quite rough; noise, mess, and disruption will affect privacy and blasting will affect wildlife.

Dan Connaghan - as he is looking after elderly family, concern that this proposal will bring risk of COVID-19 closer to his property through portable toilets and imported workers; traffic concerns at the intersection; question whether adequate water and sewer capacity, concerns about wildlife, noise, and visitors trespassing on his property.

Reg Goslett - concern with intersection and feels a 3-way stop is necessary; agrees with applicant report that George Street needs to be repaved, upgraded, and widened and wishes for this to be extended to the Museum.

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Lee Smith - concern with traffic and intersection; soil should be tested due to previous presence of oil tanks; due to vegetation removal, storm water may be an issue; improvements to be at cost of developer not taxpayer.

Dean Timson & Margo Houston - concern about negative effect on peace and quiet for themselves and adjacent property owners; adding 100 people on half a hectare of property is poor planning; zoning should be down zoned for less development. Forest Street was poorly designed and repaved years ago; intersection with George Street is dangerous; adjacent rail line is dangerous; application is misleading as shows different information on different spots

Canadian Pacific - comments provided in an extensive technical document.

Sarah Priaulx - concern regarding easement, foundation, blasting, who pays for improvements on road, timing and year when traffic study undertaken. George St & Forest St intersection is dangerous; questions whether railway contacted; sights drainage as a problem; safety concerns with rail line as sparks have caused small brush fires; high density doesn't fit criteria for this location; backfilling will flood neighbouring properties. OPP is there frequently as it is not a safe area with needles found, and having more people will be troublesome.

After Mr. Elgie concluded his summary of comments received in opposition, the Mayor advised that Council, at its discretion may approve the proposed Zoning By-law amendment and if so, must either circulate notice of passing of the by-law or give notice in the local press. Objections to the passing of the by-law will be received by the Clerk within 20 days from the date such notice is given, which objections will be forwarded to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. If an appeal is submitted and the appellant has not provided Council with an oral or written submission before the passing of the by-law, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may choose to dismiss the appeal.

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2.2 Z/21-01 – Louisa Street (John Jackson Planner Inc. on behalf of Kingshott and Hurd)

Clerk Rebecca Johnson advised that notice had been given by prepaid first-class mail to the required prescribed agencies and property owners within 120 metres, posted on the property and placed on the Town's website.

Mr. Elgie advised that the second proposed Zoning By-law amendment would amend the S.P. 26.72 Zone to a Rural Residential zone and recognize a reduced lot frontage of 34 metres for two provisionally created lots along Louisa Street, and that a rezoning was a condition of consent for related application B/37A/37B/2020 (TPS)

John Jackson responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak in favour of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment, noting that the application is straight forward and satisfies a technical issue.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Mr. Elgie advised that he had received no correspondence with regards to this matter.

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Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Horne

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

Carried

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held March 16, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

3.2.1 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding street sweeping plans, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that this year street sweeping was able to commence a little earlier than usual. Sidewalk sweepers are not collectors - they simply move material out off the sidewalk and where possible, out into the street for the street sweeper to collect and transport to the Public Works Yard.

3.2.2 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding movement of salt at the Salt Dock, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that according to the agreement with the Salt Company, a certain area of the Salt Dock must be clear of salt for public use during the summer, and the Salt Company is therefore currently using heavy equipment to move salt on site to a smaller surface area of the Salt Dock.

3.2.3 Cllr Borneman reported that he wished to pass on to the Mayor concerns from seniors about the trouble they have had booking vaccinations - waiting for hours on the phone and being sent to vaccination centres outside the area. Mayor McGarvey responded that he has heard the same thing and would raise this issue with the Board of Health in an attempt to improve the roll-out with more clinics locally and the booking process made easier.

3.2.4 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding fire fighter training and recruitment Chief Dave Thompson reported that the Parry Sound Fire Department, along with Carling, McDougall and McKellar were given a great opportunity to use the Friendship Centre for a two-day training exercise, which offered experience with a large building, forcible entry, and other technical exercises. Chief Thompson also reported that the Fire Department does need members in Town, but that COVID-19 regulations have delayed recruitment efforts for a women's information session and a general information session until May, when face to face meetings might resume again.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Steve Barnes, applicant for Hillcrest Ave. lot severance.

RE: Two letters of request for Council reconsideration of its recommended denial of severance - copied to Manager of Building & Planning Services and filed.

4.2 Chris MacQuarrie, Natural Resources Canada Canadian Forest Service

RE: Research Project proposed for Killbear Provincial Park - copied to Director of Public Works for consideration.

4.3 Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

RE: Funding of \$5,000 to Parry Sound under the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund - Filed.

4.4 Susanne Borup-Powell, Parry Sound Resident

RE: Support for Council's position to deny construction of a vehicle bridge over the Fitness Trail

4.5 Stephen Heder, Parry Sound Resident

RE: Support for Council's position to deny construction of a vehicle bridge over the Fitness Trail

4.6 Nancy Fraser, Parry Sound Resident

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RE: Concerns with the posting of a "No Trespassing" Sign at Rabbit Canyon path

4.7 Carmen Quesnel, Parry Sound Resident

RE: Concerns with the posting of a "No Trespassing" Sign at Rabbit Canyon path

4.8 Linda Chase, Pat Clarke, Don Brickett, Ray Brown, Rachel Brown, Pauline Brown, Renate Koslowski, John & Donna McGill, Conrad van der Valk, Janet Patterson, Jill Murphy, Thom Morrissey, David & Jody Brunatti, Shelby Seegmiller, Brandon Seegmiller, Cameron Dunkin, Julia Mader, Roberta Smart

RE: individual letters of the same text supporting Council's position to deny construction of a vehicle bridge over the Fitness Trail

All above letters related to the Fitness Trail were filed.

5. Deputations - N/A

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

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

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

7.1 Taxi Driver's License

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

Resolution 2021-039

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound approves Applicant #001-2021's appeal and grants a temporary Taxi Driver's Licence; and

That Council hereby directs the Issuer of Licences to issue the Applicant a six (6) month Probationary Taxi Driver's Licence with the following conditions:

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- a) That a Level 2 Criminal Record Check be provided at the end of the temporary period (6 months), and annually thereafter as a part of the regular renewal process, without any new convictions; and
- b) That subsequent Driver's Abstracts, checked every six (6) months while holding a valid Taxi Driver's Licence, do not contain any new convictions; and
- c) That the owner of Parry Sound Taxi sign a responsibility agreement; and
- d) That if the Town becomes aware of any violation of the applicant's probation conditions set herein the licence be revoked immediately.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 CAO's Office/Administration

9.2 Finance and POA Court Services

9.2.1 2020 Statement of Remuneration Paid to Council and Appointed Board Members

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Resolution 2021 - 040

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the 2020 Statement of Remuneration Paid to Council and Appointed Board Members, attached as Schedule "A", be accepted.

Carried

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9.2.2 2021 Operating Budget

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

Clayton Harris, CAO

Following introductory statements by CAO Clayton Harris, Director of Finance

Stephanie Phillips presented an overview of the 2021 draft operating budget covering such topics as impact to the taxpayer, historical tax rate increases, 2021 capital budget recap, draft operating budget highlights, COVID-19 fiscal challenges, COVID-19 funding applied, summary of net levy changes by division and items for Council consideration.

With respect to items for Council consideration as contained on page 43 of the 2021 budget binder, Council agreed to the following:

1. \$6,150 increase contribution to Public Library.
2. \$2,000 increase contribution to the Museum on Tower Hill, (with a motion moved by Councillor Keith, seconded by Councillor McCann and carried by Council to round up the draft increase of \$1,674 to \$2,000.)
3. \$5,000 contribution to Tower Hill Children's Garden.
4. Remove the draft \$50,000 to replace the pedestrian bridge to the Point at Waubuno Beach. Council agreed per Director of Public Works Mike Kearn's recommendation that before funds are committed to this work, engineering reports should be undertaken to determine what is needed to stabilize the path and bridge against erosion.
5. Remove the draft \$20,000 for remediation of erosion on the Rotary Sunset Trail. Council directed CAO Clayton Harris to bring forward a resolution to set aside in reserve \$20,000 using the Gas Tax Fund (which is now under a new name) for area redevelopment when a detailed proposal for the area is provided, and funding partnerships and the long-term intentions of Sail Parry Sound with respect to its lease (which expires in approximately four years) are known.

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6. \$8,200 contribution to Georgian Bay Forever for Plastic Diversion 2.0 Seabin and Education, with staff recommending at the time the budget by-law is considered, sources upon which to draw, such as from a relevant reserve.

7. No increase in funding provided to Park to Park Trail over the annual contribution of \$6,000 already budgeted.

Resolution 2021 - 041

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the 2021 Operating Budget as amended, be approved; and

That the Budget By-law be submitted to the April 20th, 2021 Council meeting for ratification.

Carried.

The following additional motions were considered by Council:

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That lighting be investigated, and costing done for the intersection of Pine Drive and Bowes Street.

Carried

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff be directed to refer the Park to Park (P2P) Trail issue to CiiNO as a regional body and consider the issue on a regional basis, to investigate whether other funding

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sources could be accessed, and/or a grant could be applied to hire an intern to respond to the administrative issues that P2P has put forth with respect to their funding ask.

Carried

9.3 Public Works

9.4 Development and Protective Services

9.5. Other Business

10. By-laws

10.1 CAO's Office/Administration

10.2 Finance and POA Court Services

10.3 Public Works

10.4 Development and Protective Services

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming by-law

By-law 2021 - 7118

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

Read a First, Second & Third time, Passed, Signed & Sealed

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey Adjourned the Meeting at 10.01 PM

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