

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes April 7, 2020

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Minutes

Date:

April 7, 2020

Time:

7:00 P.M.

Location:

Via Zoom Video Conference

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Manager of Building & Planning Services Taylor Elgie, Manager of Revenue & Taxation Rob Beaumont, Program & Events Manager Nicole Mullen

Presentations: N/A

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

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1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Council agenda for April 7, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held March 17, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Minutes from the Special Council meeting held March 18, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Minutes from the Special Council meeting held April 6, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

3.2.1 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding the legality of use of marinas and boat launches during the declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Dave Thompson reported that the overriding legislation is the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act under which a number of Orders have been issued; e.g. not congregating in groups of more than 5 people; only essential services being open. Chief Thompson noted that enforcement of orders is the responsibility of the OPP and has also been delegated to Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers with the latter using short form wording fines to issue fines, ranging from \$750 to \$1000. More serious fines, such as businesses staying open in contravention of the Orders can run up to \$100,000. Chief Thompson suggested that it was his understanding the OPP's enforcement would focus on educating the public to limit the number of people to 5.

3.2.2 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that the gravel and sand gathered by the street sweeper is transported to the transfer station facility and used for on-site uses related to the transfer station and landfill site. With respect to the snow plows, they are kept staged, ready for service in event the winter season is extended.

3.2.3 In response to Councillor Burden's inquiry regarding the proliferation of dead or dying red pines at Tower Hill and the potential for a forest fire there, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that after viewing the area, he agrees with that assessment. Mr. Kearns reported that he has identified the property owner where the majority of dead and dying trees are located and will approach that property owner to come up with a plan.

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4. Correspondence - N/A

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 CAO's Office/Administration

9.2 Finance and POA Court Services

9.3 Public Works

9.4 Development and Protective Services

9.4.1 Municipal Boat Launches

Spokespersons: Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2020 - 031

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council support the recommendation of staff to limit non-essential boat travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, and advises the public that effective immediately, the Salt Dock, Waubuno Beach, Champaign St and Mill Lake boat launches will be closed until further notice.

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Carried

9.5. Other Business

9.5.1 Request for COVID-19 Confirmed Cases Statistics in West Parry Sound

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2020 - 032

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Burden

Whereas in order to fight the COVID-19 virus in your community it is important to understand the status of confirmed cases in that community; and

Whereas the catchment area for the West Parry Sound Health Centre is only a portion of the area served by North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit;

Now therefore be it resolved that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit publish statistics that provide the number of confirmed cases and other appropriate information for West Parry Sound and

Further That this resolution be sent to: municipalities in the West Parry Sound Area; the West Parry Sound Health Centre; the Honourable Minister Christine Elliott, Minister of Health; and MPP Norm Miller.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 CAO's Office/Administration

10.1.1 Charles W. Stockey Centre & Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Art Exhibition

Spokesperson: Nicole Mullen, Programming & Events Manager, Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts

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By-law 2020 - 7036

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with 18 James Street for the rental of wall space for an art exhibit at the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts.

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10.2 Finance and POA Court Services

10.2.1 COVID-19 Pandemic - Relief of Penalty and Interest for Property Taxes and Utilities

Spokespersons: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Rob Beaumont, Manager of Revenue & Taxation/Tax Collector

Resolution 2020 - 033

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

Whereas the declaration of a state of emergency by the Province of Ontario due to the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a widespread closure of businesses and layoffs or loss of jobs;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the application of penalty and interest on 2020 interim property tax billings be waived for the applicable dates between April 1st and June 30th, 2020; and

Further That penalty and interest on water and sewer accounts be waived between April 1st and June 30th; and

Further That transfer to taxes and the disconnection of water/sewer services on past-due accounts be placed on hold between April 1st and June 30th, 2020; and

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Further That non-sufficient funds (NSF) charges be waived for both property taxes and water and sewer accounts between April 1st and June 30th, 2020; and

Further That a by-law be passed to make the above amendments to applicable by-laws.

Carried

By-law 2020 - 7031

Being a bylaw to amend various by-laws to provide for temporary penalty and interest relief on taxes, sewer, water and NSF charges due to economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 pandemic

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10.2.2 Approval of Transfer Payment Agreement - Municipal Modernization Program

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2020 - 7032

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding funding under the Municipal Modernization Program.

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10.2.3 Approval of Funding Agreement - Provincial Gas Tax

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2020 - 7033

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Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Ontario Minister of Transportation regarding funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

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10.2.4 Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement Amendment

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2020 - 7034

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Amended Municipal Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative.

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10.3 Public Works

10.4 Development and Protective Services

10.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment - Z/20/01 - Additional Unit Amendment (Town of Parry Sound)

Spokesperson: Taylor Elgie, Manager of Building and Planning Services

By-Law 2020 - 7035

Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2004-4653 (The Zoning By-law), as amended, for Additional Dwelling Units (Town of Parry Sound)

Read a First Time

Councillor McCann requested a recorded vote:

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Councillor Backman	yes	
Councillor Borneman	yes	
Councillor Burden	yes	
Councillor Horne	yes	
Councillor Keith	yes	
Councillor McCann		no
Mayor McGarvey	yes	
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10.4.2 Mutual Assistance Agreement

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

By-law 2020 - 7038

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Township of Carling, the Municipality of McDougall, the Township of McKellar, the Town of Parry Sound, the Township of Seguin, the Township of The Archipelago and the Municipality of Whitestone for a Mutual Assistance Agreement for a ten (10) year term.

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10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming by-law

By-law 2020 - 7037

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

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11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM

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