

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes September 15, 2020

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Minutes

Date:

September 15, 2020

Time:

7:00 P.M.

Location:

Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Manager of Building and Planning Services Taylor Elgie, Chief Building Official John Este, Program & Events Manager Nicole Mullen, Manager of Infrastructure & Technology Forrest Pengra, Administrative Assistant Ann Hurdman

Presentations: N/A

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Resolution 2020 - 099

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Backman

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:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (**proposed property exchange**)

Carried

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Council agenda for September 15, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Horne Declared Pecuniary Interest on items 9.1.1 & 9.1.2, as the property identified on these items is owned by West Parry Sound Health Centre, his spouse is the CFO of the Health Centre and is named on the lease.

Councillor Horne neither participated in discussion nor voted on the matters.

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2. Public Meeting

2.1 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Z/20/02 – 2 Oastler Park Drive (John Jackson Planner Inc. on behalf of Waltmar Inc.)

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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

Carried

Council held a public meeting to consider a proposed Zoning By-law amendment under Sections 34 of the Planning Act, as amended. After the Mayor adjourned the regular meeting and declared the public meeting open, Mr. Elgie 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 Planning & Building Services Taylor Elgie advised that the proposed Zoning By-Law amendment would amend the C3(h) and EP zones zone to a C3 zone.

John Jackson responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak in favour of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. To recognize future commercial development on the southeast quadrant of Oastler Park Drive & Bowes St. already zoned commercial, this step is to recognize placement of an access road to be placed alongside the access ramp to southbound Hwy 400. This parcel is the last of the 4 corners to be developed. The owner is extremely sensitive to the need to promote a high value project which will be a gateway to the town and will to be undertaken in a manner which is sensitive to environmental conditions. This access road will cross a flooded bay which was historically a pasture which got flooded by a dam which leads to McGown Lake from this tiny lake known as Anderson Lake. The entire lake is currently zoned environmental protection and will remain ep except for this tiny corridor where they propose to access the 2 parcels on either side of the flooded embayment. The owner to this point has

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expended significant resources to ensure the required assessments for environmental protection, which will have regard for not only Provincial policy statements, the Town's official plan, the Endangered Species Act, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. And those programs we're working closely with the planning staff of the Town that are close to being in an implementable stage. We realize there have been submissions, as there tends to be in these kinds of applications, where there are concerns about making sure that proper assessments are being done. It is his intention, together with Mr. Elgie to reach out to the persons and agencies that made submissions be sure that their concerns have been regarded by the many qualified consultants that the owner has retained. We believe this is going to be an important project for the town, it will meet the policies, have regard for any environmental sensitivities, and we would like the town to take this 1st step which will be the beginning of still considerable details to come forward.

Henry Lowry responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak in opposition of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Mr. Lowry sent in a letter objecting to the zoning change. His biggest concern is the environmentally protected portion of this property. The application didn't make clear that it was just a road across the environmental area. Also, of concern is the land to the east of the environment land which is a very small remnant piece of the property and he questions its commercial value at all. To go in and destroy the natural environment he thinks it will do great harm to the entry to the Town as well as well as the views from his property across the street. The real commercial property is the portion along Oastler Park Drive and he finds it questionable why this little eastern piece is even being considered. He stands by his submission as sent in.

Mr. Elgie advised that he had received the following 5 letters of opposition with regards to this matter.

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- From Eric Thompson, a property owner on McGown Lake wrote in opposition. Seguin recently dealt with a request to rezone to a commercial use, and they put in place a vegetative buffer to ensure clean waters. He notes that McGown lake is at risk of sodium contamination due to the highway, he hopes that Parry Sound will also require a buffer. He feels that this is the only area of the lake to filter road salt and other chemicals.

- From Henry Lowry, letter of opposition. Mr. Lowry spoke to his reasons for objection during the livestreaming of the meeting.

- From Paul McGown, letter of opposition with several concerns: if lake infilled where would water runoff to, what are the impacts to McGown Lake, last time lake impacted by highway an algae bloom occurred, where will runoff from development be directed, will municipal sewage be supplied to the property, McGown Lake is at capacity, Blandings turtles have been noted in the area and not accounted for.

- Scott McGown letter of opposition: questioning if the intended purpose of the property has been described and requesting to be notified of decisions.

- Township of Seguin letter of opposition: application is premature without further study, lands form part of a much larger watershed and are concerned that no studies have been submitted which examine the hydrological impacts of this development and request that this request be deferred. They request a copy of any submitted studies which have been supplied to them.

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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 Horne

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held September 1, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

3.2.1 Mayor McGarvey asked Mr. Kearns what the Town is doing for Rail Safety Week. Mr. Kearns advised that initial discussions concerning Operation Lifesaver have been undertaken and the Town will also be participating in their LookListenLive.ca initiative which adds signage at crossings. This information has been shared with the area schools via contact with the principals. The information will be shared on the Town's website & social media next week.

3.2.2 Councillor McCann inquired of Mr. Kearns if, with home schooling and students learning on-line, they also have the ability to connect to these initiatives. Mr. Kearns will investigate and advised that it will be on our website and social media and hoped that the media will also assist with sharing the information.

3.2.3 Councillor Backman asked Mr. Harris for an update on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Harris advised that the plan is available digitally and by hardcopy if requested. Staff are working on their KPOs (Key Performance Objectives) with some delays due to Covid-19 issues and other matters arising. He expects a report to come forward either at the next meeting or at the October 20th meeting.

3.2.4 Councillor Backman asked Mr. Harris about the Regional Economic Development Initiative. Mr. Harris responded that when Mr. Barnes resigned in March this also was the end of the 3-year term for funding. A further funding grant was applied for, which

has been successfully approved. The EDO recruitment process has been underway with a final interview having taken place last week. In the meantime, Vladimir Shehovtsov, the Town's EDO has been responding to inquires as they come in. Additionally, he has been reaching out to area businesses to see how Covid has affected them and what role the Town and the Collaborative may play to assist them.

3.2.5 Councillor Borneman asked Mr. Pengra about the activity by SPEEDIER staff at the transfer station grounds. Mr. Pengra responded that the SPEEDIER project is moving forward with the solar field, all piles are in, waiting for concrete to set after which the racking and panels can be installed. The SPEEDIER components can then be installed.

4. Correspondence

4.1. Lori West, Clerk, Municipality of McDougall

4.1a RE: Support of Lake of Bay's resolution and support in principle for Muskoka Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative.

Filed

4.1b RE: Support of Whitestone' Resolution requesting federal funding of broadband internet.

Filed

4.1c RE: Support of Archipelago's Resolution requesting provincial funding of WPSHC recognizing population

Filed

4.2 April Denman, Executive Administrator, Downtown Business Association

4.2a Re: DBA resignations

4.2b RE: September 9 Board Minutes appointing Doug Wilton.

Agenda item 8.1

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4.3 Waste Reduction Week in Canada

RE: Request to proclaim October 19-25 Waste Reduction Week in Canada

Agenda item 9.5.1

4.4 Lee-Ann Turner

RE: Requesting On-Street parking on Waubeek Street.

4.4a supplementary email of September 13, 2020 with a copy of this evening's deputation.

Copied to Director of Public Works

5. Deputations

5.1 Lee-Ann Turner

RE: Requesting On-Street parking on Waubeek Street.

A copy of Ms. Turner's deputation is attached and available on the website as a presentation.

Ms. Turner addressed Council requesting a return of parking to Waubeek St. which she understands has a 50+ year history of allowing on-street parking on the side the sidewalk is on. This was disallowed due to road improvements. The absence of a bike lane, removal of parking, a very smooth straightaway and continued pedestrian activity supposes an increase in risk. A bike lane was not created; waterfront trail is bike accessible and noted in the master plan but she feels it would have been appropriate to have a secondary bike lane.

Two crosswalks were created based on complaints and concerns which was admirable. No pedestrians have been hit on Waubeek St. the cost for 1 crosswalk was \$30,000.00

The straightway creates increased speeds, especially at night when traffic is light. In 2019 a request was made to decrease the speed to 40 kph, which she disagreed with as she felt the 50 kph speed limit is appropriate, but vehicles need to follow the speed

limit. Vehicles continue to exceed the posted limits. The smooth road is enticing drivers to higher speeds which increases risk to pedestrians.

Parking on the sidewalk side slows traffic and naturally provides a safety barrier for pedestrians. Parking increases risk for cyclists whereas bike lanes reduce their risk.

No parking signs have been installed on the asphalt median as opposed to on the grass, which was a surprise to her due to the risk of impalement; she understood fencing and signage is usually placed far away from the edge of a curb.

The crosswalk at Belvedere meets the criteria of the accessibility plan of 2013 and she had no comment on crosswalk # 3. The comment made is in relation to the sidewalk on Waubeek St which is now only separated from vehicles by a curb and asphalt boulevard, the greater speeds of vehicles creates a greater danger for those using the sidewalk.

Within the Trail master plan it recommends priority area for sidewalks, including routes to schools and along busy roads, signage and other measures to promote safe use, bike lanes and trails on main arterial & collector roads, and looping of the waterfront trail. Notes from the trails master plan: The importance of good design applies also to the improvement and retrofit of existing facilities. Pedestrians want areas that are safe, attractive, convenient and easy to use. She maintains that the design did discourage pedestrians and that it is an unintended consequence.

The sidewalk design installed was alternative # 3 which was the least preferred method and it increases the risk to pedestrians as it removes the buffer. Parking will assist in making pedestrians feel safer with a buffer in place. Landscaping has not been completed which would act as a buffer and is within the plan.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Members of Council gave reports on meetings attended and matters arising.

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

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 DBA Resignations and Appointment

Resolution 2020 - 100

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That upon notice and recommendation of the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association (DBA), Council of the Town of Parry Sound accepts the resignations of Tanis Mack and Sue Sullivan, and makes the appointment of Doug Wilton to the Parry Sound DBA; and

That the DBA Board appointing resolution 2019-012 be so amended.

Carried

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Development and Protective Services

9.1.1 Sign By-law Variance Application - 97 Bowes Pylon

Spokesperson: John Este, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2020 - 101

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council authorizes and directs the Chief Building Official to issue a permit for revision to the Pylon Sign at 97 Bowes Street according to the terms and conditions attached as Schedule A; and

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That if the applicant does not agree to the terms and conditions attached as Schedule A, that the request for a variance is effectively denied.

Carried

9.1.2 Sign By-law Variance Application - 97 Bowes Read-o-Graph

Spokesperson: John Este, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2020 - 102

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That Council authorizes the Chief Building Official to issue a permit for a Read-O-Graph sign at 97 Bowes Streets according to the terms and conditions attached as Schedule A; and

That if the applicant does not agree to the terms and conditions attached as Schedule A, that the request for a variance is effectively denied.

Carried

9.2 CAO's Office/Administration

9.2.1 Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts Performance Hall Reopening Plan

Spokesperson: Nicole Mullen, Programming & Events Manager, Charles W. Stockey Centre

Resolution 2020 - 103

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

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That Council of the Town of Parry Sound accepts the Reopening Plan of the Stockey Centre Performance Hall per the Reopening Plan attached as Schedule A.

Carried

9.3 Finance and POA Court Services

9.4 Public Works

9.5. Other Business

9.5.1 Waste Reduction Week

Resolution 2020 - 104

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Keith

Council of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2020 as Waste Reduction Week in Canada, and commits to the following:

- a) We commit to waste reduction, resource conservation, and community education for sustainable living.
- b) We recognize that losing waste to disposal and as litter are local and global threats to the environment.
- c) We will take action to reduce our waste and support the circular economy.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Development and Protective Services

10.1.1 Site Plan Application S20/01 - 20 Salt Dock Road/Lighthouse (1793951 Ontario Inc.)

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Spokesperson: Taylor Elgie, Manager of Building and Planning Services

By-Law 2020 - 7069

Being a By-law to authorize a Site Plan Agreement S201/01 with 1793951 Ontario Inc. (20 Salt Dock Road/The Lighthouse)

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

10.1.2 Big Sound Marina Agreement One Year Extension with Massasauga Management Co.

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson Director of Development and Protective Services

By-law 2020 - 7070

Being a bylaw to amend the agreement with Massasauga Management Co. Inc. for operation of Big Sound Marina and the Town Dock and supersede amending By-law 2019-6854.

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

10.2 CAO's Office/Administration

10.3 Finance and POA Court Services

10.4 Public Works

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming by-law

By-law 2020 - 7071

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

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

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11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson