

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020

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Minutes

Date:

October 20, 2020

Time:

7:00 P.M.

Location:

Via Zoom Videoconferencing

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 and Planning Services Taylor Elgie, Manager of Infrastructure & Technology Forrest Pengra, By-law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger.

Presentations: N/A

Prior to the regular meeting, Council moved to a meeting closed to the public per the following:

Resolution 2020 - 118

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:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; **(Library Board applications)**

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes; **(Proposed property exchange)**

n) educating or training council members and no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of Council. **(Site Locations for West Parry Sound Area Recreation Centre)**

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 Borneman

That the Council agenda for October 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.

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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

3.1.1 Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Backman

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held October 6, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.1.2 Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Minutes from the Special Council meeting held October 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

3.2.1 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding the status of upcoming public events, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that the Public Health Unit released guidelines yesterday which indicate that Hallowe'en practices as we know them may continue, provided specific health protocols are undertaken and that further communication will be provided to the public as it becomes available. With respect to the Santa Claus parade, Mr. Thompson reported that there are currently discussions with the Health Unit and the Optimist Club to discuss how an alternative Santa Claus parade can be done safely. Given that the COVID-19 situation

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changes and requires adaptation, more information will be provided to the public as it becomes available about these events, as well as Remembrance Day.

3.2.2 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns confirmed that the Public Works Department is ready for snow, whenever it comes.

3.2.3 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry regarding response time to a recent house fire at the northwest corner of Gibson & Cascade Streets, Mr. Thompson reported that there was no delay in firefighting activities at the scene. Crews quickly deployed an exterior attack onto the building, there was a significant knock down, and a great save. Mr. Thompson said that there was an approximate one hour delayed response by hydro to shut off power, a delay which is now common with hydro. Standard operating procedure of firefighters is to consider any electrical wires as live, and therefore avoid them, until a representative of the utility company declares them not live or shuts off the power. This is of concern as it may result in delayed firefighting at a fire scene.

Councillor Borneman responded that he understood the problem was that Lakeland Power doesn't have enough line staff living in Parry Sound to cover on-call, and that a solution might be to have Lakeland contract with Hydro One to provide this service.

Councillors agreed to add this item to the agenda for consideration.

3.2.4 Mr. Kearns responded to the Mayor's inquiry regarding advertising for leaf and pumpkin pick-up, that he would follow-up with this.

3.2.5 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding a CN train delayed on the tracks a couple of weeks ago by 10-15 minutes, Mr. Kearns reported that CN officials did give notice electronically to the Town and Fire Department regarding the planned stoppage on the track and the expected duration.

3.2.6 In response to Councillor Backman's inquiry on insurance, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips reported that a draft RFP is currently being prepared for a three-week

advertisement posting targeting December 15th, 2020 for renewal, which is when the current insurance expires. Ms. Phillips also reported that insurance brokers are forecasting a 40-50% increase in rates for 2021.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism

RE: Update regarding Anti-Racism Directorate and regulatory work being done to bring the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 into force as well as other policing matters.

4.2 Nina Bifulchi, Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

Copy of letter to Premier Ford re: concerns with safety risks as a result of a recent unauthorized car rally in Wasaga Beach, and requests for tougher laws.

4.3 Cindy Filmore, Administrative Services Coordinator Town of Kearney

RE: Resolution rejecting the Town of Parry Sound's request regarding a Supplemental Emergency Medical Services Levy.

4.4 Mackenzie Taylor, Records Clerk/Deputy Clerk, Township of Carling

RE: Proposed 2021 Budget to adjust service levels to achieve lowest possible tax rate.

All correspondence items were filed.

5. Deputations

5.1 Rita Orr - CEO, Tom Lundy - Chair, Parry Sound Public Library

RE: Library Update; link to presentation:

Parry Sound Public Library Board Chair Tom Lundy introduced the Library's infomercial on activities undertaken since shut-down in mid-March due to COVID-19 per the following:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/d2eae5ac/axTvXBXQSkWSy1VPBOIoAw?u=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQ-UTuIPPVw%26feature=youtu.be>

Mr. Lundy and Ms. Orr reported that since mid-March with the onset of closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Library staff has worked to find new and creative ways to continue to provide services. Mr. Lundy noted that the Board's 12 new policies passed was thanks to staff who prepared them, and that these policies have been recognized not only in Ontario, but outside Canada, with other boards using the Library's policies as templates. Ms. Orr reported that the Library has seen an increase in the loan of digital books with 15,000 borrowed between March and September. Library cards can be obtained on-line now; 32 people signed up on-line in one month which is a significant number. Ms. Orr noted that the Library is hopeful it will be able to re-open to five days a week in January, up from its three days a week now; and that they received the wonderful news today of a donation from CN in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Lundy concluded with the comment that while Ms. Orr had coined the phrase "The Little Library that Grew", he suggested it should be "The Little Library That Roared" as its impact is up there with much larger libraries.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

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

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

7.1. Parry Sound Public Library Board Appointment

Resolution 2020 - 119

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor Burden

THAT Council hereby accepts the resignation of Abbey Dudas and appoints Jen Hoddy to the Parry Sound Public Library Board effective immediately; and

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That Resolution 2018-142, appointing individuals to various Boards and Committees is hereby amended.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Public Works

9.1.1 Waste Diversion and Transition update

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2020 - 120

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council receive the report attached as Schedule A regarding Waste Diversion and Transition, for information purposes.

Carried

9.2 Development and Protective Services

9.3 CAO's Office/Administration

9.3.1 2021 Council Meeting Dates

Spokesperson: Rebecca Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 2020 - 121

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

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That pursuant to By-law 2020-7061, Section 3, paragraph 4, Council approves Schedule "A" as attached, the 2021 schedule of Regular Meetings of Council.

Carried

9.4 Finance and POA Court Services

9.4.1 2021 Budgeting Schedule

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Resolution 2020 - 122

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council hereby approves the 2021 Budgeting Schedule as set out in the attached Schedule "A"; and

That Council sets the 2021 budget guideline for a tax levy increase between 1.8% and 3.6% for the operating budget in the absence of a collective agreement for 2021; and

Further that the guidelines will be updated as per the policy once the collective agreement is reached if budget deliberations are still underway.

Carried

9.5. Other Business

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Staff be directed to meet with Lakeland Power encouraging them to enter into a contract with Hydro One to respond to fires for power shut off services.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Public Works

10.1.1 Tesla Powerwall at Pound

Spokesperson: Forrest Pengra, Manager of Infrastructure & Technology

By-law 2020 - 7077

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with Bracebridge Generation Ltd. as part of the SPEEDIER project, to install a Tesla Powerwall at the West Parry Sound Dog Pound.

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

10.2 Development and Protective Services

10.2.1 Rezoning Application - Z/20/05 –1793951 Ontario Inc. (Greystone/Lighthouse) - Lifting of "h" symbol

Spokesperson: Taylor Elgie, Manager of Building & Planning Services

By-law 2020 - 7078

Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2004-4653 (The Zoning By-law) as amended to remove a holding provision for 1793951 Ontario Inc./Greystone/Lighthouse (20 Salt Dock Road)

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

10.2.2 Amendment to Parks By-law 2017-6752 to remove smoking designated areas.

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Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

By-law 2020 - 7079

Being a By-law to amend the Parks By-law 2017-6752, to remove smoking designated areas.

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

10.3 CAO's Office/Administration

10.4 Finance and POA Court Services

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming by-law

By-law 2020 - 7080

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

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson