

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022

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7:27 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, (6:45 PM Closed)

Members Present:

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

Regrets: Councillor Horne

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Director of Finance/Treasurer Stephanie Phillips, By-law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger; Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza

Prior to the Regular Meeting, Council adjourned to a meeting closed to the public per the following resolution.

Resolution 2022 - 132

Moved by Councillor Keith 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 a matter(s) pertaining to:

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; (**Winter Maintenance Unassumed Road Allowance**)

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; (**Winter Maintenance Unassumed Road Allowance**)

Carried

Presentation/Announcements

1. Agenda and Minutes Review

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Additions to Agenda

1.3 Prioritization of Agenda

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That the Council agenda for October 4, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - N/A

1.6 Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held September 20, 2022 will be considered at the next meeting.

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1. In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding strategy of removal of dead trees, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns said that he encourages anyone concerned about the condition of a tree to contact the Town, whereafter staff reviews the condition and location and prunes trees on Town property where possible and appropriate, before

considering removal. If a hazard, on Town property staff can coordinate removal give advice to private property owners including who to contact related to hazards associated with electrical power.

3.2 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding condition of Sunset Ave., Mr. Kearns responded that streets are prioritized for repair and repaving considering not just the surface condition but buried infrastructure as well in order that infrastructure upgrades are undertaken in advance of surface repaving. Noting that residential streets such as Georgina and Park Lane are being repaved this year, in an attempt at equitable treatment with the more major thoroughfares on Bowes and Church/Joseph, Mr. Kearns advised that he would review the condition of Sunset Ave. Mr. Kearns also noted that the Covid pandemic had a negative effect on supplies and products including asphalt, and some projects have been held up as a result of this.

3.3 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry, Mr. Kearns reported that residents have been notified of the secondary contracts, and that pulverization on Park Lane is now occurring, with Georgina and McFarlane St. to be scheduled over the next two weeks.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Dave Chalk RE: concern regarding taxes

In response to the concerns raised in Mr. Chalk's letter, CAO Clayton Harris noted the following:

- the main driver of individual property taxes is assessment, which is based on property and building location, size, waterfront, etc. with assessment provided by MPAC;
- property taxes levied are based on services provided to residents at large; they're not determined by individual services to specific properties;

- water and sewer services aren't funded by property taxes, they're entirely funded through user fees, so a person's property taxes aren't affected by lack of water and sewer.
- the issue that creates the largest differential between taxes on properties within Parry Sound and comparable properties in other municipalities, is that the Town is responsible for providing urban municipal infrastructure necessary to support services such as education, social housing and health care, the costs for which are borne entirely by residents and businesses of Parry Sound but benefit all West Parry Sound. The current municipal structure doesn't allow costs to be borne in any other manner. The issue is further compounded by the fact that 17% of the property assessment from which services such as hospital and schools are delivered, are exempt from property taxation. Town taxpayers pay for the costs of the services benefitting all West Parry Sound, upon a total assessment that is 17% tax exempt.

5. Deputations - N/A

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor and 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 Public Works

9.1.1 Tender - Snow Removal

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

Resolution 2022 - 133

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council accept the tender from Adams Brothers Construction Ltd. for snow removal on town streets during the 2022 fall & winter season and 2023 winter & spring season, including traffic control and labour costs to clear around infrastructure including tree pits and hydrants, as follows:

Tandem dump truck: \$ 98.00 per hour

Wheeled loader: \$108.00 per hour

Blower and control unit: \$108.00 per hour

This tender being the only tender received.

Carried

9.2 Development and Protective Services

9.3 CAO Office/Administration

9.3.1 Legend Spirits Co. application for By-the-Glass-Endorsement

Spokesperson: Rebecca Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 2022 - 134

Moved by Councillor Backman

Seconded by Councillor Keith

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound support the request of Legend Spirits Co. and endorse their application to obtain a By-the-Glass-Endorsement to serve their products for consumption in single servings at the production site directly related to the promotion of the product, to enhance the tourist experience or fulfil an educational purpose only.

Carried

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9.4 Finance and POA Court Services

9.4.1 2023 Budgeting Schedule

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Resolution 2022 - 135

Moved by Councillor Keith Seconded by Councillor Backman

That Council hereby approves the 2023 Budgeting Schedule as set out in the attached Schedule "A".

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Public Works

10.2 Development and Protective Services

10.2.1 Crushing By-law for the Town of Parry Sound.

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

By-law 2022 - 7285

Being a by-law to regulate the processing, washing, sorting, screening or crushing of rock, sand, gravel or other material in the Town of Parry Sound.

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

10.2.2 Amendment to the Fees By-law 2010-5408 to add a Crushing Permit Fee

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

By-law 2022 - 7286

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A By-law to amend Schedule “C” of the Fees and Service Charges By-law 2010-5408 to include a crushing permit application fee.

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10.3 CAO Office/Administration

10.4 Finance and POA Court Services

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2022 - 7287

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 8:27 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson