



## **Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES**

Meeting #: 4568th  
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos

Staff Present: Rob Horne - Chief Administrative Officer, Joan Thomson - City Clerk, Carole Desmeules - Director of Social Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Michael Humble - Director of Corporate Services, Jacqueline Mockler - Director of Human Resources, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Jeff Leunissen - Manager of Development Services, Tatiana Dafoe - Deputy Clerk, Mike Beitz - Corporate Communications Lead

Also Present: Members of the Public and Media

### **1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Mathieson, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order.

Singing of O Canada

Moment of Silent Reflection

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Beatty declared a pecuniary interest at the January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole In-camera Session.

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest at the January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole In-camera Session.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes:**

R2019-001

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Henderson

**THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 3, 2018, the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 10, 2018, the Committee of the Whole Open Session Meeting of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 12, 2018 and the year-end Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 17, 2018, be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:**

R2019-002

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Ritsma

**THAT Addenda 1 and 2 to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated January 14, 2019, to add Items 5.2, 6.2 and 11.4 be added to the Agenda.**

**Carried**

**5. Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session:**

**5.1 At the January 14, 2019 Session under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:**

Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(c)) (includes municipal property leased for more than 21 years;

Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d));

Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b));

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At the January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole In-camera Session direction was given on all items.

**5.2 ADDED - Contract Negotiations – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Transit Division Local 636**

Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2) (d))

R2019-003

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT the Memorandum of Settlement with the International Brotherhood of Transit Workers (IBEW) Transit Division Local 636 effective May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2021 be ratified and that the Mayor, Clerk, CAO and Director of Human Resources be**

**authorized to sign the Memorandum of Settlement and the collective agreement, where applicable.**

**Carried**

**6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:**

**6.1 Presentation by the Stratford Town and Gown Committee**

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, representatives from the Stratford Town and Gown Committee, the University of Waterloo - Stratford Campus, and Conestoga College provided Council with an update on their activities and programs.

R2019-004

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**THAT the presentation by the Stratford Town and Gown Committee, University of Waterloo, Conestoga College and Chef's School, be heard.**

**Carried**

**6.2 ADDED - Huron and Huntingdon Street Crossing**

R2019-005

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded By** Councillor Burbach

**THAT Andy Mark and Heather Weyers be heard regarding the Huron & Huntingdon Crossing.**

**Carried**

A copy of the letter from MPP Pettapiece to Mayor Mathieson was distributed to Council.

**6.2.1 Heather Weyers**

Ms. Weyers advised as a parent she has concerns with the recommendation to move the Huron and Huntingdon crossing. The total number of pedestrians using the crossing and the schools and operations affected by moving the crossing were discussed.

It was noted safety concerns have been identified previously and the development in the area has greatly increased the volume of traffic. Concerns were noted with allowing crossing at Huron and Forman as it is a heavily used intersection, there is not a second sidewalk on part of Forman, there are busy driveways to cross and with Central students going to Northwestern in September there will be increased activity at this intersection.

Support was expressed for options 1, 2, 5, and 6 outlined in the management report titled "Update to the Huron & Huntingdon Crossing". Ms. Weyers requested that the crossing be kept at Huron and Huntingdon and that a signalized intersection be installed. In addition, requests were made to install more signs, utilize social media to bring awareness to issues at crossing locations, provide the crossing guards with flashing stop signs, add speed advisory signs and to continue with police presence at the intersection.

#### **6.2.2 Andy Mark**

Mr. Mark advised he would like to be included in the discussions around this crossing and wants to be involved in finding a safe solution. Mayor Mathieson was thanked for reaching out to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario.

### **7. Orders of the Day:**

#### **7.1 Report - Recreational Cannabis Retail Store Options (COU19-004)**

R2019-006

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Henderson

**THAT cannabis retail stores be permitted to operate within the City of Stratford;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to notify the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) of the City's position with respect to cannabis storefronts before Tuesday January 22, 2019.**

**Carried**

## **7.2 Report - Update on the Huron Street & Huntingdon Avenue Crossing (COU19-005)**

It was questioned how long the traffic counts and studies will take before recommendations can be made. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised it could be 3-4 weeks.

Support was expressed for leaving the crossing at Huron and Huntingdon while the traffic counts and studies are being undertaken. Concern was noted that as safety concerns have been identified the crossing should be moved until final recommendations can be made.

It was suggested the installation of a second sidewalk on Forman should be a priority. Concern was noted with installing a sidewalk before final recommendations on whether the timing of the lights can be changed are made.

Discussion was held on additions that can be made to this area in order to address the safety concerns.

It was questioned how much a signalized intersection will cost. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised it would be more than \$150,000 plus intersection improvements.

It was questioned whether Huntingdon could be closed during the crossing times. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised it could be but that the unintended consequences should be studied. It was noted a transit route uses Huntingdon.

R2019-007

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded By** Councillor Burbach

**THAT the Huron & Huntingdon crossing be maintained with two crossing guards;**

**THAT a crossing guard be added at the Huron & John intersection and at the Huron & Forman intersection;**

**THAT a portable traffic speed sign be stationed near the Huron/Huntingdon crossing to make drivers aware of their speed;**

**THAT staff continue to investigate whether the lights from John to Forman can be changed to create adequate safe gaps;**

**THAT staff, in partnership with the Perth District Health Unit, develop an education plan and social media campaign to raise awareness of the issues around safe crossing at crossing intersections;**

**THAT staff request approval from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario to reduce the speed on Huron Street between John and Forman to 40km/hr and to double the fine for speeding along that stretch;**

**THAT Stratford Police Services be requested to continue to provide a police presence at the Huron/Huntingdon intersection to assist with safe crossings;**

**AND THAT staff prepare a follow-up report for the February 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting on the Huron & Huntingdon crossing.**

A request was made for a recorded vote.

In Support (10): Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, and Councillor Vassilakos

Opposed (1): Councillor Sebben

**Carried**

### **7.3 Resolution - Festival Hydro Inc. 2019 Quarterly Dividends**

R2019-008

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Beatty

**WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Stratford (the City) is the holder of 6,995 Common shares of Festival Hydro Inc., (the Corporation) being all of the issued and outstanding Common shares of the Corporation;**

**AND WHEREAS the Directors of the said Corporation have indicated their desire to declare and pay dividends on the Common shares aggregating \$118,915.00 during the 2019 calendar year; such dividends to be declared and paid on a**

**quarterly basis;**

**AND WHEREAS pursuant to a Declaration of Sole Shareholder of the Corporation dated January 22, 2001, the prior written consent of the City as the sole shareholder to the declaration and payment of such dividends is necessary;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby consents to the declaration and payment of dividends on the Common shares of the Corporation in the total amount of \$17.00 per share (aggregate amount \$118,915.00) such dividends to be declared payable to the shareholder of record with respect to such shares as of the 30th day of each of March, June, September, and December.**

**AND WHEREAS, The Corporation of the City of Stratford (the City) is the holder of 6,100 Class A Special shares of Festival Hydro Inc., (the Corporation) being all of the issued and outstanding Class A Special shares of the Corporation;**

**AND WHEREAS the Directors of the said Corporation have indicated their desire to declare and pay dividends on the Class A Special shares aggregating \$76,250.00 during the 2019 calendar year; such dividends to be declared and paid on a quarterly basis;**

**AND WHEREAS pursuant to a Declaration of Sole Shareholder of the Corporation dated January 22, 2001, the prior written consent of the City as the sole shareholder to the declaration and payment of such dividends is necessary;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby consents to the declaration and payment of dividends on the Class A Special shares of the Corporation in the total amount of \$12.50 per share (aggregate amount \$76,250.00), such dividends to be declared payable to the shareholder of record with respect to such shares as of the 30th day of each of March, June, September, and December.**



**This results in total special and common share dividends paid in the year equal \$780,660.**

**Carried**

**7.4 Resolution - Extension of Contract 2017-11, Supply and Installation of Sewer Liners (COU19-001)**

R2019-009

**Motion by** Councillor Vassilakos

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**THAT Contract 17-11 with Insituform Technologies be extended, for the Supply and Installation of Sewer Liners – Cured In Place Pipe on Various Locations for 2019, subject to final budget approval.**

**Carried**

**7.5 Report - 2018 Stratford Election Statistics (COU19-002)**

R2019-010

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**THAT the Report on the 2018 Stratford Election Statistics be received for information.**

**Carried**

**7.6 Report - Post 2018 Election Accessibility Report (COU19-003)**

R2019-011

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded By** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT the Post 2018 Election Accessibility Report dated January 14, 2019 be received by City Council for information.**

**Carried**

**7.7 Correspondence - Scott McKay Memorial Award**

Members were advised Orion Raes, Engineering Design Technician for the City of Stratford, was chosen as the 2018 winner of the annual Scott McKay Memorial Award.

Congratulations were extended to Orion Raes.

**8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:**

None scheduled.

**9. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

None scheduled.

**10. Notice of Intent:**

**10.1 Notice of Intention to Designate under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Members were advised the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate certain property at 24 Glastonbury Drive, Stratford as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

If any person wished to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, were to be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019. The Ontario Heritage Act provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**10.2 Notice of Public Meeting to be held under the Planning Act**

Members were advised the City of Stratford Council will hold a public meeting on Monday February 11th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford to hear all interested persons with respect to Official Plan Amendment O03-18, Plan of Subdivision Application 31T18-003 and Zone Change Application Z10-18.

The Official Plan Amendment, Subdivision Application and Zone Change Amendment applications affect the property municipally known as Part of

Lot 5, Concession 2 (Geographic Township of Ellice) now in the City of Stratford. The subject lands have an approximate area of 13.46ha and a lot frontage of 114.8m on O'Loane Avenue, 406.1m on Perth Line 36 and approximately 204m on McCarthy Road West.

**11. Reading of the By-laws:**

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and were taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present:

R2019-012

**Motion by** Councillor Vassilakos

**Seconded By** Councillor Bunting

**THAT By-laws 1-2019 to 3-2019 be taken collectively.**

**Carried** unanimously

R2019-013

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded By** Councillor Henderson

**THAT By-laws 1-2019 to 3-2019 be given First and Second Readings.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2019-014

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded By** Councillor Gaffney

**THAT By-laws 1-2019 to 3-2019 be given Third and Final Readings.**

**Carried**

**11.1 Acceptance of Easement from Stratford Shakespearean Festival Holding Foundation-By-law 1-2019**

To authorize the acceptance of an easement from Stratford Shakespearean Festival Holding Foundation for municipal sanitary sewer main and associated works over Parts 3, 5, 6, 12, 15 and 18 on Reference Plan 44R-5496.

**11.2 Extension of Contract 17-11-By-law 2-2019**

To authorize the entering into and execution of an extension to Contract 17-11 with Insituform Technologies Limited for Supply and Installation of

Sewer Liners – Cured In Place Pipe on Various Locations for 2019, subject to final budget approval.

**11.3 ADDED - Memorandum of Settlement and Collective Agreement-By-law 3-2019**

To authorize entering into and execution of the Memorandum of Settlement and Collective Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Transit Workers (IBEW) Transit Division Local 636 effective May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2021.

**12. Consent Agenda: CA-2019-001 to CA-2019-005**

Council did not advise of any items to be considered that were listed on the Consent Agenda.

**13. New Business:**

**13.1 Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness**

Concern was noted that Bill 66 in its omnibus form is not in the interest of the municipality. A request was made for correspondence to be sent opposing the bill given its omnibus form. Discussion was held on the advantages and disadvantages of the bill. It was noted there is a timeline for municipalities to submit comments on this bill.

R2019-015

**Motion by** Councillor Vassilakos

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**THAT Stratford City Council oppose Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 given its omnibus form;**

**THAT the City would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the positive elements of the bill with the Province;**

**AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Government of Ontario before the provincial consultation deadline of January 20, 2019.**

**Carried**

### **13.2 Textile Recycle Bin Removal**

Members were advised concerns have been expressed that the textile recycle bins located at the Rotary Complex may be a hazard and are not promoting the City's textile recycling program. A request was made for Community Services staff to review their removal.

R2019-016

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Clifford

**THAT the request to remove textile collection bins located on City-owned property be referred to Community Services' staff for review.**

**Carried**

### **13.3 Energy & Environment Consultation**

In response to a request by the Energy and Environment Committee to receive information on water consumption and impacts of the potential glass manufacturing initiative, if available, the CAO advised any initiatives will be required to comply with all applicable legislation.

## **14. Confirmatory By-law and Adjournment:**

The next Regular Council meeting is January 28, 2019 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

The following By-law required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

### **By-law 11.3 Confirmatory By-law 4-2019**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 14, 2019.

R2019-017

**Motion by** Councillor Bunting

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**THAT By-law 4-2019 be given First and Second Readings.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2019-018

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT By-law 4-2019 be given Third and Final Readings.**

**Carried**

R2019-019

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Burbach

**THAT the January 14, 2019 Regular Council meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 8:37 P.M.

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Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

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Clerk - Joan Thomson