



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4541st
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Brown, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Mark, Councillor McManus, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Vassilakos

Staff Present: Rob Horne - Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Humble - Director of Corporate Services, Carole Desmeules - Director of Social Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Victoria Trotter, Tatiana Dafoe - Deputy Clerk, Neil Anderson - Deputy Fire Chief, Mike Beitz - Corporate Communications Lead, Taylor Crinklaw, Project Engineer

Also Present: Media, Members of the Public

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

None declared at the January 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2018-001

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded By Councillor Brown

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 11, 2017 and December 18, 2017 be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum/Addenda to the Agenda:

Mr. Phillip Edward has requested to address Council regarding the Ballantyne Avenue reconstruction.

R2018-002

Motion by Councillor McManus

Seconded By Councillor Mark

THAT the Addendum/Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated January 8, 2018, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 From the December 18, 2017 Session under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

Purchase Agreement with GreenSeal Cannabis Co.

(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).

R2018-003

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Option to Purchase Agreement with GreenSeal Cannabis Co. for Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 and part of Street A as shown on the draft plan of subdivision prepared by McNeil Surveying Limited, in the Wright Business Park, City of Stratford, County of Perth;

AND THAT the by-law to authorize the Option to Purchase Agreement with GreenSeal Cannabis Co. be listed on open session of Council for the January 8, 2018 Council Meeting.

Carried

5.2 From the December 18, 2017 Session under the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended:

Declaration of Surplus Property - Portions of City Property at 353 McCarthy Road West and 303 King Street

(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))

R2018-004

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded By Councillor McManus

THAT staff initiate a Notice of Intent to consider the disposition of land identified as portions of land at 353 McCarthy Road West and 303 King Street to be surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Stratford under the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy P.3.1;

AND THAT notice be given of a Public Meeting to be held on January 22, 2018 to hear from the public regarding the proposed declaration of portions of land at 353 McCarthy Road West and 303 King Street as surplus land in accordance with the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy P.3.1.

Carried

5.3 At the January 8, 2018 Session under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)) and, Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f));
- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2) (c)) and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2) (f));

The Deputy Clerk advised direction was given on the matter related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)) and, Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)).

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Presentation by Justine and Ian Brotherston regarding Ballantyne Avenue reconstruction

R2018-005

Motion by Councillor McManus

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT the presentations by Justine Brotherston and by Ian Brotherston with respect to Ballantyne Avenue reconstruction, be heard.

Carried

Justine Brotherston of 162 Ballantyne Avenue referred to a PowerPoint presentation and handed out copies to Council members. She requested Council stop the implementation of the sidewalk policy until it is reviewed, create an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current sidewalk policies and vote in favour of a two sidewalk design for Ballantyne Avenue. She noted the City of Peterborough has implemented a Sidewalk Strategic Plan and to date have completed more than 50% of the priority one and two streets. Ms. Brotherston also referred to a City of Toronto Pedestrian Collision Study which indicates that pedestrian hit at mid-block location is in the five most frequent collision types for the City of Toronto. Additionally, she presented a letter to Council from Spinal Cord Injury Ontario noted that their view is that sidewalks should be retained on both sides of residential streets for safety and accessibility reasons.

Ian Brotherston of 162 Ballantyne Avenue asked Council to consider where the City will be 25 years from now and what they want it to look like. He noted that the City of Peterborough has completed and implemented a sidewalk plan and he would like to see something similar in the City of Stratford. He asked Council to compare the cost of a sidewalk to the cost of a neighbourhood.

Council questioned why they chose the City of Peterborough as their example. In response to questions from Council, Mr. Brotherston stated that they chose Peterborough as it had a two sidewalk policy that has been implemented.

6.2 Presentation by Ray Harsant regarding Ballantyne Avenue reconstruction

R2018-006

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded By Councillor McManus

That the presentation by Ray Harsant be heard.

Carried

Ray Harsant, Water Street resident, referred to a PowerPoint presentation and handed out copies to Council. He suggested that the current Sidewalk Installation Policy does not allow for flexibility and consideration by the Engineering department and does not align with the Heritage Area and

Corridors principle as Ballantyne Avenue is an entranceway to the Normal School and Stratford Festival Theatre.

Mr. Harsant requested that Council vote for staff to complete a viable two sidewalk plan for Ballantyne such that it can be completed in the spring of 2018.

6.3 Presentation by Phillip Edwards regarding Ballantyne Avenue reconstruction

R2018-007

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded By Councillor Ritsma

THAT the presentation by Phillip Edwards be heard.

Carried

Phillip Edward, Downie Street resident, stated that he has concerns with accessibility and bicycle safety not being addressed. Additionally, he believes that although correct process was followed for implementation of the sidewalk policy the public was not aware of the long term affects on the community and neighbourhoods.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Proclamation - National Eating Disorder Information Centre

R2018-008

Motion by Councillor McManus

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT City Council hereby proclaims February 1 to February 7, 2018 as "Eating Disorder Awareness Week" in the City of Stratford to help raise awareness and hope among the many who are impacted by this illness.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Gas Tax Letter of Agreement

R2018-009

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded By Councillor Clifford

That Council authorize the entering into of a Letter of Agreement dated January 8, 2018 with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program for the 2017/2018 program term.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Canadian Dairy XPO Municipal Significance

The Canadian Dairy XPO organizers have requested designation of the 2018 Canadian Dairy XPO to be held April 4-5, 2018 at the Stratford Rotary Complex, as a municipally significant event for the purpose of obtaining a liquor licence.

City Departments, the Health Unit, and Stratford Police Services have not expressed concerns with the request.

R2018-010

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded By Councillor Brown

THAT City Council hereby designates the 2018 Canadian Dairy XPO to be held April 4-5, 2018 at the Stratford Rotary Complex as having municipal significance in Stratford for the purpose of obtaining liquor licences from the AGCO, subject to the necessary permits being obtained and compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None was scheduled.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee

R2018-011

Motion by Councillor Mark

Seconded By Councillor Ritsma

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated January 8, 2018 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Ballantyne Avenue Road Reconstruction – Request for Council Direction (ITS17-074)

THAT the Ballantyne Avenue Road Reconstruction (ITS17-074) be referred to staff to develop a design that incorporates two sidewalks at a minimum width of 1.5m, minimal disruption to the tree canopy and a two-way traffic design with a one-way traffic option.

It was noted that the collision studies and coroners report presented by Ballantyne Avenue residents did not speak to residential streets but rather to high volume, high speed arterial roads and that staff have considered AODA standards, cycling standards and safety when developing the design.

In response to questions regarding a timeline for a new design, the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services stated that if the motion is passed for staff to develop a design that incorporates two sidewalks a public consultation would be required and then it would come back to committee with a report including input from the public. This would ideally allow for the render to go out in February and construction to start by the end of March.

Council noted that there are many streets that do not have sidewalks and one sidewalk would have a significant savings over

25 years and allow for sidewalks to be constructed on streets currently without any.

In response to questions, the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services stated that the road width would decrease with two 1.5m sidewalks and that when a tree is lost due to construction another one is planted in the same area to replace it.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Adoption of 2018 Budget

Notice is given that City Council intends to consider adopting the 2018 budget of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

By-laws to adopt the 2018 estimated revenues and expenditures for The Corporation of the City of Stratford, including municipal departments, municipal service boards, advisory committees, boards and commission and to set the tax rates and tax ratios for municipal purposes will be considered at this meeting.

To provide written comments or to obtain further information, contact the City Treasurer's Office at 519-271-0250 ext. 202 or by email at stfdbudget@stratford.ca by January 16, 2018.

10.2 Notice of Intent to Declare Surplus and Dispose of portions of 353 McCarthy Road West and 303 King St and Notice of Public Meeting

In accordance with the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy P.3.1, Notice is given that Council is considering declaring a portion of the Rotary Complex land at 353 McCarthy Road West and a portion of the land at the City's Public Works Yard at 303 King Street to be surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

The subject lands under consideration are composed of:

353 McCarthy Road West – measuring 15.24 metres by 35.05 metres at

the Rotary Complex

303 King Street – measuring 15.24 metres by 30.38 metres at the City's Public Works Yard.

The lands are owned by the City. The portions identified above are under consideration as surplus and for disposal to support the installation of a fibre option network throughout the City.

As part of the consideration of declaring these portions of city-owned lands to be surplus prior to disposing of the subject lands, a Public Meeting will be held at the Regular Council meeting on January 22, 2018.

Date of Public Meeting: January 22, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Written submissions will also be considered by City Council at the Public Meeting, if submitted to the City Clerk by 4:30 pm on January 16, 2018.

Visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 1 Wellington Street during regular business hours to view maps showing the portion of 353 McCarthy Road West and the portion of 303 King Street under consideration.

Questions regarding the intent to declare as surplus and to dispose may be made to the City Clerk by mailing to City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, or by email to clerks@stratford.ca by January 16, 2018.

10.3 Notice of Public Meeting under the Planning Act

A Public Meeting will be held at the Regular Council meeting on January 22, 2018 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with respect to zone change application Z06-17 for 456 Lorne Avenue West.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

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

R2018-012

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded By Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-laws 1-2018 to 3-2018 be taken collectively.

Carried

R2018-013

Motion by Councillor Mark

Seconded By Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 1-2018 to 3-2018 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried

R2018-014

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT By-laws 1-2018 to 3-2018 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Option to Purchase Agreement with GreenSeal Cannabis Co. - By-law 1-2018

To authorize the entering into and execution of an option to purchase agreement with GreenSeal Cannabis Co. for Lots 27, 28 and 29 Plan 44M-38 and Lots 28, 29 and 30 (original McNeil Surveying Ltd., survey) in the Wright Business Park.

11.2 Letter of Agreement for Dedicated Gas Tax Funds - By-law 2-2018

To authorize the entering into and execution of a Letter of Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, related to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for the Public Transportation Program for 2017/2018.

11.3 Confirmatory By-law – By-law 3-2018

To confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 8, 2018.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2018-001 to CA-2018-005

Council did not express any comments or concerns with respect to any item on the January 8, 2018 Consent Agenda.

13. New Business:

13.1 Access to Parking Meters with Snow

In response to questions regarding ticket when there are excessive amounts of snow in the downtown core, the Deputy Clerk responded that enforcement officers would be more lenient during these times and that it is always best practice to call the Clerk's office to advise of the situation.

13.2 Queen Street Reconstuction

Council questioned if the new pipe used in the Queen Street reconstruction would be 250 year storm or five year storm. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services responded that it will be five year storm pipe and that 250 year storm pipe is only used for storm water management areas.

13.3 Downtown Core Public Washroom

An update was requested on the downtown core public washroom report. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the washroom will be discussed at the January 9, 2018 Budget Meeting.

13.4 Market Square Policy

An update was requested on the Market Square Policy. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff is working on the policy and will be ready for review by Council this winter.

13.5 Surplus Land and Affordable Housing

In response to questions regarding use of the surplus land for affordable housing, Mayor Mathieson advised at the parcel of land at 353 McCarthy Road is only 15.24 metres by 35.05 metres and is to be used for the

installation of a fibre optic network throughout the City.

14. Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2018-015

Motion by Councillor Mark

Seconded By Councillor McManus

THAT the January 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:03 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 8:20 p.m.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Joan Thomson