



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

Meeting #: 4543rd  
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
Time: 6:12 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, Joan Thomson - City Clerk, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Michael Humble - Director of Corporate Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Tatiana Dafoe - Deputy Clerk, Mike Beitz - Corporate Communications Lead, Stephanie Potter - Policy and Research Associate

Also Present: Members of the Public and Media

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

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

### **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

A declaration of pecuniary interest was not made by a member at the January 17, 2018 Special Council meeting.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

R2018-020

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded By** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated January 15, 2018 be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

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

**4.1 From the January 17, 2018 Session under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered**

Security of municipal property of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2) (a)) and Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2) (c)).

At the January 17, 2018 In-camera Session direction was given on the matter that was considered.

**5. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer:**

**5.1 Public Feedback on Council's Consideration of 48 Water Street as a Surplus Property (COU18-001)**

The Chief Administrative Officer thanked the community for their participation in the public meeting and consultation process for this project. The CAO advised key themes had been identified in the management report and that the comments made at the public meeting can be found on the City's website in the minutes from that meeting.

R2018-021

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Bunting

**THAT Report COU18-001 on public consultation respecting the consideration of 48 Water Street for disposition as surplus property be received for information.**

**Carried**

R2018-022

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded By** Councillor Mark

**THAT Stratford City Council hereby declares its intent that the City-owned land at 48 Water Street in the City of Stratford be deemed to be surplus to the needs of the City;**

**THAT staff be directed to give notice of intent to formally declare the property at 48 Water Street as surplus and dispose of the property in accordance with City policy;**

**AND THAT members of the community who participated in the public consultation process be acknowledged for their commitment to the interests of the future of Stratford as a vibrant and sustainable community.**

A concern was noted with the intent to declare 48 Water Street as surplus as this site should not be the preferred located of the new Tom Patterson Theatre. While many want the theatre to thrive some do not want it at the expense of losing public lands. The new theatre should be located closer to the downtown.

A request was made for the first two parts of the motion to be taken separately and that a recorded vote be taken.

It was expressed that change is difficult and that while some do not see the benefits of having a new space for public use, there is now the ability to create a space which will accommodate the growing number of seniors and recreational activities.

A recorded vote was taken on the first two parts of the motion as printed.

In Support (10): Councillor Bunting, Councillor Vassilakos, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Mark, Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Brown

Opposed (1): Councillor McMannus

**Carried**

Mayor Mathieson then called the question on the remainder of the motion.

**Carried**

The City Clerk advised the notice of intent to declare 48 Water Street as surplus will be given in the newspaper on Saturday, January 20, 2018. The intent to declare 48 Water Street as surplus will then be considered at a Special Council meeting on January 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

It was questioned when the method of disposition will be determined. The CAO advised that this is a two-step process:

1. Declare the land as surplus;
2. Determine method of disposal.

Following the declaration of the land as surplus, Council will then consider the method of disposal.

## **6. Reading of the By-law:**

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

R2018-023

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded By** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT By-law 5-2018 be given First and Second Readings.**

R2018-024

**Motion by** Councillor Mark

**Seconded By** Councillor Henderson

**THAT By-law 5-2018 be given Third and Final Readings.**

**Carried**

### **6.1 Confirmatory By-law - 5-2018**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 17, 2018.

**7. Adjournment:**

R2018-025

**Motion by** Councillor Bunting

**Seconded By** Councillor Mark

**THAT the January 17, 2018 Special Council Meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 6:12 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 6:27 P.M.

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Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

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Clerk - Joan Thomson