



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4595th
Date: Monday, October 28, 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: Joan Thomson - Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - Acting Clerk, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Michael Humble - Director of Corporate Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Jacqueline Mockler - Director of Human Resources, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Jeff Leunissen - Manager of Development Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Kathy Bjorkquist – Human Resources Coordinator

Also Present: Cambria Ravenhill, Patrick O'Rourke, David & Leona Sharpe, Sean Kelly of Stempski Kelly Associates, Members of the Public, 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

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made at the October 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2019-459

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded By Councillor Bunting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated October 15, 2019 be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:

R2019-460

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated October 28, 2019, to add Items 7.6 and 7.7, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the October 28, 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);
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f));
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)) And 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, And A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization (section 239.(2)(i)), And A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value (section 239.(2)(j)), And A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality of local board (section 239.(2)(k));
- 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), 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)) (includes municipal property leased for more than 21 years);
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b));
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees) (section 239.(2) (b)).

At the In-camera Session, direction was given on all matters.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Presentation by Heritage Stratford of Blue Plaque

R2019-461

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded By Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the presentation by Cambria Ravenhill on behalf of the Heritage Stratford Committee, be heard.

Carried

Cambria Ravenhill, on behalf of the Heritage Stratford Committee, recognized 56 Front Street and its former owner, Sr. Robert Bruce Salter, with the 2019 Blue Plaque. The Blue Plaque Program recognizes the link between a notable individual and their home. An example is the residence on Ontario Street where Thomas Edison resided.

Sr. Robert Bruce Salter purchased 56 Front Street in 1920 and lived there for 17 years. Dr. Salter's life and achievements were detailed by Ms. Ravenhill, with his most notable contributions to society being a fifty-five year career at Sick Kids Hospital specializing in pediatric orthopedics. He developed the Salter technique to help kids with hip dysplasia and travelled to more than 30 countries teaching his technique and helping millions of children to walk.

Mayor Mathieson presented the plaque to David and Leona Sharpe, current owners of 56 Front Street. Mr. Sharpe stated that they love their house and promise to be good stewards of the home.

6.2 Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy (COU19-082)

R2019-462

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded By Councillor Burbach

THAT the presentation by Sean Kelly on behalf of Stempski Kelly Associates, be heard.

Carried

Sean Kelly, of Stempski Kelly Associates Inc., was in attendance to present an executive summary of the City's Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Kelly reviewed the firm's biography and explained what wayfinding is.

The process was completed in three phases comprising of completion of a foundations report, sign design and location plan and an implementation strategy.

Stakeholder engagement was completed and it was determined that there are five key areas of importance to Stratford and its residents, including accessibility, parking, active transportation, complex intersections and areas of confusion and destinations.

A high-level explanation of the Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy was given and two preferred sign concepts were shown and explained.

Mr. Kelly noted that implementation is designed to be flexible. Achieved through this process has been a comprehensive wayfinding strategy based on thorough background and best practice review, an extensive sign inventory and analysis and an informative engagement process.

R2019-463

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT the executive summary prepared by Stempski Kelly Associates Inc., be received;

AND THAT the executive summary be referred to the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee for consideration.

Carried

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Correspondence - 2018 Annual Report of the Perth District Health Unit

For the information of Council.

7.2 Resolution - Lake Victoria South Side Shoreline Protection Works – Waterloo Street to Morenz Drive (COU19-083)

R2019-464

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded By Councillor Burbach

THAT funding in the amount of \$65,000 be provided for the installation of shoreline protection on the south side of Lake Victoria from Waterloo Street to Morenz Drive;

AND THAT the funding be provided by reallocating approved funds from the 2019 Storm Sewer Maintenance Miscellaneous Projects capital account G-942-9574-4100.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Block 170, Plan 44M-17 (COU19-084)

R2019-465

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded By Councillor Henderson

THAT Council has no objection to the lifting of the 0.3 m reserve described as the eastern 40 m of Block 170 Plan 44M-17;

THAT upon receipt of a Reference Plan describing the eastern 40 m of Block 170 Plan 44M-17, Council will proceed to dedicate the lands as public highway (part of Cody Drive);

AND THAT all costs associate with the lifting of a portion of the 0.3 m reserve of Block 170 Plan 44M-17 and the dedicating of the lands as public highway shall be borne by the owner of 193 O'Loane Avenue.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - Delegation of Authority By-law Amendment – Signing of Lease Agreements (COU19-085)

R2019-466

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded By Councillor Bunting

THAT Delegation of Authority By-law 135-2017, as amended, be further amended to delegate authority to the Manager of Housing, or in the absence of the Manager, to the Director of Social Services or the Supervisor of Social Services to sign rental

agreements between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and tenants for the Britannia Street Housing project.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Connecting Link Program for Huron Street (COU19-086)

R2019-467

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded By Councillor Burbach

THAT the City submit an application to the Connecting Links Program 2019-2020 for the Huron Street Reconstruction project;

AND THAT the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to sign and submit the application on behalf of the municipal corporation.

Carried

7.6 ADDED - Correspondence - Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Call for Nominations to Board of Directors

A completed Nomination Form must be received by the deadline of November 8, 2019.

Councillor Burbach expressed interest in letting her name stand for nomination.

R2019-468

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded By Councillor Sebben

THAT Stratford City Council endorses the nomination of Councillor Jo-Dee Burbach and Councillor Martin Ritsma to the Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors.

Carried

7.7 ADDED - Correspondence - Nomination(s) for Board of Directors of the Perth County Municipal Association

Councillor Henderson expressed interest in letting her name stand for re-nomination.

R2019-469

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded By Councillor Burbach

That Stratford City Council endorses the nomination of Councillor Martin Ritsma and Councillor Bonnie Henderson to the Perth County Municipal Association Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2018-2022 Council term.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None scheduled.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded By Councillor Henderson

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated October 28, 2019, be adopted as printed.

It was requested that Item 9.1.1 - Council Remuneration (FIN19-036) be taken separately.

R2019-470

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded By Councillor Henderson

THAT Items 9.1.2, 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 of the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated October 28, 2019 be adopted as printed.

Carried

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded By Councillor Henderson

THAT Item 9.1.1 of the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated October 28, 2019 be adopted as printed.

On item 9.1.1, it was suggested that an increase to account for the loss of the 1/3 exemption is appropriate to make retroactive to January 1, 2019 but the rest was not accounted for in the budget.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.1.1.

Defeated

R2019-471

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded By Councillor Beatty

THAT Council Remuneration Option#2 be adopted as follows for all Members of Council:

- **A revised base pay, which accounts for the elimination of the 1/3 tax exemption retroactive to January 1, 2019; and**
- **\$4000 in lieu of group extended health care and dental coverage or the option to purchase group extended health care and dental coverage through the Corporation to commence January 1, 2020.**

Discussion took place regarding Option 2 and whether benefits were optional. The Director of Human Resources clarified that Option 2 includes the option to purchase group health and dental coverage or \$4,000 is included with the base pay in lieu of benefits.

It was suggested that Council should not consider just their personal needs and situations, but those of future councillors as well. It was noted that all councillors are at different life stages with different needs and that Option 2 strikes a balance between those who may want group health and benefit insurance and those who do not require it.

The Director of Human Resources advised that in order to opt-in to the benefit program there would need to be a material change, such as a spouse losing their benefit coverage.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

9.1.1 Council Remuneration (FIN19-036)

THAT Option 3, which includes an adjusted base rate, accounts for the 1/3 tax exemption, consists of \$4,000 in lieu of group health and dental coverage, and includes an estimated average per diem for Councillors, be implemented retroactive to January 1, 2019 for all members of Council.

9.1.2 Consideration of the Application by Value Village to open on certain retail business holidays in Stratford (FIN19-037)

THAT City Council approve the Application by Value Village Stores for an exemption under the *Retail Business Holidays Act* to permit the store at 925 Ontario Street Stratford to open for business between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on certain holidays during Stratford's designated tourism season;

AND THAT By-law 149-92 be amended to add Value Village to the list of retail establishments permitted to operate under the provisions of the by-law.

9.1.3 Request to Waive Water and Wastewater Charges due to Discolouration Event (FIN19-034)

THAT the report on the request to waive water and wastewater charges due to discolouration event for 94 Louise Street, 90 Louise Street, and 104 Blake Street be received for information.

9.1.4 Request for Changes to 2019 Capital Budget – Grit Removal System (G941-9782) (FIN19-035)

THAT Council amend the capital budget for the Grit Removal System replacement and re-allocate \$150,000 towards the Tertiary Filter Rehabilitation at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting - Proposed Renewable Natural Gas Plant

Notice was given that Stratford City Council intends to hold Public Meetings on November 6, 2019 to provide information and to gather input from the community on the renewable natural gas project proposed for

Stratford's Water Pollution Control Plant.

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:

R2019-472

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded By Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 164-2019 to 165-2019 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2019-473

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT By-laws 164-2019 to 165-2019 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2019-474

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded By Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-laws 164-2019 to 165-2019 be read a Third and Final time.

Carried

11.1 Amend Retail Business Holidays Act By-law 149-92 - By-law 164-2019

To amend By-law 149-92, as amended, to permit Value Village Stores to open for business on certain holidays during the tourist season in Stratford pursuant to the *Retail Business Holidays Act*.

11.2 Delegation of Authority to Sign Leases for the Britannia Street Housing Project - By-law 165-2019

To amend By-law 135-2017 to delegate Council's authority to sign lease agreements between the City and tenants for the Britannia Street Housing project.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2019-148 to CA-2019-153

12.1 CA-2019-151

In response to questions about the size and functionality of the green bins, the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that they are looking at one size only, they are taller and skinnier than the large recycling bins, have a clasp at the top and will ask staff whether wheeled carts are an option.

13. New Business:

None.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

There were no Standing Committee meetings scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019.

The next Regular Council meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

15. Reading of the Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-law 11.3 Confirmatory By-law 166-2019

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on October 28, 2019.

R2019-475

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded By Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 166-2019 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2019-476

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded By Councillor Clifford

THAT By-law 166-2019 be read a Third and Final Time.

Carried

16. Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2019-477

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded By Councillor Burbach

THAT the October 28, 2019 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 7:40 p.m.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Acting Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe