

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes June 21, 2022

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Council Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2022

7:00 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers, 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound

Members Present:

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

Regrets: Councillor Borneman

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Revenue & Taxation Rob Beaumont, Chief Building Official Mark Vandermeer

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

Resolution 2022 - 078

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor McCann

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:

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes, **(Municipal Boundary Proposal)**;

k) 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 or local board, **(Municipal Boundary Proposal)**.

Carried

1. Agenda and Minutes Review

1.1 Additions to Agenda

1.1.1 Add Directional Signage to Wasauksing First Nation

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda - N/A

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Council agenda for June 21, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.4.1 Councillor McCann declared pecuniary interest on item 9.4.3 as the property owner applicant is a personal friend. Councillor McCann left the room for the duration of the item, did not participate in discussion, nor vote on the item.

1.5 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

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That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held June 7, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting

Council adjourned the regular meeting for a public meeting to deal with two matters

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Backman

That we do now adjourn the regular meeting and declare the public meeting open.

Carried

2.1 B-22-05 Bowland-Dennis Drive Consent Application

The first item in the public meeting was to consider a proposed Consent Application under Section 52 of the Planning Act, as amended. After the Mayor adjourned the regular meeting and declared the public meeting open, the Clerk advised that notice had been given by prepaid first-class mail to the required prescribed agencies and property owners within 60 metres, posted on the property and placed on the Town's website.

Director of Development and Protective Services Dave Thompson advised that the purpose of the application is to create one new lot with access to Dennis Drive, in the Town of Parry Sound

Property owner Brad Bowland responded to the Mayor's invitation to speak, and simply reported that he is in favour of the proposed Consent Application

No one spoke in opposition to the Consent Application, and Mr. Thompson advised that he had received no correspondence with regards to this matter.

2.2 Fees Changes to the Building By-law

The second item in the public meeting was to consider changes as proposed in By-law Draft 2022-7262 to Building permit fees and charges contained in By-law 2005-4847.

The Clerk advised that notice had been given in the local Beacon Star newspaper having general circulation on May 19th and posted on the Town website on May 20th.

Chief Building Official Mark Vandermeer reported that the purpose of the proposed changes was to bring Town building permit fees and charges in line with other municipalities, and to cover the costs of the building department services.

No one spoke either in favour, nor in opposition to the proposed changes and Mr. Vandermeer reported that he responded to one call seeking more information, but has received no correspondence or other feedback in favour, nor in opposition to the proposed changes.

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Backman

That we do declare the public meeting closed and the regular meeting reconvened.

Carried

3. Questions of Staff - N/A

4. Correspondence

4.1 Shadow Ministers for Rural Economic Development & Rural Broadband Strategy

RE: Request for feedback on issues impacting economic development - Filed

4.2 Jason Cole, President, Municipal Engineers Association

RE: Importance of Municipal Engineers to municipalities - Filed

4.3 Laurie Toms, Central Region Coordinator, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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RE: Delivering Community Power Campaign - Filed

4.4 International Overdose Awareness Day

RE: Request for funding for local International Overdose Awareness Day events - Filed

5. Deputations

5.1 Executive Director Delores McKay, Program Supervisor Myles Tabobandung, Parry Sound Friendship Centre

RE: Warming Centre in Parry Sound

Delores McKay and Myles Tabobandung addressed Council with background on the need for a warming centre (seasonal overnight shelter) to serve men, both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous in Parry Sound who are facing homelessness. Ms. McKay reported that although the project was advanced in autumn, 2019, it was not able to get off the ground and was abandoned as envisioned at that time.

In November, 2021, the former Subway Restaurant at 33 James Street was available for lease and with funding from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres "Biindigen", or "Welcome/Come In" was established there to serve, at minimum, daily tea/coffee, a continental breakfast and one hot meal. From November 14, 2021 to April 30th, 2022, 2,973 people have been served with on average 35 to 40 people coming in daily.

Ms. McKay concluded with a request that Council advance the funding it previously earmarked for the warming centre, towards a new warming centre.

Direction for staff follow-up

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

That Council direct staff to revisit the budget request in 2020 for a warming centre

Carried

Ms. McKay and Mr. Tabobandung responded to further inquiries of Council regarding whether DSSAB, the Salvation Army, other churches and the use of a local motel for housing has been helpful.

5.2 James Cox, Regional Economic Development Officer

RE: West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative

James Cox addressed Council from a prepared power point presentation with a mid-term update on activities of the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative, noting that the Collaborative is made up of the seven municipalities in West Parry Sound District, and is funded through FedNor's Community Investment in Northern Ontario grant, with the current term running from December 2020 to December 2023. Mr. Cox identified four priorities of Business Retention and Expansion, Development Readiness, Investment Attraction, and Regional Engagement, with goals and methods reported for each.

Mr. Cox responded to Councillor inquiries regarding examples of supporting business retention and working with immigrations services to attract workers.

5.3 Tom Dowswell

Mr. Dowswell addressed Council with a request for a protocol on dealing with falling stucco.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor & Councillors reported 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 CAO Office/Administration

9.1.1 Flag Policy Update

Spokesperson: Rebecca Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 2022 - 079

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That the Flag Policy as adopted by Resolution 2021-054 is hereby revoked, and that the Flag Policy attached as Schedule A, which incorporates adoption of the annual flying of a) the Anishinabek Nation flag on Indigenous Peoples Day June 21st; b) the Survivors flag on National Day for Truth & Reconciliation September 30th; c) the Robinson-Huron Treaty flag during Treaties Recognition Week the first week of November; and d) in the event a Garden Day flag is issued, the Garden Day flag the Thursday before Father's Day in June.

Carried

9.2 Finance and POA Court Services

9.2.1 2021 Annual Investment Report

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Resolution 2022 - 080

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Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council accepts the 2021 Annual Investment Report attached as Schedule A, in accordance with Town's Investment Policy.

Carried

9.3 Public Works

9.4 Development and Protective Services

9.4.1 114 Bowes Street - Sign Application

Spokesperson: Mark Vandermeer, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2022 - 081

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Burden

That pursuant to By-law 2022-4468, the Chief Building Official is authorized to issue a permit for a second standard/pylon sign at 114 Bowes Street, according to Schedule "A" attached, and

That the permit shall expire December 31, 2027.

Carried

9.4.2 Annual Report for the Building Department for 2021

Spokesperson: Mark Vandermeer, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2022 - 082

Moved by Councillor Keith

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Seconded by Councillor Horne

That Council accept the 2021 Annual Report for the Building Department attached as Schedule A for information purposes.

Carried

9.4.3 Consent Application (B22-05) - 41a Isabella Street

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Resolution 2022 - 083

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

Council hereby defers Consent Application (B22-05) 41a Isabella St., to allow comments from various Town Departments to be fully investigated to determine viability of the lot creation.

Carried

9.5 Other Business

9.5.1 Support for UNDRIP

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2022 - 084

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Horne

THAT whereas the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #57, that federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments provide education to public servants on

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the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); and

Whereas federal Bill C-15, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* received Royal Assent on June 21, 2021, and

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound has by Resolution 2022 - 072 adopted the Report - *Town of Parry Sound Response to Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action*, which recommended the Town's endorsing of UNDRIP

Now Therefore the Town of Parry Sound hereby endorses the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

Carried

9.5.2 Directional Signage to Wasauksing First Nation

Moved by Councillor Burden

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council directs staff to consult with Wasauksing First Nation (WFN) staff on WFN directional signage and location within the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 CAO Office/Administration

10.2 Finance and POA Court Services

10.2.1 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Levy By-law - Downtown Business Area

Spokesperson: Rob Beaumont - Manager for Revenue and Taxation/Tax Collector

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By-law 2022 - 7260

Being a By-law to adopt the estimates of the Board of Management of the Downtown Parry Sound Business Improvement Area and to strike the tax rate thereon for the year 2022.

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

10.2.2 Repayment of Smelter Wharf Loan

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

By-law 2022 - 7261

Being a By-law to authorize the repayment of the smelter wharf land purchase loan from the Capital Asset Legacy Reserve Fund and repayment of the Smelter Wharf portion to that reserve fund from the Smelter Wharf Reserve Fund over the 5-year term it would have been borrowed.

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

10.3 Public Works

10.4 Development and Protective Services

10.4.1 Building By-law Fee Schedule changes to By-law 2005-4847

Spokesperson: Mark Vandermeer, Chief Building Official

By-law 2022 - 7262

Being a By-law to amend the Fee Schedules of by-law 2005-4847, the "Building By-law", and amend or revoke other related by-laws contrary or redundant.

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

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10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2022 - 7263

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 8:58 PM

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