

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

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Council Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2023

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

Members Present

Mayor McGarvey, Councillor Ashford, Councillor Beleskey, Councillor Borneman
Councillor Keith, Councillor McCann

Regrets: Councillor McDonald

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns,
Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara,
Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager,
Stockey Centre Nicole Mullen.

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

Resolution 2023 - 031

Moved by Councillor Seconded by Councillor

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:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, **(Appeal of Denial of Taxi Driver Licence);**

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes, **(Town Waterlot Lease Request);**

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, **(Town Waterlot Lease Request).**

Carried

Presentation/Announcements

Robert (Bob) Farrow- Recognition for 25 Years Service on Committee of Adjustment
Mayor McGarvey, current Committee of Adjustment members Ted Knight, and
Councillors Ashford and Keith, as well as former Director of Planning laing Laing offered
congratulations and commendation to Bob Farrow upon his retirement after 25 years of
service on the Committee of Adjustment.

1. Agenda and Minutes Review

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Additions to Agenda

1.3 Prioritization of Agenda

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That the Council agenda for March 21, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.5.1 Councillor Keith declared Pecuniary Interest on item 7.1 - Taxi Driver License Applicant #1-2023, due to her employment with the Solicitor General. Councillor Keith removed herself from the meeting, did not participate in discussion, nor vote on the matter.

1.6 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held March 7, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting

2.1 Proposed Consent for an Easement - B/23-02 – Distler Construction Ltd. - 32 Great North Road.

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

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

Carried

Council held a public meeting to consider an application for consent to sever lands under Section 53 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 and posted on the property.

The purpose of the application is to facilitate the creation of two Severed Lots and one Retained lot along with easements for drainage. The subject lands contain a 3-unit

Townhouse under construction with the lot lines being proposed along the common walls.

The subject lands are legally described as South part of Lot 8, Plan 10 being Parts 1 to 4, Plan 42R-3051 and Part 5, Plan 42R-3807. The subject lands are municipally known as 32 Great North Road.

No one spoke either in favour of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand noted that one letter was received from the neighbouring property owners Carol Yeates and Denis Trottier who expressed concerns regarding the rock ledge that was created as a result of blasting, and requested that the owners of 32 Great North Road erect permanent fencing around the property lines to ensure safety for surrounding neighbours.

Mr. Rand advised that staff notes there is no requirement for a fence to be erected under the applicable zoning. Further, as the development is existing and the application would divide ownership of the existing lands, staff are not recommending that fencing be required as a condition of consent.

Mr. Rand advised that no other correspondence had been received.

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That we do now declare the public meeting closed.

Carried

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that staff discovered on Sunday that a large piece of rock had fallen from the rock face adjacent to the sidewalk on Bowes Street and was leaning up against the light standard, necessitating closure of the sidewalk. A review has identified that while it needs to be dealt with quickly, it is not an immediate hazard. The sidewalk was closed

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out of concern for public safety. There are signs at either intersection end advising of the closed sidewalk. The rock should be removed in the next couple of days and the sidewalk reopened.

3.2 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding repainting of the CP trestle, Mr. Kearns noted that he believed functionality to be the primary concern of the railway, however, staff could bring to the attention of CP interest in having the trestle repainted.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Blake Grace, Parry Sound Seniors RE: Request for relief from Parking By-law for Special event March 31, 2023 - referred to item 9.5.3 on the agenda.

4.2 Julie & Edmund Lea RE: Advocating decision making that supports both a healthy local economy and environment - Filed

4.3 Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit RE: Support requested for the Health Unit's motions regarding food insecurity & income - referred to item 9.5.2 on the agenda.

5. Deputations

5.1 Thom Dowswell RE: Benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and opportunities for the Town.

Thom Dowswell addressed Council, showing members the OrCam artificial intelligent device which he has been using after eye surgery and noted also that blind apps can be downloaded to a smartphone which can help with cognitive issues. Mr. Dowswell recommended that the municipality use AI as he noted that other municipalities are embracing AI technologies which are saving money.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda

7.1 Taxi Driver License Applicant #1-2023

Resolution 2023 - 032

Moved by Councillor Beleskey Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council direct the Issuer of Licenses to issue Applicant #1-2023 one (1) year Probationary Taxi Driver's Licence with the following conditions:

1. That subsequent Driver's Abstracts, checked every six (6) months while holding a valid Taxi Driver's Licence, do not contain any new convictions; and
2. That the owner of Parry Sound Taxi sign a responsibility agreement; and
3. That if the Town becomes aware of any violation of the applicant's probation conditions set herein the licence be revoked immediately.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff

9.1 Finance and POA Court Services

9.1.1 2022 Statement of Remuneration Paid to Council and Appointed Board Members

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

Resolution 2023 - 033

Moved by Councillor Ashford Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the 2022 Statement of Remuneration Paid to Council and Appointed Board Members, attached as Schedule "A", be accepted.

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Carried

9.1.2 West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Cash Advance

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

Stephanie Phillips, CPA, Director of Finance

Resolution 2023 - 034

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound has entered into an agreement and is a partner in the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre (the Board); and

Whereas the Board has retained a Project Manager, Architects and a Construction Manager; and

Whereas the design of the project is underway;

Whereas The Board has requested the remainder of the committed capital contribution towards the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre (The Project); and

Whereas the Town has already contributed a portion of its commitment, \$507,723.80;

Now therefore be it resolved that Town Council, directs staff to make the capital contribution of \$1,763,894.76 (26.7% of \$8,507,934.69 less contributions made to date of \$507,723.80) to The West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre; and

Authorizes the capital contribution to be initially funded from the Town's General Working Reserve until such time it is appropriate to obtain permanent financing through the issuance of a debenture.

Carried

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9.2 Public Works

9.2.1 2022 Water System Summary Report

Spokesperson: Kyle Hall, Manager of Water Systems, Public Works

Resolution 2023 - 035

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound owns and operates the Parry Sound Drinking Water System (M.O.E. Designation Number 2200000585) which has been categorized as a "Large Residential" Drinking Water System, and

Whereas Ontario Regulation 170-03 (as amended) under the Safe Drinking Water Act requires, according to "Schedule 22 Summary Reports for Municipalities" that all large Municipal Residential Drinking water systems have a report prepared no later than March 31st of each year addressing the items detailed in the Regulation and is given to the members of Council in the case of a drinking water system owned by a municipality;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby acknowledges receipt of the report titled:

"Town of Parry Sound Tony Agnello Water Treatment Plan, Large Municipal Residential Drinking Water System Summary Report 2022", as prepared by Kyle Hall, Manager of Water Systems.

Carried

9.2.2 Town of Parry Sound Culture, Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

With Presentation by Consultants - Tracey McQueen of MGA Group Inc.

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Prior to consideration of the prepared Resolution, and in response to a query from Councillor Borneman, Consultant Tracey McQueen advised that the Master Plan is a guiding document, and that if updates are desired more frequently than at five-year intervals, Council may choose to direct that. Councillor Keith suggested that progress on the Master Plan might be incorporated into KPO updates that are provided quarterly. Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara noted that hard copies of the Master Plan would be placed in various Town locations including the Library, Museum, Stockey Centre and Bobby Orr Community Centre.

Resolution 2023 - 036

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound, receive the attached 2023 Culture, Parks and Recreation Plan and Implementation Plan, as prepared by MGA Group Inc.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare future Business Plans where needed and/or annual workplans to address the implementation of recommendations contained in the Master Plan for Council consideration during annual capital and operation budget submissions.

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council in 2028 with a 5-year update of progress made on the recommendations in the Culture, Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Carried

9.2.3 Demolition of 1) House at 35 Wood Street; 2) Storage Shed on Museum Property
Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

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Prior to consideration of the prepared Resolution, and in response to queries from several Council members, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, and Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza confirmed that within the submitted proposal is confirmation that debris is sorted and sent to recycling where applicable.

Resolution 2023 - 037

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council accept the Request for Proposal Submission of Colin's Haulage Inc. in the amount of \$47,460.00, tax included, for the demolition of the house located at 35 Wood Street, to allow the Isabella Street Realignment Project to progress; as well as a shed previously used for storage, located on Museum property at 17 George Street.

Carried

9.3 Development and Protective Services

9.3.1 Consent Applications (B23-02) – 32 Great North Road (Distler)

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2023 – 038

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council hereby approves Consent Application B23-02 at 32 Great North Road to create two severed and one retained lot on the subject lands along with an easement for the purpose of drainage; subject to conditions of consent as outlined in Schedule A attached.

The following motion to postpone was made:

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Consent Application B23-02 be postponed to the next Council meeting to permit further discussion with the developer to determine what might feasibly be done with respect to fencing to ensure public safety and protection from the cliff at the property.

Carried to Postpone to April 4, 2023 Council Meeting

9.4 CAO Office/Administration

9.5 Other Business

9.5.1 Support for Mayor McGarvey's nomination to a seat on OSUM Board of Directors

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2023 - 039

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council for the Town of Parry Sound endorses and supports Mayor Jamie McGarvey's nomination submission to a seat on the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Board of Directors for the 2023-2025 term.

Carried

9.5.2 Advocacy to Combat Food Insecurity (see correspondence item 4.3 on Agenda)

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2023 - 040

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

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Whereas poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

Whereas food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

Whereas adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

Whereas the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and

Whereas 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved that the Town of Parry Sound endorses the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and calls on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Town of Parry Sound provides correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford

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(Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Carried

9.5.3 Seniors' Club Request for Exemption from Time Limited Parking

Resolution 2023 - 041

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That pursuant to By-law 2019-6912 as amended which permits Council to grant an exemption from the time limited parking regulations as set out in Section 4.5 of the Bylaw, and upon the request of the Parry Sound Seniors Club 1269, Council hereby grants exemption to the Parry Sound Seniors Club 1269, from the time limited parking regulations as set out in Section 4.5 of the Parking By-law 2019-6912 on Friday, March 31, 2023, pertaining to the west side of James St from McMurray St to Rosetta St only.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Finance and POA Court Services

10.1.1 Approval of Funding Agreement - Provincial Gas Tax for Public Transportation

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2023 - 7323

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Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Ontario Minister of Transportation regarding funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

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

10.2 Public Works

10.3 Development and Protective Services

10.3.1 Declaration of 71 Parry Sound Road as Surplus Land; Defining a Sale Process

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO;

Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

By-law 2023 - 7324

Being a By-law to Declare 71 Parry Sound Road Surplus

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

Resolution 2023 - 042

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council hereby directs staff to solicit proposals for use of the land deemed surplus at 71 Parry Sound Rd through a Request for Proposal process for the highest and best use with the following conditions upon the successful proponent:

- 1 year to gain Site Plan Approval (SPA) or a Subdivision Agreement
- 2 years following the SPA to gain their first building permit, or the property reverts back to ownership of the Town with a 75% purchase price refund.

Carried

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10.4 CAO Office/Administration

10.4.1 FedNor Tourism Relief Funding Agreement Amendment - BOHF

Spokesperson: Caitlin Dyer, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Curator

By-law 2023 - 7325

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2022-7218 to authorize an amendment to the funding agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor) for the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame exhibition redesign project.

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

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2023 - 7326

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 8:26 PM

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