

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023

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## **Council Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2023**

7:14 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, (6:40 PM Closed)

### **Members Present**

Councillor Ashford, Councillor Beleskey, Councillor Borneman Councillor Keith, Councillor McCann, Councillor McDonald

**Regrets:** Mayor McGarvey

### **Staff Present:**

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger

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

### **Resolution 2023 - 050**

**Moved by Councillor McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

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. **(request to purchase Town property; disposition of Town property).**

**Carried**

## **Presentation/Announcements**

### **1. Agenda and Minutes Review**

#### **1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

#### **1.2 Additions to Agenda - N/A**

#### **1.3 Prioritization of Agenda - N/A**

#### **1.4 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor McCann    Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

That the Council agenda for April 18, 2023 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

#### **1.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

#### **1.6 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman                  Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held April 4th, 2023 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

### **2. Public Meeting - N/A**

### **3. Questions of Staff**

**3.1** In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry on a recent change in garbage pick-up times experienced by residents, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that a new driver has replaced the regular driver who is off for some time, which may account for a slight change in route. Mr. Kearns noted that to ensure garbage pick-up,

waste must be by the curb at 7:30 AM, regardless of the past experience of pick-up times.

**3.2** In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry as to next steps with respect to the work at the corner of Isabella and Wood Streets, Mr. Kearns reported the site is intended to be a staging area for construction of the new crossing area and that the corner will ultimately be realigned.

**3.3** In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding some residents' hoped-for spring pick-up of yard waste, Mr. Kearns noted that from an operational perspective it is more difficult to undertake spring pick-up; staff is busier in the spring, and there is more uncertainty around weather, and when the snow will be gone. There is more leeway in the fall, and that is why pick-up happens then.

**3.4** In response to Councillor Ashford's request for an update on the meeting held with developers last week regarding Development Charges, (DCs), CAO Clayton Harris reported that the meeting held April 11th at the Stockey Centre went very well, with good attendance of over 22 people. The Town shared its financial constraints, and the development industry shared its concerns with the potential rise from 0 DCs. The majority of developers recognize that in order to do work necessary to support more growth, DCs are necessary. 70% of the charge is for water and sewer and 22% for road work totalling 92% for hard services to support growth, so the parties need to find the balance. Mr. Harris noted that a more fulsome report will be coming to the May 2nd Council meeting, with a final recommendation to the first Council meeting in June.

#### **4. Correspondence**

**4.1** Community Living PS RE: Proclamation of May, Community Living Month; See item 9.5.1.

**4.2** Erika Lougheed, Chair Near North District School Board RE: Response to Parry Sound's Resolution 2023 - 013 requesting an analysis of space and spending per

student capita between West Parry Sound and North Bay, and refurbish McDougall School for grades JK to 6; Filed

## **5. Deputations**

### **5.1 Guy Crittenden RE: 15 Minute-City, Digital ID; letter attached.**

Guy Crittenden, resident of the Parry Sound Area, addressed Council on behalf of the Parry Sound Public Information Research Group (PSPIRG) which meets on a regular basis discussing a wide range of issues, and which will be hosting a public meeting during the month of May.

Mr. Crittenden noted that the biggest concern of the Group is the coming digital ID which he linked to a larger picture of surveillance, tracking and control. Mr. Crittenden expressed concerns about the so-called "smart city" or "15-minute city", concepts, he said, which sounded positive but could be traced back to the World Economic Forum and other groups connected in turn to organizations like the Bilderberg Group.

After identifying concerns and examples with what Mr. Crittenden referred to as surveillance capitalism and technocracy, Mr. Crittenden called upon Council to do the following:

- Take a stand and have Parry Sound remain a free area of this country and help PSPIRG inform and educate the public to resist these policies.
- When attending AMO Conferences and meeting with peers, ask that we not be associated with any policies that can be tied back to the World Economic Forum.
- Ban the installation of facial recognition cameras as an offense against privacy and freedoms.
- Investigate purple coloured LED streets lights, as they are dangerous, communicate with each other and are part of a track and trace system.
- Develop policy statements and positions to stand against these invasions.

## **6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

Mayor & Councillors reported on meetings attended and matters arising.

## **7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda**

### **7.1 Notice of Intention to Declare North Tudhope Industrial Park Property as Surplus**

#### **Resolution 2023 - 051**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman                      Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

That Council authorizes notice of the Town's intent to declare the property (4932 050 003 05300) in the North Tudhope Industrial Park as surplus, pursuant to the Sale of Real Property Policy and Procedure By-law 1996-3845.

**Carried**

## **8. Consent Agenda - N/A**

## **9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff**

### **9.1 CAO Office/Administration**

### **9.2 Finance and POA Court Services**

#### **9.2.1 WPS Recreation & Cultural Centre Donations/Fundraising Request to Consider Alternate Software**

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director Finance/Treasurer

#### **Resolution 2023 - 052**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman                      Seconded by Councillor McCann**

That Council accepts the recommendation from the WPS Recreation and Cultural Centre Fundraising & Sponsorship Team to switch to the Trellis software program for donations related to the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre project; and

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That costs from the Trellis software program will be funded through the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Reserve Fund (Donations) with any excess charged to the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre Municipal Services Board, and

That Resolution 2023 - 023 is hereby revoked.

**Carried**

### **9.3 Public Works**

#### **9.3.1 RFT - Sewer Flushing and Cleaning**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

#### **Resolution 2023 - 053**

**Moved by Councillor Keith      Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That Council accept the bid from Wessuc Inc. in the amount of \$60,866.98, including HST, for sewer flushing, cleaning and camera inspection of approximately 13,706 metres of sanitary sewer, this bid being the lowest compliant bid of the seven (7) bids received.

**Carried**

#### **9.3.2 Cascade Street Bridge Rehabilitation**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manger of Operations

#### **Resolution 2023 - 054**

**Moved by Councillor Keith      Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

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That Council accept the Request for Proposal Submission of Hugo MB Contracting in the amount of \$582,272.50, for the Cascade Street Bridge rehabilitation work, this being the lowest of two compliant bids and as recommended by Tatham Engineering.

**Carried**

**9.4 Development and Protective Services**

**9.5 Other Business**

**9.5.1 May Proclaimed as Community Living Month**

**Resolution 2023 - 055**

**Moved by Councillor Keith      Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

WHEREAS Community Living Parry Sound has worked to bring people and their communities together for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS Community Living Parry Sound supports people as they develop their capacity to live, learn, work and participate in all aspects of living in the community; and

WHEREAS Community Living Parry Sound helps the community develop its capacity to welcome and support people who have not always had the same opportunities as the rest of us, to participate in their community in meaningful, productive ways; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound wishes to urge its citizens to celebrate the inclusion in our community of people who have a developmental disability,

NOW, Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor and Council declare the month of May as Community Living Month in the Town of Parry Sound.

**Carried**

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## **10. By-laws**

### **10.1 CAO Office/Administration**

### **10.2 Finance and POA Court Services**

#### **10.2.1 Amend Agreement with Parry Sound Founders Circle**

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

#### **By-law 2023 - 7329**

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an amendment to an agreement with the Parry Sound Area Founders Circle to support business innovation and new business's ideas.

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

#### **10.2.2 2022 Auditor Appointment and Financial Year End Audit Planning Report**

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer, Finance

#### **By-Law 2023 - 7330**

Being a By-law to appoint BDO as auditors for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

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

Giselle Bodkin of BDO addressed Council from a prepared power point presentation, with an overview of the audit process. No members of Council responded to her standard inquiry as to whether there were any whistleblowers or concerns by members of Council regarding fraud with the Town.



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**Resolution 2023 - 056**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

That Council receive the Auditor's 2022 Financial Year End Audit Planning Report as presented by Giselle Bodkin, BDO Engagement Partner

**Carried**

**10.3 Public Works**

**10.4 Development and Protective Services**

**10.4.1 Business & Taxi License Regulations By-law**

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

**By-law 2023 - 7331**

Being a By-law to adopt Business and Taxi Licensing Regulations

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

**10.4.2 Amendment to Fees By-law 2010-5408 to include Business & Taxi Licence Fees**

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

**By-law 2023 - 7332**

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2010-5408, to set fees and charges for Business and Taxi Licences.

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

## **10.5 Other Business**

### **10.5.1 Confirming By-law**

#### **By-law 2023 - 7333**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

## **11. Adjournment**

Deputy Mayor Beleskey adjourned the Meeting at 8:44 PM

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Jamie McGarvey, Mayor

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Rebecca Johnson, Clerk