

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes June 6, 2023

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Council Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2023

7:15 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, (Closed 6:00 PM)

Members Present

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

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, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, 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 2023 - 068

Moved by Councillor McDonald 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:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, (**Director performance review**);

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, **(potential illegal activity leading to public safety concerns);**

g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body has authorized a meeting to be closed under another Act **(potential illegal activity leading to public safety concerns authorized under the Police Services Act);**

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, **(guidelines on amalgamation discussions follow-up; position on fees charged to a board);**

Carried

Presentation/Announcements

1. Agenda and Minutes Review

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Additions to Agenda

1.3 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3.1 Mayor McGarvey prioritized item 10.1.1.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That the Council agenda for June 6, 2023 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.5.1 Councillor Beleskey declared pecuniary interest with respect to item 9.5.5 Supporting Chronic Pain Sufferers from becoming Addicted to Opioids, as he is a

patient requiring a service identified. Councillor Beleskey left the room, did not participate in discussion, nor vote on the resolution.

1.6 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held May 16, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting

2.1 Consent Application B23-04 - Mike Laver, 5 Gibson Street - **WITHDRAWN**; this application will be rescheduled for a future Council Meeting.

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding pavement work done on either side of the CN tracks that cross Cascade Street, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that CN did the paving work, and subsequent to complaints received on its lack of smoothness, CN has already been contacted to repair this work.

3.2 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry regarding colour of the granite used on the Fitness Trail, Mr. Kearns confirmed that the colour sourced from the same place as the original material is pink, although there is not a "standard granite pink".

3.3 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding recent fire training, Fire Chief Dave Thompson reported that the 20 recruits from five different area fire departments spent Saturday at the Carling Firehall and then Sunday with different trainers at the Parry Sound Firehall. Chief Thompson noted that this is part of the new 80-hour training program mandated by the province to achieve certification. With respect to a photo in the newspaper, Chief Thompson noted that this was an exercise in

ventilation technique, with the trainees on a pitched practice roof cutting into the roof, to simulate what they might have to do on a real fire scene.

3.4 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding deployment of garbage cans, Mr. Kearns reported that all garbage cans for the season have been deployed.

4. Correspondence

4.1 City of North Bay copy of letter endorsing North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit call on the Province to deal with food insecurity - Filed.

4.2 295 MacPherson Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets RE: Tag Day. Referred to item 9.5.2.

4.3 Parry Sound High School RE: Request for food program funding - Filed.

4.4 SOAR Rope Skipping Team RE: Request for international competition travel funding - SOAR advised to apply to the Municipal Assistance Program.

4.5 Mary Jane Zissoff, Trilogy of Art RE installation of plaque honouring Yvonne Williams at Yvonne Williams Park - Filed.

4.6 Northern Ontario School of Medicine RE: update and Town of Parry Sound bursary invested in NOSM University endowment account - Filed.

4.7 National Chronic Pain Society RE: request for assistance for patients suffering from chronic pain to avoid becoming addicted to opioids. Referred to item 9.5.5.

4.8 Georgian Bay Biosphere Mnidoo Gamii RE: Sponsorship opportunity for *State of the Bay* publication - Filed.

4.9 Longest Day of Smiles RE: Proclamation Request. Referred to item 9.5.7.

5. Deputations

5.1 Sarah Wallace, YMCA Employment and Learning Services RE: Update on Labour Market

Job Developer Sarah Wallace of the YMCA provided an update on the labour market, programs and services, from a prepared statement attached to the Council Agenda. Ms. Wallace concluded requesting that if one knows of a job seeker, or of an employer who needs support, to refer them to the YMCA.

5.2 John Jackson addressed Council on behalf of the development group regarding two matters of concern relating to the proposed Development Charge (DC) By-laws being:

a) Non-residential fees with an example of a 50,000 sq ft. building at fees close to 1/2 million compared to those in Gravenhurst or Bracebridge at \$125,000.

b) Option 3 blended DCs and Fees and Charges for water and sewer, noting that through use of the fees and charges, protections afforded under the DC legislation such as exemptions and a phased in approach are not available. Mr. Jackson expressed concern that the loss of these incentives might bring housing builds as envisioned by the province to a stop and that these concerns might be important enough for the development community to appeal the DC By-laws.

Mr. Jackson also suggested that if Seguin proceeds with DCs, the Town and Seguin could ultimately work together seamlessly if only DCs are used, instead of a blend of DCs and fees and charges.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to consider these issues and if necessary, to delay the passage of the DC by-laws by another two weeks.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor & Councillors gave reports 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 Delegation Topics for the 2023 AMO Conference

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO

Resolution 2023 - 069

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council directs staff to submit a request to delegate with the appropriate Provincial Minister on the following topics:

1. Support for more homes in West Parry Sound; and
2. Funding for critical infrastructure.

Carried

9.2 Finance and POA Court Services

9.3 Public Works

9.3.1 Blue Box Transition update

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2023 - 070

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That Council receive the Blue Box Transition Update Report for information purposes.

Carried

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9.4 Development and Protective Services

9.4.1 Annual Report for the Building Department for 2022

Spokesperson: Mark Vandermeer, Chief Building Official

Resolution 2023 - 071

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That Council accept the 2022 Annual Report for the Building Department attached as Schedule A for information purposes.

Carried

9.4.2 Temporary Patio Permission for Legend's Distillery, 7 Great North Road

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning,

Resolution 2023 - 072

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas on June 8, 2020 the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) permitted new patios or temporary additions to patios to provide more opportunities to local businesses while protecting health and safety, subject to municipal requirements; and

Whereas the Council for the Town of Parry Sound passed Resolution 2020-067 to permit temporary restaurant patios and opted not to enforce Zoning or Site Plan Agreements as it related to parking infractions because of these patios until January 1, 2021;

Whereas the Council for the Town of Parry Sound passed Resolution 2022-020 which extended the timelines of Resolution 2020-067 to January 2022;

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And Whereas in December 2022 the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) amended the provincial framework for temporary patios which comes into effect on January 1, 2023 and requires that municipal approval be obtained for licensees prior to selling or serving liquor on a temporary patio for up to eight months per calendar year;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports the approval for a temporary patio at Legend's Distillery located at 7 Great North Road for a period of up to 8 months expiring on January 1, 2024, to the terms noted in Resolution 2020-067.

Carried

9.4.3 Temporary Patio Permission for Country Kitchen, 65 James St.

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2023 - 073

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

WHEREAS the property owners at 65 James Street are submitting a temporary sidewalk patio application to the Downtown Business Association for the 2023 summer season;

AND WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) amended the provincial framework for temporary patios which comes into effect on January 1, 2023 and requires that municipal approval be obtained for licensees prior to selling or serving liquor on a temporary patio for up to eight months per calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports the approval for a temporary patio at Country Kitchen Restaurant located at 65

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James Street for a period of up to 8 months expiring on January 1, 2024 in order to permit alcohol sales.

Carried

9.5 Other Business

9.5.1 DBA Application for Noise and Time Limited Parking Exemption

Resolution 2023 - 074

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby approves the application from the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association for exemption from noise and time-limited parking regulations for July 15, 2023 on James and Bay Streets per their applications attached as Schedule A.

Carried

9.5.2 295 MacPherson Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets Tag Day

Resolution 2023 - 075

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby approves the request of the 295 MacPherson Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets for a tag day on Saturday, June 10 from 9 AM to 4 PM at various locations in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

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9.5.3 Support for Parry Sound Family Health Team Funding Application

Resolution 2023 - 076

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Parry Sound Family Health Team funding application for expanding and enhancing interprofessional primary care teams per endorsement letter substantially in the form attached as Schedule A

Carried

9.5.4 Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Spokesperson: Councillor McDonald

Resolution 2023 - 077

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions: and

FURTHER DIRECTS THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Graydon Smith and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

9.5.5 Support Chronic Pain Sufferers from becoming Addicted to Opioids

Resolution 2023 - 078

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS THE Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians; and

WHEREAS this requirement is not mandated for physicians in any other capacity, such as epidurals in hospitals; and

WHEREAS this requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and therefore reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive, forcing chronic pain clinics to shut down and putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered will result in many patients looking for pain relief turning to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

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NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the province to maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario; and further

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

9.5.6 Support to Combat Opioid Addiction, Mental Health, & Homelessness

Spokesperson: Councillor McDonald

Resolution 2023 - 079

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Parry Sound;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Parry Sound and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Parry Sound and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the provincial and federal governments for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis, mental health and homelessness; and

THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound recommends to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit that a regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies and others as appropriate be established in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources, and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, all municipalities in Ontario, First Nations communities within Parry Sound District, MP Scott Aitchison, MPP Graydon Smith, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

9.5.7 Longest Day of Smiles Proclamation

Resolution 2023 - 080

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS Operation Smile Canada is a global medical charity providing free, life-changing surgeries and medical care to children born with cleft conditions around the world; and

WHEREAS every 3 minutes, a child is born with a cleft condition, and lack of access to safe, effective surgery means that easily treatable conditions like cleft lip and cleft palate can become fatal; and

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WHEREAS Operation Smile Canada believes every child born with a cleft condition deserves exceptional surgical care; and

WHEREAS The Longest Day of SMILES® will unite Canadians from coast to coast to coast as they raise awareness and funds; and

WHEREAS on June 18th, 2023, the citizens of Parry Sound are encouraged to learn more about how to support this worthy cause by visiting www.longestdayofsmiles.ca; and

WHEREAS our community can help celebrate the Longest Day of SMILES® by posting #longestdayofsmiles on social media;

THEREFORE on behalf of the Town, Parry Sound Council hereby proclaims June 18th, 2023 as “Longest Day of SMILES®” and commends its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Carried

9.5.8 Funding Support for PSHS Food Program

Councillor McDonald made a motion to fund the PSHS Food Program as identified in correspondence item 4.3 in the amount of \$1,000.

Mayor McGarvey suggested that the issue be handled as direction to staff and amendments to the direction included bringing forward a report to the next meeting identifying how much money is in the account, and whether PSHS has reached out elsewhere for funding. Council approved the direction.

9.5.9. Anti-Hate By-laws

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff be directed to bring forward a report to a future Council meeting on the potential for passing an anti-hate by-law.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 CAO Office/Administration

10.1.1 Development Charges

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance; Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works; Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Prior to consideration of the resolution and by-laws, CAO Harris thanked developers, consultants and members of SLT who worked on this issue to bring forward the options and revised recommendation. Mr. Harris noted that the information provided in the options is the same as that which was provided to Council at the May 2nd meeting and reviewed with the development community at a meeting on May 16th.

With respect to blending DCs and sewer and water fees and charges, Mr. Harris noted that the City of Kingston won an appeal against their blended DCs and fees and charges. Mr. Harris also noted that a major goal of the development industry was to get the rates down, and that the blend of DCs and fees and charges means that some of the exemptions under DCs would no longer be available, but that all developments are paying fees, contributing towards greater fairness and equity.

Resolution 2023 - 081

Moved by Councillor McDonald

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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That the Town of Parry Sound Council approves Option 3 of the attached Development Charges Report, being a revised Development Charges Background Study rates for Town-wide services and existing fees and charges rates for water and wastewater services; and

That the Town pass the associated Development Charges By-laws by service type to implement Option 3.

Carried

By-law 2023 - 7346

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Ambulance Services.

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

By-law 2023 - 7347

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Fire Protection Services.

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

By-law 2023 - 7348

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Library Services.

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

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By-law 2023 - 7349

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Parks and Recreation Services

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

By-law 2023 - 7350

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Provincial Offences Act, including By-law Enforcement Services.

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

By-law 2023 - 7351

A By-law to Establish Development Charges for the Town of Parry Sound for Services Related to a Highway

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

10.2 Finance and POA Court Services

10.2.1 Amendment to the Water and Sewage Servicing Fees By-law

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works;

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

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By-law 2023 - 7352

A By-law to update water and sewage servicing fees using the definition of dwelling and non-residential development types that are consistent with the definitions in the Development Charges By-laws

10.3 Public Works - N/A

10.4 Development and Protective Services - N/A

10.5 Other Business

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2023 - 7353

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 9:03 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson