

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023

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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, 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 Parks & Recreation April McNamara

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1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Presentations/Announcements - N/A

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.3.1 Mayor McGarvey added item 9.9 Cadet Week Proclamation

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda - N/A

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Council agenda for September 19, 2023 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - N/A

1.7 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held September 5, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff - N/A

4. Correspondence

4.1 Adrian Winn RE: Request to lower speed limit to 40km/hour on Wood St. - filed and copied to Director of Operations

5. Deputations

5.1 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model Presentation

Spokespersons: Janet Feaver, Municipal Policing Specialist - East Region, Sergeant Lisa Rotar

Janet Feaver and Lisa Rotar addressed Council from a prepared power point presentation on the OPP billing model, covering the following: OPP Integrated Service Delivery; annual expenditures; the billing model; OPP Municipal Policing cost breakdown; and the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA).

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Ms. Feaver explained that detachments operate on an integrated service delivery model, whereby they may provide policing services to contract and non-contract municipalities and further meet provincial policing commitments under the Police Services Act. The OPP tracks service provided to municipalities using the Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) system, ensuring they do not pay for provincial resources or obligations.

Benefits to municipalities of the integrated service delivery model were identified including:

1. Enhanced flexibility in meeting changing policing demands at a lower cost than having one detachment service one municipality;
2. Provides economies of scale by allowing municipalities and the province share the cost of detachment supervisory and administrative positions and detachment infrastructure;
3. Allows for coordinated policing strategies for the issues that often span multiple jurisdictions;
4. Being part of a larger policing model allows communities to engage and partner with various agencies (e.g., community safety agencies) outside their municipal boundaries.

Sergeant Rotar provided a breakdown of cost allocation based on costs for 2021, calculated by fiscal year, noting that 64% or \$778 M of the budget is provincial responsibility including traffic safety, investigations, intelligence, specialized response teams, Indigenous policing, unincorporated territories, community safety and auxiliary policing, with 34% or \$412 M recovered from municipalities for their respective proportion of base service cost allocated among municipalities per \$165.66 per property and calls for service (CFS). With that background, Sergeant Rotar provided a further breakdown of the OPP's 2023 Annual Billing Statement total of \$2,058,414 specific to Parry Sound.

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 Corporate Climate Action Plan

Spokespersons Mike Kearn, Director of Public Works

Prior to Council's consideration of the prepared Resolution to adopt the Corporate Climate Action Plan, Ben John, Climate & Energy Programs Manager of Georgian Bay Biosphere addressed Council with a high level review of the background leading up to development and purpose of the Plan, with actions identified across 5 different sectors including Buildings & Streetlight, Fleet & Transportation, Solid Waste, Municipal Leadership and Waste & Wastewater Actions. Mr. John noted that adoption of the Plan achieves corporate milestones 2 and 3 of the Partners for Climate Protection Program administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Resolution 2023 - 133

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

WHEREAS Council adopts the Corporate GHG Emissions Reduction Target of 30% below 2016 levels by 2030;

WHEREAS Council will strive to achieve net-zero emissions in its operations by 2050;

Now Therefore Council adopts the Corporate Climate Action Plan attached as Sch. A.

Carried

9.2 100th Year Anniversary Parry Sound Minor Hockey

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2023 - 134

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council receive for information purposes, the report regarding the addition of a "100 years" banner to accompany the Parry Sound Hockey Club Logo at center ice in the Bobby Orr Community Centre.

Carried

Direction for Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That staff develop for Council a policy setting guidelines as to what qualifies as an anniversary banner for a user group in Town facilities such as the BOCC or BOHF.

Carried

9.3 2022-2023 Minor Hockey Club Invoice Balance

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2023 - 135

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council agree to the payment of \$5000 from the Parry Sound Minor Hockey Club to resolve the outstanding ice time invoice for the 2022-2023 season.

Carried

In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry as to whether the outstanding amount of \$3,769.93 can be held in event of non-payment of future invoices and added to them for payment, Director of Financial Services Stephanie Phillips noted that the payment

would need to be applied to the outstanding balance and that she could look into the conditions of non-payment within the rental agreement.

9.4 BOCC - Canteen 2023-2024 Operating Season

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Resolution 2023 - 136

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That Council approve that staff manage and operate the Bobby Orr Community Centre Canteen for the 2023 - 2024 Ice Season.

Carried

9.5 Truck Roadeo

Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported on the West Parry Sound Local Roads Association Truck Roadeo held September 8, 2023 at the Salt Docks which tested Heavy Equipment Operators truck driving skills. Mr. Kearns noted that Duncan McEwen's placement as second overall will have him competing at the Provincial Roadeo in Clinton on September 20th.

9.6 Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2023 - 137

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

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WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents do not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for Northern Ontario School of Medicine University's medical programs; and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Graydon Smith, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, West Parry Sound Health Centre, District of Parry Sound municipalities, District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

Carried

9.7 Call for Regulatory Framework for On-Line Short Term Rentals

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2023 - 138

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Keith

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound has received resolutions from the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of The Archipelago with regards to controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

5. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
6. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
7. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

9.8 Proclaim National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Spokesperson Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2023 -139

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government declared September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as National Orange Shirt Day and established September 30th as an annual federal statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby recognize September 30th, 2023, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as National Orange Shirt Day.

Carried

9.9 Proclaim Air Cadet Week

Resolution 2023 - 140

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

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Whereas a Province-wide "Cadet Week" was proclaimed in 2022 with the passing of Bill 45 "An Act to Proclaim Ontario Cadets Week" and the three Cadet organizations of Ontario (Navy, Army and Air) plus the Navy League Cadet Program and all who support the cadet's programs will now be recognized and celebrated annually the first week in October throughout the province of Ontario;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby recognize October 1-7 as Cadet Week in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2023 - 7369

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson