

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023

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7:15 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound,

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM and 9:00 PM to 10:00PM Closed

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

CAO Clayton Harris, Recording Clerk Ann Hurdman, 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 the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts Nicole Mullen, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Accounting & Deputy Treasurer Zach Cousineau

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Closed Meeting Resolution 2023 - 141

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

Resolution 2023 - 141

Moved by Councillor Borneman

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, **(WPS Recreation & Cultural Centre Board Closed meeting negotiations regarding acquisition of property for Project);**

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; **(request to use Town water lot; consideration of request to manage PS & Area Industrial Park water and wastewater services).**

Carried

1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Presentations/Announcements

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the Council agenda for October 3, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.7 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held September 19, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding the gas leak in the downtown last week, Director of Development & Protective Services/Fire Chief Dave Thompson noted that it was a result of construction. Many resources were called upon to assist with the situation to ensure road closures and evacuations of nearby residents. Parry Sound and McDougall Fire Departments as well as OPP, EMS and various public works departments, Lakeland Power and the gas utility were on hand to assist.

3.2 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the Parry Sound Fire Department Open House last weekend, Director of Development & Protective Services/Fire Chief Dave Thompson noted that it was a great success with over 100 children in attendance along with adults. They ran out of food and toys which is a good problem to have, everyone left happy and full.

3.3 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry about the status of tree branches overhanging sidewalks, specifically on Bowes Street, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns responded that public works staff have been concentrating on trimming and removal of problem trees within the Town over the past week or so. Homeowners should be trimming their overhanging trees & bushes. Councillor Keith requested that staff examine existing by-laws with reference to tree trimming & encroachment onto Town property.

3.4 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry about why Bowes Street in the area of Albert Street was down to one lane recently Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza

replied that staff were performing ditching to improve storm water drainage which is a regular maintenance item.

3.5 Councillor McCann noted that he often sees garbage & recycle bins left right on the sidewalk either when full or after they have been emptied. He inquired if there is a by-law for obstruction of sidewalks to which Director of Public Works Mike Kearns responded that yes there is, he will ask staff to speak to contractor to ensure these are left on the boulevard after emptying and not left on the sidewalks.

4. Correspondence - N/A

5. Deputations

5.1 Adrian Winn and Keith Duncan - Request to reduce speed limit on Wood St.

Adrian Winn and Keith Duncan provided some insight into the issues faced by children and adults alike when travelling on foot in the area of the Isabella, Wood, Marion, Salt Dock Road area. These issues include vehicles travelling too fast, no sidewalks, bus stop zones and the trees on town property at 35 Wood St impeding sight lines. Mr. Winn's daughter stepped onto the abutting grass last year & was stung 30 times when she stepped in a hornets ground nest. They are requesting consideration of a speed limit reduction from 50 kmph to 40 kmph and a 4 way stop to be installed at the corner of Marion & Wood Street. While it is understood that engineering designs are now in the hands of both CN & CP to correct the sharp corner and lack of sidewalks across St. Charles Crossing this is taking too long. As removal of the trees at 35 Wood St will be happening when the realignment is completed the suggestion is to remove them now to improve the sightlines.

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff be directed to examine the potential for a reduction of speed limit, tree removal at 35 Wood Street, installation of traffic calming measures and sidewalks.

Carried

Director of Public Works Mike Kearns advised that the trees at 35 Woods Street will be removed, and staff will look at the other options presented.

Resolution 2023 - 142

Moved by Councillor Beleskey Seconded by Councillor McCann

That a four-way stop be installed at the corners of Wood and Marion Streets.

Carried

5.2 Christina Caap, Barb Harding, Dom Bot - Pickleball

Christina Caap noted that the pickleball players are a diverse group with players well up into their eighties. They would like to return to a drop in format for pickleball play at the BOCC, the registration type format doesn't work well for including newcomers to the sport. They would also like to have more weekly opportunities to play over the winter, from looking at the events calendar it appears there may be space both Monday and Friday mornings. Evening sessions for those still working is a good idea, from 6 to 8pm rather than 5 to 7pm as currently slotted. As well they would like the ability to use the ice surface during late spring and summer, ideally 5 morning per week from 9 to 11 am. The group is willing to work with staff to come to a solution and are thankful to be able to use the BOCC.

Barb Harding focused on the positive economic impacts that the participants of pickleball make to the Town with local purchases of clothing, footwear, equipment and through the social activities of the group planning lunches at area restaurants and attending shows. She noted that they have 2 pickleball groups in the area totally 80 members.

Dom Bot wished to express what an overwhelming success the pickleball drop-in program was last year and share some of the benefits that came from it. Pickleball is as much a social outing as it is a physical event, many meaningful relationships are being fostered. Several social outings have been organized to area events and dining which gives everyone a sense of belonging and perhaps even more important a sense of community and wellness. Pickleball is North America's fastest growing sport with many people picking their vacation spots with pickleball facilities. They would be happy to partner with the Town in any way possible and are hopeful that a mutually beneficial pickleball schedule can be arrived at.

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

9.1.1 Purchase 7-tonne Truck

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

Resolution 2023 - 143

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council accept the bid of Donald Currie Trucks Inc. to purchase a 7-tonne truck in the amount of \$419,117.00 complete with plow harness and dump body, plus the provisional underbody plow in the amount of \$17,960.00, and to trade in the 2013 7-tonne Western Star for the amount of \$21,000.00.

Carried

9.2.1 Responding to the Province's Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2023 - 144

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

WHEREAS in February of 2022, the Province's Housing Affordability Task Force delivered its final report with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra has reached out to municipalities to identify their top 5 recommendations for future consideration which staff have analyzed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Parry Sound's top 5 Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations as identified in Schedule A, be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Honourable Paul Calandra and MPP Graydon Smith.

The following amendment was proposed:

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

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That Schedule A be amended to separate out recommendation 12 to ensure that it is clear that the Town of Parry Sound does not support it as it is currently written; and

That the Manager of Planning include information to this effect in the written submission to the Province's Housing Affordability Task Force.

Carried

9.3.1 Canada Arts Presentation Fund Grant Application 2024-2027

Spokesperson: Nicole Mullen, Manager, Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts,

Resolution 2023 - 145

Moved by Councillor McDonald Seconded by Councillor Borneman

THAT Council authorizes that application be made to the Canada Arts Presentation Fund (CAPF) for the 2024-2027 Stockey Centre programming season; and

THAT Clayton Harris be confirmed as the person with signing authority.

Carried

9.3.2 Memorial Stone - Residential Schools Indigenous Children

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works;
Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

Resolution 2023 - 146

Moved by Councillor Beleskey Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council supports placing the Memorial Stone - Residential Schools Indigenous Children in the parkette at the corner of Seguin St. and Great Noth Road, subject to receiving comments from Wasauksing and Shawanaga First Nations, the Parry Sound Friendship Centre and the donor of the memorial stone.

Carried

9.3.3 Optimist Club Funds Held in Trust by the Town

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO; Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff be directed to obtain the necessary approvals from the Optimist Club and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to release the funds held in trust to the Simcoe Muskoka YMCA for the purpose of supporting recreational services in the Parry Sound community.

Carried

9.4.1 Reserve & Reserve Fund Annual Report; 2022 Surplus allocation

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

Resolution 2023 - 147

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council receives the 2022 Reserve and Reserve Fund Annual Report, attached as Schedule A, in compliance with the Town's Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy; and

That Council hereby approves the allocation of the remaining surplus as identified in Schedule B.

Carried

9.5.1 Proclamation of Child Care Worker & ECE Appreciation Day

Resolution 2023 - 148

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

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Whereas years of research confirms the benefits of high-quality early learning and childcare for young children's intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas childcare promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas trained and knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators and childcare staff are the key to quality in early learning and childcare programs;

Whereas Registered Early Childhood Educators and childcare workers will be vital to the success of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that October 17, 2023, be designated the 23rd annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of childcare workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Carried

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That a letter be sent to area schools sharing the resolution and expressing the Town of Parry Sound's appreciation of Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers for all their training, work and dedication.

Carried

9.5.2 Request Highway Traffic Act Amendment Regarding ASE Installations

Spokesperson: Councillor Keith

Resolution 2023 - 149

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

Whereas speeding on Town of Parry Sound roads is a concern, and can occur in all areas of the community; and

Whereas barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to the community; and

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and

Whereas local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and

Whereas s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound supports the request of the City of Cambridge that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.4.1 Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

By-law 2023 - 7370

Being a By-law to Appoint Zach Cousineau as Deputy-Treasurer for the Town of Parry Sound.

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

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2023 - 7371

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

After the Regular Meeting, Council adjourned to continue a meeting closed to the public per the resolution 2023-141 so noted above.

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the open meeting at 9:00 PM and adjourned the conclusion of the closed meeting at 10:00 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Deputy Clerk Clayton Harris