

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

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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, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza

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Closed Meeting Resolution

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

Resolution 2024 - 053

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

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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 (**Waterfront Advisory Committee Applicant**)

Carried

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 9.5.2 - Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 14-20 as National Volunteer Week.

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That the Council agenda for April 16, 2024 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.7 Adoption of Minutes - deferred to May 7, 2024 Meeting

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding sight lines at the George and Forest Street intersection, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that realignment of the intersection is the responsibility of the developer of the 36 George St. development built to municipal standards with sidewalk, curbs and gutters, profile of roadway and extension of water, sanitary and storm water services to the development. Mr. Kearns noted that the roadway is a little bit wider where it comes out onto Forest St. as a result of the Traffic Study which noted potential sight line concerns with south bound traffic on Forest St. In response to that, Mr. Kearns noted that a distance tab will be added to the "intersection ahead" sign. The traffic engineers recommend monitoring safety conditions and that as a result of the steepness of the hill and sightlines, Council could consider a slower speed limit than 50 km/hour.

Direction for Follow-up

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That staff return with a report and recommendation to consider changes and updates that have been made and could be considered regarding the George/Forest Street intersection.

Carried

3.2 In response to Mayor McGarvey's inquiry regarding potential improvements to the Louisa St./Oastler Park Dr. intersection, Mr. Kearns reported that he would first contact MTO as the original designers of the intersection. Mr. Kearns noted that the problem with this intersection is that drivers are either exiting from 110km zone and entering 50km or vice versa. It would be helpful to gather speed data and get MTO thoughts on feedback signs which can be turned off while still collecting speed data.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Brad Horne, Executive Director, Community Living Parry Sound - Request for Proclamation of May as Community Living Month; see item 9.5.1.

4.2 April Denman, Executive Director, Parry Sound Downtown Business Association - Details of Maple Fest Event May 4, 2024; filed.

4.3 Rose Pocantos - Safety concerns with Forest-George Street intersection - referred to Director of Public Works for response.

5. Deputations

5.1 Alex Prichard - Lack of Daycare Spots

Alex Prichard addressed Council regarding the challenges faced by parents, especially women in finding adequate childcare. To illustrate her point, Ms. Prichard noted that there are only two registered childcare spots for infants in our local daycare centre, with 183 kids on the Waubeek waitlist for just 55 slots. The 2023 "Not Done Yet Report" identifies that in Parry Sound there are 515 children below kindergarten age but only 139 full-day licensed spaces - only a 27% coverage rate. Ms. Prichard gave examples of the challenges and struggles faced by parents in attempting to balance work and childcare in these conditions.

In conclusion, Ms. Prichard made the following Call to Action:

- **Transparency and Inclusion:** provide clear timelines for childcare expansion projects, with community input central to those plans.
- **Zoning Prioritization:** Conduct a zoning review specifically focused on identifying land suitable for childcare centres to meet the massive demand, exploring ways to balance UNESCO status with necessary infrastructure growth.

- Innovative Funding: Partner with the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) and local businesses to explore pilot programs offering childcare subsidies to employees or wage top-ups for ECEs, attracting much-needed educators to our town.
- Unite our Voices: Facilitate a town hall meeting to gather stories and amplify our community's needs to provincial and federal leaders.

Ms. Prichard noted that she will be forwarding a package of letters from local women expressing their concern with the lack of childcare, as well as a letter supported by 151 other parents and a hard copy petition. Ms. Prichard said she is also forwarding these concerns to DSSAB, the MP and MPP and will be making a deputation to DSSAB.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Members of Council gave reports on meetings attended and matters arising.

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

7.1 Appointment to Waterfront Advisory Committee

Resolution 2024 - 054

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council hereby appoints Maddy Lawrence to the Waterfront Advisory Committee for a term ending November 14, 2026 or until successor appointments are made.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1.1 Update - Key Performance Objectives

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO; Senior Leadership Team

Resolution 2024 - 055

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council approve the 2024 First Quarter progress report on the Town's Key Performance Objectives (KPOs) as set out in Schedule A.

Carried

Initiated by Councillor's Keith's request that the KPOs specifically identify responsibility for tourism, Council members and CAO Harris discussed the role of the previous Regional Economic Development Collaborative funded by FedNor, the exclusion of funding for tourism by FedNor, and the status of RTO12 Explorers Edge vis a vis support for West Parry Sound.

With clarification that the monument referred to in line 105 concerns the "Every Child Matters" movement, Councillor Keith requested the reference specify that in future updates.

9.3.1 Micro Surfacing - Tender

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

Resolution 2024 - 056

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council accepts the bid from Duncor Enterprises Inc. for micro surfacing on James/Bay Street and two coats on Louisa Street and Church Street in the amount of \$264,546.88, excluding taxes, this being the lowest qualifying bid of two bids received.

Carried

9.4.1 Consent Application (B24-05 to 15) – Louisa Street (Joiner)

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2024 – 057

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That Council hereby approve Consent Applications B24-05 to 08 for the lands located on Louisa Street to create four severed and one retained lot subject to conditions of consent as outlined in Schedule A.

That Council also approve Consent Applications B24-09 to 15 for the lands located on Louisa Street to create rights of way in favour of the severed lots subject to conditions of consent as outlined in Schedule B.

Carried

9.4.2 Consent Applications (B24-03&04) – 79 River Street (Rose)

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2024 - 058

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

Council hereby approves Consent Application B24-03 and B24-04 at 79 River Street with conditions to create two severed and one retained lot on the subject lands, subject to conditions of consent as outlined in Schedule A.

Carried

9.5.1 Proclamation of May as Community Living Month

Resolution 2024 - 059

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

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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 Community Living Month in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

9.5.2 Proclamation of National Volunteers Week

Resolution 2024 - 060

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

Whereas volunteers contribute their time, skills, empathy and creativity to support the well-being of our communities, and

Whereas volunteers by coming together, committing support and increasing the collective effort and impact, contribute exponentially to the quality of life we all strive for,

Now therefore the Town of Parry Sound hereby proclaims the week of April 14 - 20 as National Volunteer Week in the Town of Parry Sound and thanks each and every volunteer in the Parry Sound community who has given of their time and talents to make Parry Sound a better place.

Carried

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10. By-laws

10.2.2 2024 Operating Budget

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

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works;

Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

By-law 2024 - 7416

Being a By-law to Adopt the Operating and Capital Budget Estimated for the Year 2024.

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

10.4.1 Amendments to the Parking and Traffic Control By-law

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

By-law 2024 - 7415

Being a By-law to amend the Parking and Traffic Control By-law 2019-6912.

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

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2024 - 7417

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 9:19 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson