

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes May 21, 2024

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## **Council Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2024**

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 & Deputy Mayor 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 Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara

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

**Resolution 2024 - 074**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

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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:

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, (**Claim against the Town**);

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, (**Regional Economic Development Collaborative**)

**Carried**

## **1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest**

### **1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

### **1.2 Presentations/Announcements**

Mayor McGarvey noted that Wasauksing First Nation is hosting its 13th Annual Water Walk on May 30, 2024, starting at the Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik Ceremonial Grounds and ending at Yvonne Williams Park in Parry Sound.

### **1.3 Additions to Agenda**

Mayor McGarvey added item 9.5.5 Participation in Research Study Re: Internal Migration

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

### **1.5 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

That the Council agenda for May 21, 2024 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

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**1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**1.7 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey                      Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held May 7, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**2. Public Meeting**

**2.1 Zoning By-law Amendment Z/24-02 - 7 Champaigne St.**

**Moved by Councillor Keith                      Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

**That** we do now adjourn the regular meeting and declare the public meeting open.

**Carried**

Council held a public meeting to consider a proposed Zoning By-law amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, as amended.

Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand explained that the purpose of the application is to rezone the subject lands from Marine Residential (RM) to Marine Residential subject to Holding Provision (h). If approved, the application would apply a holding (h) provision to the subject lands. The Holding Provision (h) was required as a condition of consent approval for application B24-01 which severed the existing property into one severed and one retained parcel. Prior to the Holding Provision (h) being lifted from the subject lands, legal access is required to be secured to the satisfaction of the Town of Parry Sound.

Lauren Arsenault, of Morgan Planning, addressed Council on behalf of Greystone Management Inc. to facilitate the consent application on the subject property. Ms.

Arsenault noted that Council approved the application to sever in March of this year upon condition of application of a holding provision as identified by Mr. Rand.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning and Mr. Rand reported that no comments had been received

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

That we do now declare the public meeting closed.

**Carried**

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

**3.1** In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding line painting, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that not long ago, staff just finished the first round of sweeping preparing for line painting, and that the contractors are moving through the province following the weather.

**3.2** In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry about the status of hiring of an Economic Development Officer, CAO Harris reported that there are interviews next week with a potential start date in July of this year if a suitable candidate is found.

**3.3** In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry as to whether there is new technology that might make redundant the requirement to line paint every year, Mr. Kearns reported that there are new technologies, some of which the Town is experimenting with. Mr. Kearns noted that the amount of snow, whether removal to pavement is done mechanically by plows or by chemical solution has a bearing on the life of the line painting and there is a balance to be struck between the costs of technologies and the life of the line painting.

### **4. Correspondence**

**4.1** Simon & Fran Stanley Re: Louisa Street Road Allowance - referred to Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand.

**4.2** Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group Re: Wind Turbines - filed

**4.3** St. James United Church Request to change the 2 hour parking limit on Mary between James St & Miller St to 4 hours - see Direction following Correspondence

**4.4** Enbridge Gas Inc. - commendation of Provincial passing of Bill 165 *Keeping Energy Costs Down Act*, advocacy efforts with respect to Ontario Energy Board regulations and notice of the public process with respect to Enbridge Gas Phase 2 of their rate rebasing application - filed

Mayor McGarvey asked for consideration of direction with respect to the United Church's request to change the 2-hour parking limit to 4 hours.

**Direction for Staff Follow-up**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

That staff be directed to investigate a change from the 2 hour to a 4 hour time limit on Mary Street.

**Carried**

**5. Deputations - N/A**

**6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

Members of Council reported 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 WAC Recommendations**

#### **Resolution 2024 - 075**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Parry Sound Waterfront Advisory Committee's following initiatives:

That the Committee conduct a summer survey to gather feedback on the Community's vision for the future development of the waterfront. The Committee will attend community events/locations throughout the summer to conduct surveys, with a deadline for completed surveys to be submitted to the Chair by Tuesday, September 3.

That the Committee explore next steps in organizing a fall community engagement event to raise awareness about the kickoff of the Waterfront Master Plan and encourage residents to participate in the engagement process.

That the Committee formulate a sub-committee to begin preparing for the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council fully supports the Parry Sound Waterfront Advisory Committee in these endeavors and authorizes the necessary resources and assistance for the successful implementation of the survey and community engagement event.

**Carried**

### **9.1.2 Support for Extension of Parry Sound Road**

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

**Direction for Staff Follow-up**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

That staff be directed to follow up with Seguin Township staff to obtain additional information regarding the extension of Parry Sound Road as the information relates to technical aspects of the request.

**Carried**

**9.3.1 Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) 2024 Allocation**

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips responded to Councillor McDonald's inquiry, that the amount in the budget to community groups could be considered for increase in 2025, and that more of the economic development allocation could be considered for community groups. Councillor Borneman asked that consideration be given to implementation of a sunset clause for groups that may have accessed the fund for many years, to enable new applications to be considered.

**Resolution 2024 - 076**

**Moved by Councillor McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

That Council approve the 2024 Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) allocations per Schedule A.

**Carried**

**9.3.2 Church Street Retaining Wall Tender**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

**Resolution 2024 - 077**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McDonald**



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That Council accepts the bid from A.I. Roadtech Services Inc for the Church Street retaining wall replacement in the amount of \$345,465.00, excluding taxes, this being the lowest bid and complete submission received out of 6 submissions.

**Carried**

### **9.4.1 Town Dock DFO Condition Assessment**

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

#### **Resolution 2024 - 078**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

Whereas the Town Dock is an integral piece of infrastructure in the heart of the Town's Waterfront;

Whereas the Town Dock is owned by the federal government;

Whereas the Town leases the dock from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO);

Whereas the Town commissioned a regular inspection of the dock in early 2023;

Whereas the Town subsequently requested DFO to undertake and fund a more comprehensive assessment of the dock;

Whereas DFO has completed the Condition Assessment of the Town Dock, provided as Schedule A

Now Therefore be it Resolved that Council appreciates DFO's investment in the Town Dock and the following actions are hereby approved:

1. That staff support DFO conducting the Priority 1 repairs in 2024;

2. That staff work with the federal and provincial governments to investigate securing funding for Priority 2 repairs with the objective of undertaking the work at the earliest possible opportunity;
3. That cruise ships be required to anchor in the harbour and tender their passengers to the Town Dock until such time as the required repairs are completed or DFO approves docking under specific circumstances; and
4. That staff consult with Transport Canada and the cruise ship lines with respect to possible arrangements for mooring at the Salt Dock as an alternative to the Town Dock.

**Carried**

### **9.5.1 Mayor McGarvey Nomination on AMO Board**

**Resolution 2024 - 079**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports Mayor McGarvey's nomination for the office of Director Small Urban Caucus on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors.

**Carried**

### **9.5.2 Proclamation of June as Seniors Month**

**Resolution 2024 - 080**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

WHEREAS Seniors' Month is an annual province-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

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WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

Now Therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby proclaims June 1-30, 2024 as Seniors' Month and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

**Carried**

### **9.5.3 Proclamation of Hope Air Day**

**Resolution 2024 - 081**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

Whereas, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location;

Whereas, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means;

Whereas, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care;

Whereas, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions;

Whereas, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Town of Parry Sound that June 7th, 2024, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

**Carried**

#### **9.5.4 Volunteer Firefighters Tax Exemption**

##### **Resolution 2024 - 082**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution attached as Schedule A calling upon the federal government to enact Bill C-310 to increase the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers volunteering in excess of 200 hours a calendar year; and

That a copy of this resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Municipality of Wawa.

**Carried**

#### **9.5.5 Participation in Research Study Re Internal Migration**

Spokesperson: Councillor Borneman

**Direction for Staff Follow-up**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That staff be directed to express to Dr. Suzanne Mills of McMaster University, the Town of Parry Sound's interest in participating in a research study focusing on Northern Ontario with respect to internal migration to communities in Northeastern Ontario and the Maritimes during and after the pandemic.

**Carried**

## **10. By-laws**

### **10.3.1 Waste Disposal Agreement with The Archipelago**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

**By-law 2024 - 7426**

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with The Township of the Archipelago for the Disposal of Household Waste.

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

### **10.4.1 Zoning Amendment - Z24-01 - 85 River Street (Brunatti)**

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

**By-law 2024 - 7424**

Being a By-law to amend by-law No. 2004-4653 (the Zoning By-law) as amended, for 85 River Street (Brunatti) and described as Part of Lot 1 to 13, East Side of River Street, Plan 21 being Part 3, Plan 42R-7305 and REM Part 1 Plan 42R-13847 and Part 1, Plan 42R-14037.

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

#### **10.4.2 Zoning Amendment - Z23-05 - 7 Champaigne St.**

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

##### **By-law 2024 - 7425**

Being a By-law to amend by-law No. 2004-4653 (the Zoning By-law) as amended for 7 Champaigne Street and legally described as Mill Block B and Part of Mill Block C and part of Water Lot A Plan 64 in the former Township of McDougall now in the Town of Parry Sound.

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

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

##### **By-law 2024 - 7427**

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 8:43

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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Clerk Rebecca Johnson