

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes June 4, 2024

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## **Council Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2024**

7:06 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.

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

**Resolution 2024 - 083**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

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, (1. **Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport; 2. Claims Against the Town**);

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, (1. **Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport; 2. Claims 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, (**Construction Financing for West Parry Sound Recreation & Cultural Centre, Belvedere Heights Bed Expansion**)

**Carried**

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

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

**1.2 Presentations/Announcements - N/A**

**1.3 Additions to Agenda - N/A**

**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 June 4, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**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 Keith**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held May 21, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## **2. Public Meeting - N/A**

## **3. Questions of Staff**

**3.1** In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry on the reinstallation of yellow bollards on Joseph St., Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that once the line painting is done, the bollards will be reinstalled.

With respect to Councillor Borneman's inquiry as to where the Town is in the process of hiring staff to take on water and wastewater treatment responsibilities with the addition of the Industrial Park's facilities, Mr. Kearns noted that the Town had an internal process to go through first, and job ads will be going out soon.

With respect to Councillor Borneman's inquiry as to reclamation of William Street sidewalk between Rosetta and Hillcrest and Hillcrest Ave. itself, Mr. Kearns responded that the department is working on a sidewalk tender now, which will be coming to Council soon.

**3.2** In response to Mayor McGarvey's inquiry as to why the one-way direction for Mclsaac Way was chosen, Mr. Kearns reported that the pros and cons of both directions were reviewed by Public Works and By-law departments and the following were reasons that the one way direction going north was selected:

- plows travel in the direction of traffic and discharge to the right of the truck which if travelling south would have deposited a large amount of snow in front of businesses.
- typically vehicles from Mclsaac Way are joining James Street traffic heading north, and are therefore not crossing an oncoming lane of traffic.

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In addition, Mr. Kearns said that the installation of painted lines on the road could encourage vehicles to approach James Street at an almost perpendicular angle and any loads traversing McIsaac Way should be within the legal limit.

**3.3** In response to Councillor McDonald's request for an update on cruise ship plans for Parry Sound, CAO Clayton Harris reported that the federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) commissioned a comprehensive condition report of the Town Dock with results indicating that no vessels larger than the Island Queen should dock there. The Pearl Mist recently docked at the Salt Dock and encountered some challenges with that, so upon next arrival will be anchoring off the Town Dock and tender passengers in. In the meantime, Tatham Engineering will work with Pearl Mist engineers to see if there is a way for them to dock that meets DFO criteria.

**3.4** In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry as to whether a stop sign could be installed on the Fitness Trail prior to its intersection with Bay St, Mr. Kearns reported that could be considered.

In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the status of installation of the retaining wall on Gibson Street at Logan's Lane, Mr. Kearns noted that the project should be completed soon.

In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the status of hiring of an EDO, Mr. Harris reported that the first interviews were completed last week, with candidates currently undertaking psychometric assessments, prior to a second interview this month.

**3.5** In response to Councillor Beleskey's inquiry as to whether sightline issues at the intersection of Waubeek and Church Streets could be resolved, Mr. Kearns reported that sightline issues such as overhanging tree limbs should be addressed pretty quickly. Line painting is dependent on weather with hopes that it will be done soon.

With respect to Councillor Beleskey's inquiry as to whether there was a better method of patching asphalt, Mr. Kearns noted that typically the cold patch asphalt is compacted as it is put in the pothole, but that if it is warm out, the asphalt can track a little. In response to a further question from Councillor Beleskey, regarding a heat box for asphalt, Mr. Kearns reported that the department does have a small one and is looking at investing in something of a more appropriate size for the Town operations.

In response to Councillor Beleskey's request for an update on canteen plans at the Bobby Orr Community Centre, Mr. Kearns noted that preliminary discussions were held in the spring and the department will have a more comprehensive response before the end of June.

Councillor Beleskey inquired as to whether the annual budget might be done in December, instead of March/April, since the later date delays the opportunity for tendering. Mr. Harris responded that staffing issues in Finance prevented an earlier budget approval process timeline, but that since the vetting process of projects is good with very little changes made by Council, staff could prepare tender documents in advance, so they are ready to let when the budget is approved and avoid any further delay.

## **4. Correspondence**

**4.1** Chris McDonald, ED Chamber of Commerce RE: Appreciation for Municipal Contribution - Filed

**4.2** Mary Jane Zisoff, Trilogy of Art RE: Plaque unveiling at Yvonne Williams Park scheduled for Saturday, July 13th TBC by Town Council - referred to Manager of Parks & Recreation with confirmation response pending.

**4.3** Georgian Bay Biosphere Mnidoo Gamii - Notice of 20th Anniversary and Strategic Plan Development - Filed

- 4.4 Granite Harbour PSSCC11 RE: Water Main Transfer Timeline - See Deputation  
5.1

## 5. Deputations

### 5.1 Barb Barrett RE: PSSCC#11 Water Main Transfer Timeline

Barb Barrett addressed Council on behalf of the 92 owners of Parry Sound Standard Condo Corporation (PSSCC) #11 identifying ongoing concern over the length of time required to transfer the watermain from PSSCC #11 to the Town, noting that if something were to happen to the watermain the Condo owners would be responsible, yet without confirmation in writing that the Condo owners are responsible, they are unable to obtain adequate insurance. For purposes of reporting to the Condo Corporation's Annual General Meeting later this month, Ms. Barrett requested a timeline for the transfer, and for something in writing from the Town that the watermain is currently the Condo Corporation's responsibility.

Director of Development Dave Thompson noted that the matter is before the Town's solicitor and that late this afternoon he did receive legal advice that there are a number of issues that need to be dealt with and that the site plan amendments presented by the Board do not appropriately respond to the issues. Mr. Thompson further reported that he would attempt to get a meeting with solicitor Veldboom as soon as possible, and possibly before the next Council Meeting, in order to understand what the specific issues are, and what the timeline to conclude this matter might be. It was also suggested by a member of Council that the solicitor be invited to a meeting of Council to report on the matter.

CAO Clayton Harris responded to Ms. Barrett's request for information to take back to the Board, that the Town is not opposed to taking over ownership and is in fact desirous of that. The Town is on a path to do that; however, it is taking longer than expected.

Mayor McGarvey made concluding comments that the Town would be looking to have something for the next Council meeting to move the issue forward.

## **5.2 Kathy Dyer RE: Town Dock refurbishment**

Kathy Dyer read from her letter regarding the Town Dock and related issues which was circulated with the Agenda. Ms. Dyer noted that the Town Dock has needed repairs for many years, yet it seems that attention is only being paid now because cruise ships can't dock there. As a business owner downtown and in discussion with other business owners, Ms. Dyer questioned the economic benefits of cruise ships especially compared to other seasonal tourism. Ms. Dyer recommended that each member of Council visit businesses in the downtown core and ask everyone for a rough estimate of the benefits in order that business owners are consulted, and the Town obtains real time data. Ms. Dyer further recommended that this be done formally, and that passengers themselves upon leaving Parry Sound be asked how much they spent here, and what was the best thing about their visit here.

Ms. Dyer expressed concern that the presence of cruise ships prevents Parry Sounders and other tourists from visiting and using the dock, and that parking at the waterfront is even more limited with the presence of the cabin shops.

Ms. Dyer recommended that the MNR/Service Ontario lands be dedicated to parkland for the benefit of everyone. Ms. Dyer concluded her deputation with recognition that the Town seems on the brink of huge development changes which could have profound irreversible effects and requested that the Town consider the long-term effects of their decisions.

## **6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

Mayor and Councillors reported on meetings attended and matters arising.



## **7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda**

### **7.1 Construction Financing for WPS Recreation & Cultural Centre**

#### **Resolution 2024 - 084**

**Moved by Councillor Borneman**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

WHEREAS the Municipal Services Board for the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre (the Board) has received funding, through the Infrastructure Canada Investment Program (ICIP), for the construction of a Recreation and Cultural Centre (the Centre) to serve all of West Parry Sound; and

WHEREAS there will be timing delays between the submission of claims to ICIP and the reimbursement of the funds; and

WHEREAS the timing of fundraising monies is uncertain; and

WHEREAS the cashflow forecast assumes no fundraising monies are received before the Centre opens and indicates that construction financing in the amount of \$13.5 million will be required during the construction of the Centre; and

WHEREAS the Partner municipalities recently supported an amendment to the Partnership agreement to permit the Board to borrow to facilitate the construction of the Centre; and

WHEREAS it is proposed to access the construction financing through a combination of firstly, direct municipal partner financing (\$7 million) and secondly, Board bank financing (\$6.5 million); and

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound continues to fully support the construction of the Centre.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound agrees to provide their proportionate share of the \$7 million in construction financing for the West Parry

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Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre, without interest within 5 business days of receiving a written request from the Board's Treasurer; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound agrees to proportionately guarantee \$6.5 million in Board financing from the bank, providing information and security to the satisfaction of the Board's bank; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that as the Board receives reimbursement from ICIP, and as fundraising monies are received, funds will first be applied to repay outstanding proportionate partner funding and then outstanding Board bank financing; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement that reflects the terms set out in this report.

**Carried**

## **8. Consent Agenda - N/A**

## **9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff**

### **9.1.1 AMO 2024 Conference - Delegation Request**

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO

#### **Resolution 2024 - 085**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That Council direct Staff to submit a 2024 AMO delegation request to the appropriate Minister(s), requesting the Town be involved in the process to dispose of the MNR base at 7 Bay Street.

**Carried**

### **9.5.1 Support for 24-Bed Expansion at Belvedere Heights**

Spokespersons: Councillors Beleskey, Borneman

#### **Resolution 2024 - 086**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford**

**Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

WHEREAS on April 5, 2024 Belvedere Heights Board of Management received the long-anticipated letter from Ministry of Long Term Care, declining the request to relocate Belvedere Heights to a campus of care; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Long-Term Care has requested that Belvedere Heights Board of Management express their intention regarding the addition of the previously approved (in April 2021), twenty-four (24) beds to Belvedere Heights; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Long-Term Care has provided the requirements to qualify for the recently announced maximum \$35 per diem construction funding top-up by a November 2024 deadline; and

WHEREAS the Belvedere Heights Board of Management financing plan does not require new funding from its municipal partners; and

WHEREAS time is of the essence to comply with the Ministry of Long-Term Care recommended milestone for municipal owner approval by June 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound endorses the Belvedere Heights Board of Management's request to apply for final approval from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, to build up to twenty-four (24) new long-term care beds at 21 Belvedere Ave., subject to the following conditions:

1. That the proposal meets all of the Ministry of Long-Term Care requirements including approval of the required financing plan; and
2. Provision and approval of the final cost estimates; and

3. Provision and approval of the municipalities' proportionate share of the required capital costs.

**Carried**

### **9.5.2 Call for Equivalent Operational Budget Funding Amounts to Municipalities**

Spokesperson: Councillor Borneman

#### **Resolution 2024 - 087**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes; and

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion-dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial Funding for their Police operating budget; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports Resolution 281-2024 from the Town of Cochrane attached as Schedule A, and calls on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, and the Town of Cochrane.

**Carried**

### **9.5.3 Support of Family Doctors**

Spokesperson: Councillor Keith

#### **Resolution 2024 - 088**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford**

**Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the City of Belleville's Resolution attached as Schedule A which calls upon the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Belleville.

**Carried**

### **9.5.4 National Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation**

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

#### **Resolution 2024 - 089**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

WHEREAS in 1996, the government of Canada declared June 21st National Aboriginal Day, renamed in 2017 to National Indigenous Peoples Day, to celebrate the contribution of Indigenous peoples to Canadian society as Canada's First Peoples, and to recognize their different cultures;

AND WHEREAS in the Constitution of Canada "Aboriginal peoples of Canada" include First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples;

AND WHEREAS the Indigenous Peoples of Canada have made and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian society, and it is considered appropriate that there be, in each year, a day to mark and celebrate these contributions;

AND WHEREAS many Indigenous peoples celebrate the summer solstice, which has an important symbolism within their cultures;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound will continue its efforts to strengthen partnerships with other levels of government, community organizations, as well as the public and private sectors, to honour and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound hereby proclaims June 21st, 2024 to be: "National Indigenous Peoples Day" in the Town of Parry Sound.

**Carried**

## **10. By-laws**

### **10.4.1 MOU Burks Falls EMS Base Rehabilitation**

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

#### **By-law 2024 - 7428**

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Burk's Falls outlining the procedure for rehabilitation of the Burk's Falls EMS Base.

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

### **10.4.2 Remuneration for Committee of Adjustment Members**

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

#### **By-law 2024 - 7429**

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Being a By-Law with respect to remuneration and expenses for members of Council and Local Boards.

**Read a First and Second Time**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That the allotment for meal expenses in Schedule C, 4.a)ii) be increased to \$150.00

**Carried**

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

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

**By-law 2024 - 7430**

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 8:48 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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Clerk Rebecca Johnson