

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024

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7:10 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, Economic Development Officer Jeff Thom, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Human Resources Pamela Langevin, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, Manager of Stockey Centre Nicole Mullen

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Closed Meeting Resolution

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

Resolution 2024 - 117

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:

d) labour relations or employee negotiations, (**Collective Bargaining Negotiations; Terms and conditions for a temporary hire**);

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, (**Collective Bargaining Negotiations**);

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, (**Collective Bargaining Negotiations; infrastructure servicing**).

Carried

1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Presentations/Announcements

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.3.1 Councillor Ashford added item 9.5.3 - Protection of Fitness Trail

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda

1.4.1 Deputations was prioritized on the agenda

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McDonald

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That the Council agenda for August 13, 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 Keith

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held July 16, 2024 and Special Council Meeting held August 6, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor McDonald's inquiry regarding road resurfacing, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza responded that the asphalt would smooth out over time, it is the contractor's responsibility to clean up loose asphalt, and the Town is looking at different paint options with a product applied on accessible spots in Town to test its longevity. Mr. Bonazza responded to a follow-up inquiry from Councillor Keith, identifying that the asphalt should be smoothed down within one to two weeks by road traffic and then any loose asphalt picked up by the contractor after that.

3.2 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding construction noise at the new Parry Sound High School, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that there have been no more complaints received with respect to that issue and that the General Contractor, Sub-Contractor and School Board have been asked and are abiding by time constraints regarding noise.

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3.3 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding George Street road surface, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns reported that staff have ditched the area with water now draining off the road instead of towards the road; and that alternative products are being considered for resurfacing including a plant based binder that can be mixed with asphalt which has the benefit of having a carbon negative impact.

3.4 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding the breakwater bridge at Waubuno Beach, Mr. Kearns reported that the previous bridge footings did not stay put with the ebb and flow of water, and staff want to ensure that proper footings are in place with the new bridge.

3.5 Councillor Keith passed on favourable comments from the public to Public Works staff on how clean and well maintained the beaches are.

3.6 In response to Councillor Beleskey's inquiry regarding what the Road Needs Study shows for Parry Sound Road and Great North Road, Mr. Kearns reported that the Road Needs Study was completed last year providing information on the surface, and that the water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure needs are also considered to determine whether subsurface work needs to be done before road resurfacing can be completed.

3.7 In response to Councillor Beleskey's inquiry regarding the plan for concessions at the arena, Mr. Kearns reported that staff were hired to run the concessions last year, and that he understood that was the plan going forward. Councillor Beleskey reported that he understood from Council direction, that staff were to consider other means of running concessions and that the minutes of the Council meeting wherein the issued was discussed, should be reviewed for direction.

3.8 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry on status of safety enhancements to the Isabella Street double rail crossing, Mr. Kearns reported that design engineering has been completed and submitted to the railways and Transport Canada all of whom appear to be in agreement, although the Town is awaiting a response from CP Rail

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which has multiple approval divisions. Mr. Kearns reported that the intention is to complete a sidewalk on the north side of the railway in 2025. Road realignment will take into account part of the property that was purchased to facilitate a safe intersection. Mr. Kearns responded to a further query about vegetation impeding sight lines on the south side of Isabella, that staff have removed branches there and will have another look at it. Mayor McGarvey asked that if something is needed from the Town, such as a letter asking CP Rail to expedite the process, that Mr. Kearns report back at the next meeting, so that the Town can take appropriate action. In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the potential for educational signage while there is not yet a sidewalk installed at the location, Mr. Kearns reported that installing signage within the railway right of way is difficult, but that signage could be considered outside of the railway right of way.

3.9 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding development on the Beatty property, Mr. Thompson reported that no formal applications have been received, there is no knowledge on the timing of when an application may be received, and that this property is recognised in the Official Plan (OP) as a special property with added public processes prior to applications moving forward in any form. The new OP will be building upon requirements for that property.

3.10 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry as to whether there have been any tenders to remove the bridge at the old Town Beach, Mr. Kearns reported that Council has asked for public input, and that staff would not and has not moved on tendering without Council approval.

3.11 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry with respect to funds set aside to repair the bridge at the old Town Beach, Director of Finance, Stephanie Phillips reported that each year the Town receives OCIP formula funding; for 2023 it was 1.6 million and through the budget process the Town allocates this to priority projects for core infrastructure; consequently \$350,000 was allocated for the bridge project.

3.12 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding water and wastewater infrastructure under railways, Mr. Kearns reported that there are numerous locations where water, wastewater and storm water passes under railway line; with respect to new installations, that must go through extensive railway approval processes.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Tim & Kathy Dyer - Town Dock, Cruise Ship and related Waterfront issues. Questions posed for follow-up.

5. Deputations

5.1 Jacob Kennedy RE: The Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

From a prepared power point presentation, Jacob Kennedy representing Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of the Old Town Beach Bridge thanked Council for setting aside funds to repair the bridge and delaying a staff recommendation to demolish the bridge, in order to consider public input. Mr. Kennedy gave background on the origins of the bridge and its dedication in 1991 as the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail. Mr. Kennedy asked that before voting on the future of the bridge, Council consider issues of accessibility, safety, cost and the community's wishes to reject the proposal to demolish the bridge and use the funding already approved to repair the bridge preserving its accessibility and safety.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor & Councillors 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 Big Sound Marina/Town Dock Operational Model 2025 and beyond

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Due to Councillor discussion regarding the merits and concerns with the last clause of the resolution, the Resolution was broken into the 3 parts and voted on separately.

Resolution 2024 - 118

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff be directed to release an RFP in the Fall of 2024 for the operation of Big Sound Marina by qualified private operators.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff include in the 2025 budget funds to move the pump out station from the Town Dock to Big Sound Marina.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McCann

That staff prepare an operational plan for the Town to take over operations of the Town Dock in October of 2025 for Council consideration.

Councillor McCann requested a recorded vote:

	Yes	No
Councillor Ashford	X	

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Councillor Beleskey		X
Councillor Borneman		X
Councillor Keith		X
Councillor McCann	X	
Councillor McDonald	X	
Mayor McGarvey	X	
Carried	4	3

9.1.2 Status of Town Dock for Cruise Ship Docking

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Resolution 2024 - 119

Moved by Councillor McCann Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council receive the report on the *Status of Town Dock for Cruise Ship Docking* for information purposes.

Carried

9.1.3 Consent Application (B24-06) – 28 Hall’s Quarry Road

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Resolution 2024 - 120

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McDonald

That Council hereby approves Consent Application B24-16 at 28 Hall’s Quarry Road to create one severed lot and one retained lot on the subject lands subject to conditions of consent as outlined in Schedule A attached.

Carried

9.2.1 2024 International Sport Heritage Conference, Boston, Massachusetts

Spokesperson: Nicole Mullen, Manager, Charles W. Stockey Centre

Resolution 2024 - 121

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McDonald

WHEREAS Schedule C.5.e) of By-law 2024-7429 requires Council approval for staff to attend out of province conferences,

NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes BOHF Curator Caitlin Dyer and Stockey Centre Manager Nicole Mullen to attend the 2024 International Sports Heritage Association Conference in Boston, September 17 to September 19, 2024; and

THAT conditional upon conference funding secured to cover the full costs of one participant, Council authorizes Sadie Couroux, Sponsorship and Fundraising Coordinator to also attend said conference.

Carried

9.3.1 Request to subsidize Stockey Centre rental cost for 2nd Annual Mental Health Symposium

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Resolution 2024 - 122

Moved by Councillor McDonald Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council approves the sponsorship of the rental cost of the Charles W. Stockey Centre for the 2nd Annual Mental Health Symposium for their Friday night April 25, 2025 keynote speaker event through a donation of \$2,000 to be funded from the remaining Municipal Assistance Program funding in the 2023 budget.

Carried

9.3.2 Request from Dent Bay Bakery to Locate Ice Cream Cart on various Town Owned Properties.

Spokesperson(s) : Author: Rob Beaumont, Manager of Revenue & Taxation

Spokespersons: Dave Thompson, Director, Development & Protective Services

Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

Resolution 2024 - WITHDRAWN AT THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

That Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby grants permission to Mr. Sean Solwski to operate Dent Bay Scoops ice cream cart from August 14, 2024, to September 30, 2024 at the following locations:

1. Old Town Beach at the end of Waubuno Road
2. Market Square Park
3. Top of the Tony Agnello Water Treatment Plant
4. Charles W. Stockey Centre
5. 1 Avenue Road (Old CPR Station/ Festival of the Sound office.)

subject to the following conditions:

1. That garbage receptacles be provided by Mr. Solwski and removed at the end of day at his expense.
2. That a site plan be submitted for each property showing the proposed location of the refreshment vehicle (ice cream cart) to the Town's Licensing Officer or Manager of Revenue & Taxation for approval.
3. That the hours of operation shall be from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm from Monday to Sunday.

4. In the case of Market Square Park, if a scheduled event is planned, permission must be granted from the event's organizer to locate there during the event.
5. Must receive owners' written consent to locate and sell on private property and a copy of the letter must be submitted to the Town's Licensing Officer.
6. Must receive permission from the Festival of the Sound
7. That all other requirements under By-law 2006-4921 Schedule I must be met.

9.4.1 2024 Veolia Ultrafiltration Users Group Conference

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2024 - 123

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council authorizes the Manager of Water Systems to attend the Veolia 2024 Ultrafiltration Users Group Conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 22 - 24, 2024, pursuant to Schedule C, Section 5e of By-law 2024-7429, which requires prior Council approval for attendance at seminars, conferences and conventions outside the Province of Ontario.

Carried

9.4.2 Seguin Street Bridge Rehabilitation Tender

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

Resolution 2024 - 124

Moved by Councillor Ashford Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

To accept the bid from KB Civil Constructors Inc. for the Seguin Street Bridge Rehabilitation tender in the amount of \$345,518.72, excluding taxes, this being the lowest compliant bid of three bids received.

Carried

9.5.1 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Resolution 2024 - 125

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

WHEREAS, over 800 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer each year in Canada; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 330 children will be diagnosed with cancer before their 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the #1 cause of death by disease of Canadian children; and WHEREAS, there are over 200 types of childhood cancers not including subtypes and mutations; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer places a tremendous financial burden on families; and

WHEREAS, over 75% of childhood cancer survivors live with at least one chronic health condition and a third of these are severe or life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, little is known about what causes childhood cancer which limits the opportunities for prevention; and

WHEREAS, additional awareness and funding for childhood cancer is needed as only 5 cents from every research dollar goes toward childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, annually, September is officially recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by the Province of Ontario,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby proclaims September 1 to 30, 2024 as "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

9.5.2 Support for Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2024 - 126

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

WHEREAS employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

WHEREAS, the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

WHEREAS population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

WHEREAS the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocating 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies of this resolution be forwarded to: the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

9.5.3 Protection of Fitness Trail

Spokesperson: Councillor Ashford

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council directs staff to bring to the September 3, 2024 Council meeting a report and recommendation regarding protection of the Rotary & The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail from consideration as surplus land.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.3.1 Rural Economic Development Grant Funding Agreement

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Finance

By-law 2024 - 7440

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness regarding funding under the Rural Economic Development Program.

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

10.4.1 Construction Agreement with Contractors

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

By-law 2024 - 7441

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with W.S. Morgan Construction Limited, Aecom Canada Ltd., Vicwest Inc. and 1255539 Ontario Ltd., o/a Lonelm Construction Company

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

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2024 - 7442

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

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson