

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes September 17, 2024

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7:23 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, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara, Planning Administrative Assistant Meghan Morrison

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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 - 136

Moved by Councillor McDonald

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:

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes, (**Property Disposition**);

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (**Potential Code of Conduct Violations affecting the Town of Parry Sound**)

Carried

1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Presentations/Announcements

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.3.1 Mayor McGarvey requested that a resolution supporting Whitestone's resolution (item 4.3) regarding K-6 grades not part of Parry Sound High School be added to the agenda as item 9.5.3.

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda - N/A

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

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Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That the Council agenda for September 17, 2024 be approved as amended.

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 McDonald

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held September 3, 2024 be approved as amended with correction to the seconder for item 9.5.4.

Carried

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor McCann's inquiry regarding the Stockey Centre sign, CAO Clayton Harris reported that staff have been trying to get parts for the sign, and he'll follow-up to determine status.

3.2 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding how the content of retired Admin Assistant Ann Hurdman is being handled, Mr. Harris reported that Public Works administrative staff are assisting with cemetery duties

3.3 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding manholes and micro surfacing on Bowes St. Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza reported that he is awaiting on a date from the contractor to come back and will fix.

3.4 In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the elimination of the path in front of west side Church Street residents where roadwork is now being done and the potential loss of Canada Post deliveries to these residences, Director of Public Works

Mike Kearns responded that he can open discussions with Canada Post on access through the back lane and whether the loss of the path in front will be a limiting factor regarding postal delivery.

3.5 In response to Councillor Borneman's inquiry regarding the surfacing of the pathway in front of the west Church Street residences, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza reported that it will be asphalted.

3.6 In response to Councillor McDonald's inquiry regarding washrooms at the Town Dock, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that the washrooms are substandard, and the intention is to obtain a redesign and costing for the 2025 budget with work anticipated to be completed prior to the 2025 season.

3.7 In response to Councillor McDonald's inquiry regarding status of Seguin St. bridge repairs, Mr. Bonazza said that the project is going well and on schedule.

3.8 In response to Councillor Beleskey's inquiry regarding staff's experience with electric vehicles as part of the Town's fleet, Mr. Kearns reported that a report can come before Council after more time using the vehicles to provide a greater data set. Mr. Kearns also noted Lakeland Power has indicated that charging stations should be operational at the BOCC and Stockey Centre by the end of September.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Jen Norton, Parry Sound High School re: Appreciation for Town donation to school food program - filed

4.2 Linda West re: Concerns over proposed demolition of Waubuno Road Bridge - filed

4.3 Municipality of Whitestone re: Request School Board halt plan to put grades K-6 students into Parry Sound High School - see item 9.5.3

5. Deputations

5.1 Bill Mardimae, Gardens of Parry Sound, Seniors Apartments Development

Bil Mardimae addressed Council on the background of The Gardens construction history, noting that phase 1, being 70 retirement suites was constructed in 2013 and 35 suites were added in 2019. With additional demand for seniors housing, Mr. Mardimae reported that The Gardens is looking at expanding with 2 buildings of 30 and 40 apartment units each, one of which will require the Town's approximate 2 acre right of way adjacent to The Garden's property in order to build. Mr. Mardimae noted that he has spoken about the project with Town staff already and had a discussion with Canadore College about the possibility of assistance with respect to student housing.

In response to Councillor inquiries on potential next steps to transfer the requested property, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson reported that the disposal by-law requires a specific resolution by Council for a direct sale and that the discussion with Mr. Mardimae included potential conditions if staff were to make such a recommendation to Council. Mr. Thompson noted that this property was declared surplus in 2017, and was moving through a process for RFP for highest and best use; however, got postponed indefinitely when the pandemic hit.

Direction for Staff Follow-up

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council directs staff to provide a report and recommendation to Council on disposal of adjacent Town owned right of way property to The Gardens for seniors housing.

Carried

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

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

7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda

7.1 Request Integrity Commissioner Investigate Carling Council

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2024 - 137

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby authorize and direct staff to submit a request for inquiry for a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council of the Township of Carling to the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Carling, related to the conduct of Members of Council at the Township of Carling Meeting of Council held July 12th, 2024.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda - N/A

9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff

9.1.1 Adoption of Façade Improvement Guideline Document

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning

Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand and Geoff Christou of Cool Earth Architecture Inc. gave an overview of the proposed Façade Improvement Guidelines.

Resolution 2024 -138

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council adopt the Facade Improvement Guidelines Document attached as Schedule A.

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Resolution be postponed to the October 15th Council Meeting in order that the DBA can comment

Carried to Postpone

9.2.1 Update - Key Performance Objectives in Support of the Strategic Plan

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO; Senior Leadership Team, Administration

Resolution 2024 - 139

Moved by Councillor Keith Seconded by Councillor Ashford

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

Carried

9.2.2 Site Access Verification Form re EV Chargers on new Recreation Centre Site

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO

Resolution 2024 - 140

Moved by Councillor Ashford Seconded by Councillor Keith

That upon the request of the WPS Recreation & Cultural Centre Board, Council authorizes the Mayor & Clerk to execute the Site Access Verification Form attached as

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Schedule A allowing Lakeland Power to apply to Natural Resources Canada for funding which will help assist Lakeland Power to install EV Chargers on the facility site.

Carried

9.4.1 Aerial Boom Lift RFT

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

Resolution 2024 - 141

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council accepts the bid from Cisolift Distribution Inc for an Aerial Boom Lift in the amount of \$70,684.57, (excluding taxes), this being the lowest compliant bid of five bids received.

Carried

9.4.2 2024 Snow Removal Tender

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

Resolution 2024 - 142

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council accept the tender from Adams Brothers Construction Ltd. for snow removal on town streets during the 2024 fall & winter season and 2025 winter & spring season, including traffic control and labour costs to clear around infrastructure including tree pits and hydrants, as follows:

Tandem dump truck: \$ 98.00 per hour

Wheeled loader: \$108.00 per hour

Blower and control unit: \$108.00 per hour;

This bid being the lowest of three complete bids received.

Carried

9.4.3 NOHFC Rural Enhancement Playground Revitalization Program

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Resolution 2024 - 143

Moved by Councillor Ashford Seconded by Councillor Keith

That Council hereby approves the application to the NOHFC for the Playground Revitalization Program, for the funding amount of \$500,000; and

Further, that Council confirms the Town's commitment to cover the Town's contribution towards the project in the amount of \$249,800 from the 2024 Capital Budget and that the Town will cover any project overruns should they occur.

Carried

9.4.4 Playground Revitalization Program - Award Tender

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Resolution 2024 - 144

Moved by Councillor Keith Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council accept the quotation from CRCS Recreation for the Playground Revitalization Program in the amount of \$621,100.45 (excluding taxes), through the Canoe Procurement Process.

Carried

9.5.1 Proclaim National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Resolution 2024 - 145

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McDonald

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WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government declared September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as National Orange Shirt Day and established September 30th as an annual federal statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby recognize September 30th, 2024, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as National Orange Shirt Day.

Carried

9.5.2 Canada-Community Building Funds

Spokesperson: Councillor Keith

Resolution 2024 - 146

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

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And whereas the funding allocations are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year ;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The Town of Parry Sound has over \$369 million in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The Town's Asset Management Plan requires \$14.8 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$9.9 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Scott Aitchison, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland.

Carried

9.5.3 Support for Whitestone's call re: J-K not in PSHS

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

Resolution 2024 - 147

Moved by Councillor McDonald

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

THAT Council of The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby support the Municipality of Whitestone Resolution 2024-332 which calls for the Near North District School Board to a) immediately halt their plan to put Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6) elementary students into the Parry Sound High School, and b) revise their elementary school plan so that K-6 students already enrolled in McDougall Public School can remain, and students enrolled from Nobel Public School can be integrated into McDougall Public School; and

That if operating the McDougall Public School is not a viable long-term solution due to repairs that are required, the Near North District School Board immediately begin conversations with the Ministry of Education to seek capital improvement funding or to fund the build for a brand-new McDougall Public School on the same property; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Near North District School Board; Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Education; and Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.4.1 4-Sports Bobby Orr Community Ctr ProShop Agreement

Spokesperson: April McNamara, Manager of Parks & Recreation

By-law 2024 -7444

Being a By-law to authorize renewal of an agreement with 4-Sports Inc. for operation of a Pro-Shop at the Bobby Orr Community Centre for a three (3) year term.

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

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2024 - 7445

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

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

11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson