

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

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7:00 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, 6:15 PM Closed

Members Present

Mayor McGarvey, Councillor Ashford, Councillor Beleskey, Councillor Borneman, Councillor Keith, Councillor McCann, Councillor McDonald

Staff Present:

Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara, Manager of Revenue & Taxation Rob Beaumont, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza, Community Recreation Coordinator Jayme Young, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand

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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 - 190

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**);

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, (**Property Disposition; WPS Recreation & Cultural Centre and Belvedere Heights Loan Guarantees**).

Carried

1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Presentations/Announcements

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.4 Prioritization of Agenda

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Council agenda for December 3, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

1.6.1 Councillor Ashford declared pecuniary interest on item 9.2.2 as he has a financial interest in the property. Councillor Ashford left the room for the discussion and vote.

1.7 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McDonald

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held November 19, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Public Meeting - N/A

3. Questions of Staff

3.1 In response to Councillor Ashford's inquiry regarding any changes or work on clearing the Salt Dock in the absence of the salt pile, Director of Public Work Mike Kearns reported that staff are plowing Salt Dock Road and then moving through the Salt Dock area in a circular manner for a turn-around and that there seem to be no issues with this approach.

3.2 In response to Councillor McDonald's inquiry regarding an update on the Santa Claus parade, Manager of Parks & Recreation April McNamara reported that the parade originally scheduled for November 30th and cancelled because of the snow event, has been rescheduled to Saturday December 7 with thanks to the Downtown Business Association and volunteers for looking after logistics of the rescheduled event. Ms. McNamara noted that the parade will stage at Dunn's Storage and then travel on William, James and Bay Streets ending at the Stockey Centre.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Terry Fellner, President, Park to Park Trail Association - request for \$6,000; Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips confirmed that the \$6,000 amount has been sent to the Association.

4.2 Ministry of the Solicitor General - province offsetting OPP Cost increases for small and rural municipalities - filed

4.3 Shawn Boggs, Parry Sound Curling Club - request for support of NOHFC application to make Curling Club building accessible - see added item 9.5.3

4.4 Let's Make a Splash - Matching Campaign Fundraising for West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre - filed

5. Deputations - N/A

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Members of Council gave reports 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 Purchase of 2020 Mathieu MC210 Sweeper

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

Resolution 2024 - 191

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council accepts the quote from Cubex in the amount of \$145,000.00, excluding taxes and additional brushes.

Carried

9.2.1 Parry Sound Bikes' Request for Municipal Lands

Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning, Development & Protective Services

Resolution 2024 - 192

Moved by Councillor Borneman Seconded by Councillor McDonald

WHEREAS the Town has been approached by the owners of Parry Sound Bikes to acquire a portion of the road allowance and municipal property adjacent to their property;

AND WHEREAS Town staff have evaluated the Town's requirement for this property and have advised that a portion should be retained for snow removal operations;

AND WHEREAS the benefitting property is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, however additions to the lands would not affect the reasons for designation of this property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to proceed with the following:

1. Stopping up and closing a portion of the municipal road allowance on Mary Street and Gibson Street adjacent to Part of Market Square, Plan 2, being Part 1, Plan 42R-20686, less a minimum of 2 meters required for snow removal operations and storage; and
2. That staff begin the process of Stopping Up and Closing a portion of the Road Allowance along with an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the road allowance and other adjacent lands with the following provisions:
 - That the lands be formally appraised to help determine a fair sale price;

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- That the existing water infrastructure be recognized via an easement in favour of the Town of Parry Sound; and
- That all costs associated with the closing of the road allowance and processing of the sale of these lands be borne by the purchaser.

Carried

9.2.2 Change of Condition for Consent Application (B24-05 to 15) – Louisa St.

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning, Development & Protective Services

Solicitors Ed Veldboom, Ben Prichard

Resolution 2024 – 193

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

THAT Condition No. 5 of the Provision Consent for Applications B24-05 to B24-08 be changed so as to read:

5. That the applicant obtain and register a right of way from Louisa Street to the satisfaction of the Town of Parry Sound.

FURTHER, THAT the change of condition is considered to be minor so notice is not required pursuant to Section 53(24) of the Planning Act.

Carried

9.3.1 Accept Resignations from Committees of Council

Resolution 2024 - 194

Moved by Councillor Ashford

Seconded by Councillor Beleskey

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound accepts with regret, the resignation of Kathy Dyer from the Façade Improvement Committee, and the

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resignations of Doug Wilton and Tim Dunn from the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association; and

That Resolution 2022-157 appointing these members be so amended.

Carried

9.4.1 Financial Variance Report for First Three Quarters of 2024

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Resolution 2024 - 195

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council hereby receives and accepts the variance report for the first three quarters of 2024 as of September 30, 2024; and

That Council hereby approves the expenses for Council members for the period from January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.

Carried

9.4.2 General Insurance Renewal and Risk Management Services

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance / Treasurer

Resolution 2024 - 196

Moved by Councillor Beleskey

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council hereby approves the renewal of the Corporation's general insurance and risk management services with BFL Canada at the premium of up to \$723,935 plus tax for the one-year period ending December 15, 2025.

Carried

9.5.1 Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Spokesperson: Councillor McDonald

Resolution 2024 - 197

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Ashford

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby endorses Resolution 266-2024 of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay which requests that the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as “learn and stay” grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), to the Township of Terrace Bay and to Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith.

Carried

9.5.2 Resume the Assessment Cycle

Spokesperson: Councillor McDonald

Resolution 2024 - 198

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

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That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby endorses Resolution 2024/05/184 of the Municipality of Callander which requests that the assessment cycle be promptly resumed to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system; or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation; and

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), and to the Municipality of Callander.

Carried

9.5.3 Support for PS Curling Club Application to NOHFC

Resolution 2024 - 199

Moved by Councillor McDonald

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Parry Sound Curling club's funding application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and the Ontario Trillium Foundation for accessibility improvements to the Curling Club building.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1.1 Waste Connections Canada Curbside Waste & Recycling Contract extension

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

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By-law 2024 - 7457

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a one-year extension to the current service agreement with Waste Connections Canada for curbside waste and recycling collection.

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

10.2.1 911- Primary Public Safety Answering Point Svs. Agmt

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

By-law 2024 - 7458

Being a By-law to authorize the execution an agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Attorney General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PPSAP) services

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

10.4.1 2025 Interim Tax By-law

Spokesperson: Rob Beaumont, Manager Revenue & Taxation/Tax Collector, Finance.

By-law 2024 - 7459

Being a bylaw to provide for an interim tax levy, for the payment of taxes, and for penalty and interest at 1 1/4 percent per month for the 2025 taxation year.

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

10.5.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2024 - 7460

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

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

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11. Adjournment

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Clerk Rebecca Johnson