

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024

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## **Council Meeting Minutes - December 17, 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 McDonald

**Regrets:** Councillor Borneman

### **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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**Closed Meeting Resolution 2024 -**

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

**Resolution 2024 - 200**

**Moved by Councillor McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor McCann**

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:

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, **(appointment to the Downtown Business Association Board of Directors);**

f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, **(infrastructure servicing on private property);**

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, **(infrastructure servicing on private property);**

**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 McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That the Council agenda for December 17, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - N/A**

**1.7 Adoption of Minutes**

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**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor McDonald**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held December 3, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

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

## **3. Questions of Staff**

**3.1** In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA) 2024 Tony Brenner Mentor Award to April McNamara, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns confirmed that the award was made to Ms. McNamara virtually and he will find out when the award is to be provided in person and report back to Council.

**3.2** In response to Mayor McGarvey's inquiry regarding servicing and emergency response by Lakeland Power, Director of Development & Protective Services/Fire Chief Dave Thompson reported that there were two components to constructive conversations with Lakeland held last week, being preventative measures and reactive responses. Mr. Thompson reported that their program of pole replacement and other upgrades are preventative measures in attempting to reduce outages, and that their ability to disconnect remotely, to be activated once processes are in place, will be a means of responding to emergencies in the future.

## **4. Correspondence - N/A**

## **5. Deputations**

### **5.1 Nadine Hammond, Curator/Manager WPS District Museum**

From a prepared power point presentation, Curator/Manager Nadine Hammond of the West Parry Sound District Museum gave an overview of 2024 program highlights including displays on curling, legacy of the steamer Waubuno, reconnecting me to you - a project identifying individuals in photos, and people of the watershed - photos by John Macfie.

Ms. Hammond provided the 2025 budget and made a request of the Town for funding in the amount of \$47,000 being close to the 0.04% of the Town's property tax, being the formula for requests to municipalities as introduced last year.

In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding admissions by donation for 2024, Ms. Hammond indicated that she would follow-up with information for Council.

### **5.2 Selena Martens, CEO; Rola Fraser, Manager, Collections and Community Engagement PS Public Library**

From a prepared power point presentation circulated with the agenda, Parry Sound Public Library CEO Selena Martens and Manager of Collections & Community Engagement Rola Fraser gave an overview of the Library's programming highlights and services offered in 2024 and concluded with a request for 2025 funding from the Town of \$349,914.90, marking a 5% increase of \$16,662.61 over 2024.

In response to Councillor Keith's inquiry regarding a further breakdown of statistics, Ms. Martens noted that they will consider this for future years.

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

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

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

### **7.1 Appointment to DBA Board of Directors**

#### **Resolution 2024 - 201**

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

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound does hereby appoint Josh Mordan to the Downtown Business Association Board of Directors, and amends Board and Committees appointing Resolution 2022-157 accordingly.

**Carried**

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

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

### **9.2.1 Downtown Quality of Experience Team Preliminary Report**

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

#### **Resolution 2024 - 202**

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

That Council receive the report Downtown Quality of Experience Team Preliminary Report for information purposes; and further

That Staff include Cameras and Waste Receptacles in the 2025 Capital Budget for consideration and that Maintenance Items be addressed with the inclusion of funds in the 2025 Operational Budget for consideration; and further

That staff support the DBA Executive Director having discussions with the DBA membership to gain support for storefront camera installations and registering the location of the cameras with the OPP's Cam Safe program.

**Carried**

### **9.4.1 Belvedere Request for returned Reserve Funds to Participating Area Municipalities**

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

#### **Resolution 2024 - 203**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey                      Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

Whereas Council previously approved the transfer of \$61,684 received from Belvedere to a Long-Term Care Reserve for the purpose of assisting in offsetting any future levy increases with Resolution 2021-059; and

Whereas Council has received a request from Belvedere Heights to return those funds to go towards the architect and engineering costs for a 22 new private room addition.

Therefore, Council approves the return of \$61,684 to Belvedere Heights to be funded from the Town's Long-Term Care Reserve.

**Carried**

### **9.5.1 Fees for Use by Gas Utilities of Municipal Property**

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

#### **Resolution 2024 - 204**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford                      Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the attached Resolution from the City of Guelph regarding the ability of municipalities to charge gas utilities for the use of municipal property, including the following specific actions:

1. That the Province of Ontario amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
2. That Council supports in principle Bill 219, "*No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024*" tabled November 4, 2024 by MPP Mike Schreiner; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Paul Calandra, Minister of Energy & Electrification Stephen Lecce, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, and the City of Guelph.

**Carried**

## **10. By-laws**

### **10.1.1 Renaming a Section of Parry Sound Dr. as Connor Dr.**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

#### **By-law 2024 - 7462**

Being a By-law to Rename the Parry Sound Drive section from Halls Quarry Road to Joseph Street as Connor Drive

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

### **10.2.1 Deeming By-law - 21 Belvedere Ave (Belvedere Heights)**

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

#### **By-law 2024 - 7461**

Being a By-law to Deem Certain Lots in the Town of Parry Sound not to be a Part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision (Belvedere Heights - 21 Belvedere Ave)

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



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

#### **By-law 2024 - 7463**

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 8:12 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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Clerk Rebecca Johnson