



MINUTES
Regular Council

June 13, 2017
6:00pm
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Van Galen
Councillor Winter
Councillor Pope
Councillor Craigmile

Council Regrets: Councillor Osborne
Councillor Hainer

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk
Jim Brown, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jenna McCartney, Corporate Administrative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2017-06-13-01

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

No questions presented.

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5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Vacancy Rebate and Vacant or Excess Land Rate Reduction

Resolution 2017-06-13-02

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting be adjourned at 6:02pm to hold a public meeting; and,

THAT a Public Meeting to consider Vacancy Rebate and Vacant or Excess Land Rate Reduction be opened at 6:02pm.

CARRIED

Jim Brown introduced the Vacancy Rebate and Vacant or Excess Land Rate Reduction public meeting and highlighted comments from FIN 13-2017 report.

Mayor Strathdee invited comments from the public.

Ms. Julie Docker Johnson, 147 Queen Street East, on behalf of the Business Improvement Area of St. Marys stated the group is in favour of revoking the rebate and cited their preference for the Heritage Tax Rebate as a way to reward property owners who make a physical impact on their property.

Mr. Robert Sass, 254 Water Street South, stated he is in favour of current vacancy rebate program as he has benefited from the program since its inception. Mr. Sass stated that due to a change in zoning a number of years ago, the property is not deemed eligible for a building and as such the property sits vacant.

Mr. Sass expressed concern that his property is frequently used for parking purposes without permission by a number of parties.

Resolution 2017-06-13-03

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT this public meeting be adjourned at 6:24pm; and,

THAT the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting reconvene at 6:24pm.

CARRIED

5.2 Dr. Emily Kelly regarding Improvements to the Grand Trunk Trail at Wellington Street North

Dr. Emily Kelly spoke to the delegation material and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-04

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the presentation by Dr. Emily Kelly regarding Improvements to the Grand Trunk Trail at Wellington Street North be received; and,

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council regarding the history and rationale of the proposed extension of Wellington Street North; and,

THAT staff be directed to report back on the planned parkland dedication for the Thamescrest Farms Development; and,

THAT staff be directed to investigate implementing a formal forestry and tree management policy for the Town as recommended in the Town's Strategic Plan.

Amendment:

Resolution 2017-06-13-05

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT staff be directed to investigate the implementation of a Natural Heritage Designation for the Grand Trunk Trail.

CARRIED

Resolution 2017-06-13-04

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the presentation by Dr. Emily Kelly regarding Improvements to the Grand Trunk Trail at Wellington Street North be received; and,

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council regarding the history and rationale of the proposed extension of Wellington Street North; and,

THAT staff be directed to report back on the planned parkland dedication for the Thamescrest Farms Development; and,

THAT staff be directed to investigate implementing a formal forestry and tree management policy for the Town as recommended in the Town's Strategic Plan; and,

THAT staff be directed to investigate the implementation of a Natural Heritage Designation for the Grand Trunk Trail.

CARRIED

Council took a brief recess at 7:07pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 7:19pm.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - May 16, 2017

Resolution 2017-06-13-06

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the May 16, 2017 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk; and,

THAT Consent items 5.1 and 5.3 be raised for discussion.

CARRIED

6.1.1 COR 22-2017 Corporate Communications Plan

Resolution 2017-06-13-07

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT Council approves the Town of St. Marys Corporate Communications Plan; and,

THAT staff be directed to develop an implementation strategy for the Corporate Communications Plan with low, medium and high costs for implementation.

CARRIED

6.1.2 COR 23-2017 Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties

Councillor Pope asked when the information sessions would be conducted.

Brent Kittmer responded that it would be a blended approach with mixed times consistent with the recommendations of the Corporate Communications Plan.

Resolution 2017-06-13-08

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT staff be directed to begin the process of property owner notification and hosting of an information session regarding the proposed Properties of Cultural Heritage Value list and report back to Council.

CARRIED

6.2 Regular Council - May 23, 2017

Resolution 2017-06-13-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 23, 2017 regular Council meeting minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.3 Special Meeting of Council - May 30, 2017

Resolution 2017-06-13-10

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 30, 2017 special meeting of Council minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 United Way Perth Huron re: 2016 Corporate Gift

Resolution 2017-06-13-11

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from United Way of Perth and Huron regarding the 2016 corporate gift be received.

CARRIED

7.2 MP John Nater re: Bill C-45 Cannabis Act

Resolution 2017-06-13-12

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the correspondence from MP John Nater regarding Bill C-45, the Cannabis Act be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Chantal Lynch re: Quilt Squared

Resolution 2017-06-13-13

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from Chantal Lynch regarding Quilt Squared be received.

CARRIED

7.4 Avon Maitland District School Board re: Elected Municipal Representative Invitation

Resolution 2017-06-13-14

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the correspondence from Avon Maitland District School Board regarding the Elected Municipal Representative Invite be received.

CARRIED

7.5 Frank Krausz re: Grand Trunk Trail Nature Zoning

Resolution 2017-06-13-15

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from Mr. Frank Krausz be received and referred to staff for inclusion in the forthcoming report back on the Wellington Street North extension.

CARRIED

7.6 Municipality of Brockton re: Oppose Amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act

Resolution 2017-06-13-16

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the correspondence from the Municipality of Brockton regarding opposing the amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act be received; and,

THAT Council supports the Municipality of Brockton's resolution.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration and Human Resources

8.1.1 CAO 24-2017 Regional Long Term Care Bed Relocations

Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 24-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-17

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT CAO 24-2017 Regional Long Term Care Bed Relocations report be received; and,

THAT the Town of St. Marys supports a regional letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care opposing the transfer of licenced long term care beds from Hillside Manor.

CARRIED

8.2 Finance

8.2.1 FIN 13-2017 Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant / Excess Land Reductions

Jim Brown responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-18

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the Town of St. Marys utilize the flexibility afforded by the Province to phase out the Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant / Excess Land Subclasses for both the commercial and industrial classes; and,

THAT the rebate and discount percentages for the purposes of paragraphs 313 (1) and 364(2) 2, 3 shall be as follows: a) For the 2018 taxation year; 20 per cent for the commercial and industrial property class b) For the 2019 taxation year; 10 per cent for the commercial and industrial property class; and,

THAT the Town of St. Marys will no longer maintain programs to provide rebates of taxes in respect of vacant portions of properties or reductions in tax rates for vacant or excess properties for 2020 or any subsequent year.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 13-2017 Meals on Wheels Price Increase

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 13-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-19

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT Council receives report DCS 13- 2017 regarding the request to increase the current fee for hot Meals on Wheels; and,

THAT Council approves the fee for hot Meals On Wheels be increased from \$8.00 to \$8.75 effective July 1, 2017; and,

THAT Council approves By-law 52-2017 to establish the price increase and to amend By-law 11-2013.

CARRIED

8.3.2 DCS 14-2017 Declaration of Compliance for the South West Local Health Integration Network

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 14-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-20

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DCS 14-2017 Declaration of Compliance for the South West Local Health Integration Network be received; and,

THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk to sign the South West Local Health Integration Network Form of Declaration of Compliance for the reporting period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

CARRIED

8.4 Public Works

8.4.1 PW 31-2017 Authorize PTIF Funding Agreement

Brent Kittmer spoke to PW 31-2017 and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-21

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 31-2017 regarding the authorization of the PTIF Funding Agreement be received as information; and,

THAT By-law 51-2017 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund funding program be approved.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

9.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile

Councillor Craigmile spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-22

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 18, 2017 Bluewater Recycling Association Board of Directors meeting highlights be received.

CARRIED

9.1.2 Library Board - Coun. Osborne, Winter

Brent Kittmer in the role as the Interim Library CEO spoke to the recent Library Board meeting.

9.1.3 Municipal Liaison Committee - Mayor Strathdee, Coun. Winter

Councillor Winter stated the next meeting is August 17, 2017.

9.1.4 Perth District Health Unit - Coun. Osborne

Resolution 2017-06-13-23

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the April 19, 2017 Perth District Health Unit Board meeting minutes be received; and,

THAT the May 17, 2017 Perth District Health Unit Board meeting agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

9.1.5 Police Services Board - Mayor Strathdee, Coun. Van Galen

Councillor Van Galen spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-24

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the May 24, 2017 Police Services Board meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.1.6 Spruce Lodge Board - Coun. Pope, Van Galen

Councillors Van Galen and Pope spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-25

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the April 19, 2017 Spruce Lodge Board of Management meeting minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.1.7 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Resolution 2017-06-13-26

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the April 25, 2017 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors' meeting minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

9.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

Councillor Craigmile reported no recent meeting.

9.2.2 Business Improvement Area - Coun. Pope

Councillor Pope spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Pope introduced a recommendation from the BIA for the Town to consider no parking on Queen Street after 4:00pm for the Santa Claus Parade. A brief discussion followed with Staff recommending that parking would need to be blocked off beginning at 7:00am to ensure no cars would be parked on the road. Councillor Pope will provide this reply to the BIA.

Resolution 2017-06-13-27

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 8, 2017 Business Improvement Area meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.3 CBHFM - Coun. Hainer

Resolution 2017-06-13-28

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the February 24, 2017 Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Board meeting minutes be received; and,

THAT the March 24, 2017 Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Board meeting minutes be received; and,

THAT the April 28, 2017 Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Board meeting minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.4 Committee of Adjustment

Resolution 2017-06-13-29

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 17, 2017 Committee of Adjustment meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.5 Economic Development Committee - Coun. Pope

Councillor Pope spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-30

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the April 10, 2017 Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes be received; and,

THAT the May 29, 2017 Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.6 Heritage St. Marys - Coun. Pope

Councillor Pope spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-31

Moved By Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the May 13, 2017 Heritage St. Marys meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.7 Museum Board - Coun. Winter

Councillor Winter spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-32

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 18, 2017 St. Marys Museum Board meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.8 Planning Advisory Committee - Coun. Craigmile, Van Galen

Councillor Van Galen spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-33

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the May 15, 2017 Planning Advisory Committee meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.9 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee - Coun. Winter

Resolution 2017-06-13-34

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the May 8, 2017 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee meeting minutes be received; and,

THAT the May 29, 2017 Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.10 Senior Services Board - Coun. Craigmile

Councillor Craigmile spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-35

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the March 21, 2017 Senior Services Board meeting draft minutes be received; and,

THAT the April 18, 2017 Senior Services Board meeting draft minutes be received.

CARRIED

9.2.11 Huron Perth Healthcare Local Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

There was nothing to report.

9.2.12 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile

Councillor Craigmile stated that there has not been a recent meeting.

9.2.13 St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee - Coun. Craigmile, Mayor Strathdee

Councillor Craigmile spoke to the minutes and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2017-06-13-36

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT the May 16, 2017 St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee meeting draft minutes be received; and,

THAT the Charter of the St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee be received.

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Strathdee stated that he will be jumping into the quarry this weekend to open the new cliff dive.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Strathdee introduced the following notices of motions to be considered on June 27 and asked the respective movers to speak to the intent of their proposed motion.

11.1 Councillor Pope re: Charging of Fees for Public Parking Areas

Resolution

THAT staff be directed to research and report on a draft by-law that would ban pay parking in all zones which encompass health, social, educational and other uses.

11.2 Councillor Van Galen re:

Due to Councillor Van Galen's absence from the next Council meeting, Council agreed the following motion will be considered at the July 25, 2017 regular Council meeting.

Resolution

THAT the Town make an application to the Office of the Secretary of the Governor General to name the reconstructed Wellington Street Bridge the "Elizabeth Bridge" in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 By-Law 51-2017 Authorize an Agreement with the Province of Ontario

Resolution 2017-06-13-37

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT By-Law 51-2017, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign an agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund be read a first, second, and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

12.2 By-Law 52-2017 To Amend By-Law 11-2013 Fee's

Resolution 2017-06-13-38

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 52-2017, being a by-law to amend by-law 11 of 2013 Fee's be read a first, second, and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee presented the upcoming meetings as identified on the agenda.

14. CLOSED SESSION

None.

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2017-06-13-39

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Van Galen

THAT By-law 53-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting be read a first, second, and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2017-06-13-40

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pope

That this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:42p.m.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

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