



## **MINUTES Regular Council**

March 26, 2019  
6:00pm  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Craigmile  
Councillor Edney  
Councillor Pridham  
Councillor Winter

Council Regrets: Councillor Luna  
Councillor Hainer

Staff Present: Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk  
Richard Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief  
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development  
Jim Brown, Director of Finance / Treasurer  
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources  
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services  
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services  
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor

### **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**

Councillor Craigmile passed along his congratulation's to the St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Firefighter Peewee BB boys' team on their recent victory as OMHA champions.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-01**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** the March 26, 2019 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

Frank Doyle of St. Marys Independent inquired about the status of the water tower project.

Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development stated that the work on the tank has been completed and scaffolding will be dismantled in the coming days. The last phase involves repointing of the lower part of the tower. Work is expected to be complete in within the next two months.

**5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**5.1 Retirement presentation to Bev Tunks**

Mayor Strathdee brought forward congratulations on behalf of Council and thanked Bev Tunks for his years of service.

Grant Brouwer and Doug LaPointe spoke about Bev's contributions to the Town over the past years and thanked him for his years of service.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**6.1 Regular Council - March 12, 2019**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-02**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the March 12, 2019 regular Council minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Speical Meeting of Council - March 19, 2019**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-03**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** the March 19, 2019 special meeting of Council minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Modernization of Service Delivery**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-04**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding modernization of municipal service delivery be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Minister of Finance re: 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-05**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the correspondence from the Minister of Finance regarding the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Ministry of Infrastructure re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-06**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** the correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) allocation for 2019 be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-07**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** the correspondence from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) program for 2019 be received;

**THAT** Council approve the terms and conditions of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program agreement; and

**THAT** By-Law 42-2019 be passed to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Randy Pettapiece, MPP re: Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-08**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** the correspondence from Randy Pettapiece, MPP regarding the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.6 Perth District Health Unit re: Health Unit Merger**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-09**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** the correspondence from the Perth District Health Unit regarding the Health Unit merger with Huron County Health Unit be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.7 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority re: 2019 Budget**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-10**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the correspondence from Upper Thames River Conservation Authority regarding the 2019 budget be received.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 Public Works**

**8.1.1 PW 21-2019 March Monthly Report (Public Works)**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 21-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-11**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** PW 21-2019 March Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.2 PW 09-2019 Hydro One Easement Lands - Cemetery Hedge Agreement**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 09-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-12**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** PW 09-2019 Hydro One Easement Lands – Cemetery Hedge Agreement be received; and

**THAT** By-law 40-2019, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign an agreement with Hydro One Networks, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.3 PW 14-2019 Award for RFT-PW-03-2019 Pruning, Removal and Disposal of Trees 2019-2021**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 14-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-13**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** PW 14-2019 Award for RFT-PW-03-2019 Pruning, Removal and Disposal of Trees 2019-2021 be received; and,

**THAT** the procurement for RFT-PW-03-2019 Pruning, Removal and Disposal of Trees 2019-2021 be awarded to Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada Limited for the bid unit prices for a 3 crew tree removals at \$148.65 / hr, for a 2 crew pruning at \$119.48 / hr, and emergency call outs at \$167.27 / hr;

**THAT** By-Law 39-2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.1.4 PW 15-2019 Water System Summary Report for 2018**

Dave Blake spoke to PW 15-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-14**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** Council receive report PW 15-2019 Water System Summary Report for 2018 as information; and,

**THAT** Council acknowledges receipt of the 2018 annual summary report for the Town of St. Marys Water Supply and Distribution System.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.1.5 PW 16-2019 Wastewater Summary Report for 2018**

Dave Blake spoke to PW 16-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-15**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** PW 16-2019 Wastewater Summary Report for 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.1.6 PW 17-2019 Landfill Annual Monitoring Report for 2018**

Dave Blake spoke to PW 17-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-16**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** PW 17-2019 Landfill Annual Monitoring Report for 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Administration and Human Resources**

**8.2.1 CAO 29-2019 March Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources)**

Lisa Lawrence spoke to CAO 29-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-17**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** CAO 29-2019 March Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.2.2 CAO 30-2019 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Program Extension**

Jenna McCartney spoke to CAO 30-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-18**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** CAO 30-2019 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Program Extension be received;

**THAT** Council agree to the terms and conditions of the Amending Agreement No. 1 as presented; and

**THAT** By-Law 41-2019 be approved to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Corporate Services**

#### **8.3.1 COR 07-2019 March Monthly Report (Corporate Services)**

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 07-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-19**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** COR 07-2019 March Monthly Report (Corporate Services) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 Finance**

#### **8.4.1 FIN 05-2019 March Monthly Report (Finance) & Annual Director of Finance / Treasurer Reports**

Jim Brown spoke to FIN 05-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-20**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** FIN 05-2019 March Monthly Report (Finance) & Annual Director of Finance / Treasurer Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **8.5 Fire and Emergency Services**

#### **8.5.1 FD 05-2019 March Monthly Report (Emergency Services)**

Fire Chief Anderson spoke to FD 05-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** FD 05-2019 March Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.



**CARRIED**

**8.6 Community Services**

**8.6.1 DCS 07-2019 March Monthly Report (Community Services)**

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 07-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-22**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** DCS 07-2019 March Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 Building and Development Services**

**8.7.1 DEV 21-2019 March Monthly Report (Building and Development)**

Grant Brouwer spoke to DEV 21-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-23**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** DEV 21-2019 March Monthly Report (Building and Development) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.1 Council Discussion: Review Ongoing Process of Public Engagement for Aquatic Services**

Grant Brouwer spoke to the ongoing process of public engagement for aquatic services while explaining the steps taken to gather input from the public. Once all data has been collected and analyzed, it will be brought back to Council for further deliberation.

**9.2 VIA Rail Resolution**

Mayor Strathdee provided a summary of the VIA Rail resolution and stated that it was prepared by the All Aboard St. Marys delegation that came before Council on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

**Resolution 2019-03-26-24**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**Whereas** The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys supports the National Transportation Policy, being a declaration in Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states:

*It is declared that a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment and makes the best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest total cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians and enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are most likely to be achieved when:*

*(a) competition and market forces, both within and among the various modes of transportation, are the prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;*

*(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes that cannot be achieved satisfactorily by competition and market forces and do not unduly favour, or reduce the inherent advantages of, any particular mode of transportation;*

*(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;*

*(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and*

*(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system.*

**Whereas** The government of Canada has subsequently stated: “we are serious about climate change” and “smart investments in transit help connection communities .... We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future”;

**Whereas** Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building up transit to reduce congestion and connecting communities;

**Whereas** The Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

**Whereas** The frequency of VIA trains running on the North Main Line from Sarnia to London and from London through St. Marys/Stratford to Toronto has been reduced from 14 in 1977 to 4 today;

**Whereas** There is a need for balanced transportation with more people using transit and less using automobiles;

**Whereas** The changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

**Whereas** There is a need to visit tourist sites such as the Stratford Festival, The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum;

**Whereas** The annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

**Whereas** There are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

**Whereas** the Town of St. Marys requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

**Be It Resolved** That The Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys recommends to The government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability, ticket cost and speed of VIA rail service on the North Main Line in 2019.

**CARRIED**

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**11. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-25**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** By-Laws 39-2019, 40-2019, 41-2019 and 42-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**11.1 By-law 39-2019 Authorize an Agreement with Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada Ltd.**

**11.2 By-Law 40-2019 Authorize an Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**11.3 By-Law 41-2019 Authorize an Agreement with Ministry of Transportation for PTIF Extension**

**11.4 By-Law 42-2019 Authorize an Agreement with Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for CSPT program**

**12. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

Councillor Winter stated that he will join the April 30 meeting at 10:30am.

Staff confirmed that the budget meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 has been cancelled. Public consultation of the 2019 budget is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 during the regular Council meeting.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-26**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 43-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 26, 2019 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**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2019-03-26-27**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:35p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Al Strathdee, Mayor

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk