



MINUTES Regular Council

April 14, 2020

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)
Councillor Craigmile (videoconference)
Councillor Edney (videoconference)
Councillor Luna (videoconference)
Councillor Hainer (videoconference)
Councillor Pridham (videoconference)
Councillor Winter (in-person)

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

Conference Line

Grant Brouwer, Director of Planning and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. COVID-19 SCREENING

All present in Council Chambers completed the COVID-19 screening and replied no to all questions.

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Edney declared a conflict of interest for agenda item 6.1, St. Marys Business Improvement Area re: 2020 BIA budget.

4. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council paused for a moment of silence to honour the recent passing of Councillor Winter's son.

Resolution 2020-04-14-01

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the April 14, 2020 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

6. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.1 St. Marys Business Improvement Area re: 2020 BIA budget

Kyle Burnside, Treasurer of the St. Marys Business Improvement Area, spoke to the 2020 BIA budget and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-04-14-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the delegation from the St. Marys Business Improvement Area regarding the 2020 BIA Levy be received; and

THAT Council approve the 2020 BIA Levy; and

THAT the 2020 BIA Levy summarized in Schedule A to By-law 39-2020 be approved.

CARRIED

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

7.1 Regular Council - March 24, 2020

Resolution 2020-04-14-03

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the March 24, 2020 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7.2 Special Council - April 7, 2020

Resolution 2020-04-14-04

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the April 7, 2020 special Council meeting minutes be approved by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Randy Pettapiece, MPP re: Communication to Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Resolution 2020-04-14-05

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the correspondence from Randy Pettapiece, MPP, regarding communication with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Town of Midland re: Financial Aid Plan

Resolution 2020-04-14-06

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding direct payment of federal funds to municipalities be received.

CARRIED

8.3 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority re: 2020 Municipal Levy

Resolution 2020-04-14-07

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the correspondence from Upper Thames River Conservation Authority regarding the 2020 municipal levy be received; and

THAT further to the Town's resolution passed on December 3, 2019 that the 2020 UTRCA total municipal levy include no increases as directed by Minister Yurek on August 16, 2019; and

THAT the Town of St. Marys commence an appeal of the 2020 UTRCA levy to the Mining and Lands Tribunal as provided for in Section 27(8) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

CARRIED

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Building and Development Services

9.1.1 DEV 21-2020 Site Plan Agreement - 188 Queen Street West (Brahmani Inc.)

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 21-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-04-14-08

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT DEV 21-2020 Site Plan Agreement – 188 Queen Street West (Brahmani Inc.) report be received; and

THAT Council approve By-Law 40-2020 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Site Plan Agreement between the Town of St. Marys and Brahmani Inc.

CARRIED

9.2 Community Services

9.2.1 DCS 13-2020 National Volunteer Week

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 13-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-04-14-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DCS 13-2020 National Volunteer Week report be received for information; and

THAT Council proclaim the week of April 19 to 25th as National Volunteer Week in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

9.3 Finance

9.3.1 FIN 11-2020 Mobility Service One-Time Funding Request

André Morin presented FIN 11-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-04-14-10

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT FIN 11-2020 Mobility Service One-Time Funding Request report be received; and

THAT Council approve up to \$10,000, from the Provincial Gas Tax reserve fund, of one-time funding to St. Marys and Area Mobility Service for the purchase of a new accessible mini-bus.

CARRIED

9.3.2 FIN 12-2020 COVID-19 Community Financial Relief Options

André Morin presented FIN 12-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Council was in consensus that staff should further investigate options 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24 as presented in staff report FIN 12-2020.

Council was in consensus that options 4, 5, 10, 14, 15 should not be investigated at this time.

Council has considered options 20 and 21 during the delegation from the St. Marys Business Improvement Area.

Resolution 2020-04-14-11

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT FIN 12-2020 COVID-19 Community Financial Relief Options report be received; and

THAT Council defer the May 28, 2020 interim tax due date to June 30, 2020 for those unable to pay due to financial challenges caused by COVID-19; and

THAT Council eliminate the April 1, 2020 fee increases for childcare fees, ice rentals, and animal tags; and

THAT Council approve \$300,000 from the Tax Equalization reserve allocated to COVID-19 financial relief programs with a final report outlining the recommended incentives to be delivered on April 28, 2020.

CARRIED

9.4 CAO and Clerks

9.4.1 CAO 21-2020 COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Service Delivery Update and Enforcement Discussion

Brent Kittmer presented CAO 21-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-04-14-12

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT CAO 21-2020 COVID-19 Pandemic Response update be received for information; and

THAT Council not appoint municipal law enforcement officers to enforce Provincial Emergency Orders.

CARRIED

10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 Operational and Board Reports

Brent Kittmer provided an update on the current and planned meeting schedule for committees of Council.

Each Councillor reported on the minutes of recent Committee and Board meetings.

Resolution 2020-04-14-13

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.6 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.15 be received.

CARRIED

10.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile

10.1.2 Library Board - Coun. Craigmile, Edney, Mayor Strathdee

**10.1.3 Municipal Shared Services Committee - Mayor Strathdee,
Coun. Luna**

10.1.4 Huron Perth Public Health - Coun. Luna

10.1.5 Spruce Lodge Board - Coun. Luna, Pridham

10.1.6 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

10.2 Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

10.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

10.2.2 Business Improvement Area - Coun. Winter

10.2.3 CBHFM - Coun. Edney

10.2.4 Committee of Adjustment

**10.2.5 Community Policing Advisory Committee - Coun. Winter,
Mayor Strathdee**

10.2.6 Green Committee - Coun. Craigmile

10.2.7 Heritage Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

**10.2.8 Huron Perth Healthcare Local Advisory Committee - Coun.
Luna**

10.2.9 Museum Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

10.2.10 Planning Advisory Committee - Coun. Craigmile, Hainer

**10.2.11 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun.
Pridham**

10.2.12 Senior Services Advisory Committee - Coun. Winter

10.2.13 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile

**10.2.14 St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee -
Coun. Craigmile, Winter**

11. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

13. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2020-04-14-14

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Laws 39-2020 and 40-4040 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

13.1 By-Law 39-2020 BIA Tax Levy

13.2 By-Law 40-2020 Site Plan Agreement with Brahmani Inc.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2020-04-14-15

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 41-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of April 14, 2020 regular Council meeting be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2020-04-14-16

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk