



MINUTES Regular Council

August 25, 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
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

Conference Line
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Jeff Wolfe, Asset Management and Engineering Specialist
Ciaran Brennan, Recreation and Youth Services Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Strathdee acknowledged the recent heartbreaking tragedy that occurred at the St. Marys Quarry on August 23, 2020 and thanked all staff that have been involved in the search efforts for their commendable work. A moment of silence was given for the victim and his family.

Mayor Strathdee noted the amended agenda which was distributed on August 24, 2020 that included a closed session for the purpose of a proposed land acquisition matter.

Resolution 2020-08-25-01

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the August 25, 2020 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Mr. Frank Doyle of St. Marys Independent provided the following correspondence in advance of the meeting.

"A recent report on CBC said that only 9% of recycled plastics were actually recycled. It said the remainder were buried, burned or sent overseas to be dumped. What is the situation in St. Marys? How much of our recycling materials are recycled?"

Councillor Craigmile stated that all material being picked up by Bluewater Recycling Association continues to be sorted and processed.

Lori Black of the St. Marys Ringette Association provided the following correspondence in advance of the meeting.

"My name is Lori Black. I am the Ice Scheduler for St Marys Ringette, a parent and a taxpayer in the town of St. Marys.

I have some input with respect to the Return to Ice proposal.

The recommendation includes a 30 hours per pad guideline. If I forget that AAA Lakers, Jr B Lincolns and Ringette had that for ice in September, by the time you factor in our ice requests for October: 16 (ringette) + 45 (minor hockey) + 6 (Lincolns) and 9 (AAA Lakers) = 76 hours which exceeds the 60 hour threshold. Those numbers do not include Figure Skating at this point either.

So I guess my follow up question is "Why has a third option: Installing both ice pads, not been presented to council?". As all of the ice partners have school aged users, we will all be seeking the same prime time ice (outside the school hours) and it would seem impossible to generate a schedule that meets our commitment to ice without the second pad. I appreciate the fee adjustment that

allows for an increase from last year's fees but allows for less of a deficit and does not reflect the increase of an additional 50% once dressing rooms are available. That seems to be a compromise that reflects the needs of both parties. I would hope that the same creative thinking could be used to see everyone access the ice in a timely and safe fashion.

Under the cloud of COVID, with so many unknowns perhaps we should be thankful for the opportunity to get on the ice at all. On the other hand, if we can do more, safely, then shouldn't we advocate for that too?"

Mayor Strathdee stated that the reopening plan is a cautious attempt to bring users back into the facility and the Town is prepared to open the second ice pad when the demand is present. Staff will monitor sport organization's reopening guidelines, track the ice use demand and respond accordingly.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 St. Marys Youth Council re: Stay at Home Showcase

Sam Truax, Co-Chair of the St. Marys Youth Council, presented a report on the Stay at Home Showcase that was implemented by the Youth Council during the pandemic.

Resolution 2020-08-25-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the delegation from St. Marys Youth Council regarding the Stay at Home Showcase be received.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - July 21, 2020

Resolution 2020-08-25-03

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the July 21, 2020 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.2 Regular Council - July 28, 2020

Council noted that page 8 of the July 28, 2020 minutes should be amended to state that Councillor Winter's inquiry of changing the position of the proposed building should be in a north-south direction rather than an east-west direction.

Resolution 2020-08-25-04

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the July 28, 2020 regular Council meeting minutes be approved as amended by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.3 Strategic Priorities Committee - August 18, 2020

Page one of the minutes will be amended to include Councillor Hainer as being absent rather than present.

Resolution 2020-08-25-05

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the August 18, 2020 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk; and

THAT minute items 4.1 and 4.2 be raised for further discussion.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020-08-25-06

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council approve the following St. Marys Museum policies as presented:

Collections Management

Community

Conservation

Education and Outreach

Exhibition

Human Resources

Physical Plant; and

Research; and

THAT Council approves the St. Marys Museum Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020-08-25-07

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council direct staff to negotiate a service agreement with the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo Stratford Perth commencing January 1, 2021; and

THAT staff be directed to draft necessary changes to the animal control by-law pursuant to the needs of the service agreement and report back to Council at a future date.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Northridge Condominium Corporation re: 665 James Street North Proposed Development

Resolution 2020-08-25-08

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from Northridge Condominium Corporation regarding the 665 James Street North proposed development be received; and

THAT the correspondence be forwarded to staff for inclusion in the anticipated 665 James Street North proposed development report back to Council.

CARRIED

7.2 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Safe Restart Agreement

Resolution 2020-08-25-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Safe Restart Agreement be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Minister of Transportation re: Safe Restart Agreement

Resolution 2020-08-25-10

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Transportation regarding the Safe Restart Agreement be received.

CARRIED

7.4 Stratford and District Chamber of Commerce re: Canada United

Resolution 2020-08-25-11

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from the Stratford and District Chamber of Commerce regarding Canada United be received; and

THAT Council proclaims August 28 to 30, 2020 as the Canada United Weekend in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

7.5 Minister of Transportation re: Community Transportation Program

Resolution 2020-08-25-12

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Transportation regarding Community Transportation program be received.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Building and Development Services

8.1.1 DEV 53-2020 August Monthly Report (Building and Development)

Brent Kittmer, on behalf of Grant Brouwer, presented DEV 53-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-13

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 53-2020 August Monthly Report (Building and Development) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.1.2 DEV 54-2020 – Encroachment Agreement for 120 Church Street South, St. Marys (2398315 Ontario Limited)

Mark Stone presented DEV 54-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-14

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DEV 54-2020 Encroachment Agreement for 120 Church Street South, St. Marys (2398315 Ontario Limited) be received; and,

THAT Council approve By-law 73-2020 for an encroachment agreement with the property owner, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated agreement respecting 120 Church Street South, St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.2 Finance

8.2.1 FIN 26-2020 August Monthly Report (Finance)

André Morin presented FIN 26-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-15

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT FIN 26-2020 August Monthly Report (Finance) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.2 FIN 27-2020 Provincial Gas Tax Agreement

André Morin presented FIN 27-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-16

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT FIN 27-2020 Provincial Gas Tax report be received; and

THAT Council approve By-law 72-2020 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance/Treasurer to execute the Letter of Agreement for Provincial Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

CARRIED

8.2.3 FIN 28-2020 COVID-19 Financial Relief – August Update

André Morin presented FIN 28-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-17

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT FIN 28-2020 COVID-19 Financial Relief – August Update be received for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 20-2020 August Monthly Report (Community Services)

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 20-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-18

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT DCS 20-2020 August Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.3.2 DCS 21-2020 Pyramid Recreation Centre Reopening Plan

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 21-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-19

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DCS 21-2020 Pyramid Recreation Centre Reopening Plan report be received; and

THAT Council approve the following options as presented in staff report DCS 21-2020:

Option 1 for the Ice Operations;

Option 1 for Aquatics Operations;

Option 2 for Senior Services;

Option 1 for Recreation Services; and

Option 3 for Recreation Services to run the before and afterschool care should the Childcare centre not be able to offer it; and

THAT ice users be informed that the COVID hourly rate for ice rentals will be charged at a rate equivalent to the current adult rate of \$169.58 per hour (plus taxes) for the 2020/2021 ice season.

CARRIED

8.3.3 DCS 22-2020 Perth4Youth Final Report

Ciaran Brennan presented DCS 22-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-20

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT DCS 22-2020 Perth4Youth Final Report be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4 Fire and Emergency Services

Council took a brief recess at 8:26 pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 8:33 pm.

8.4.1 FD 08-2020 August Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

In Chief Anderson's absence, Brent Kittmer presented FD 08-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-21

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT FD 08-2020 August Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.5 Human Resources

8.5.1 HR 08-2020 August Monthly Report (Human Resources)

In the absence of Lisa Lawrence, Brent Kittmer presented HR 08-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-22

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT HR 08-2020 August Monthly Report (Human Resources) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6 Public Works

8.6.1 PW 54-2020 August Monthly Report (Public Works)

Jed Kelly presented PW 54-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-23

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 54-2020 August Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6.2 PW 50-2020 Landfill Cover Removal

Jed Kelly presented PW 50-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-24

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Report PW 50-2020 Landfill Cover Removal be received;
and

THAT Council approves landfill cover removal work up to a maximum value of \$25,000.00, to be billed on a time and material basis.

CARRIED

8.6.3 PW 51-2020 SCADA System Updates

Jed Kelly presented PW 51-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-25

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Report PW 51-2020, SCADA System Upgrades be received;
and

THAT Council approve the unbudgeted amount of \$37,400.00 + HST, to be funded from the Water and Wastewater Reserves; and

THAT a sole source to Ontario Clean Water Agency for the necessary SCADA System upgrades be approved.

CARRIED

8.6.4 PW 53-2020 Grand Trunk Trail Staircase Capital Project - Update

Jeff Wolfe presented PW 53-2020 report.

Resolution 2020-08-25-26

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT PW 53-2020 Grand Trunk Trail Staircase Capital Project – Update Report be received; and

THAT the Grand Trunk Trail Staircase remain open; and

THAT Staff are directed to monitor the wall and if sections of the wall fail to a point where they are 15% off-plumb, that those sections of the staircase be cordoned off; and

THAT the Town turn the Grand Trunk Trail Staircase into a Community Project and solicit monetary and in-kind donations from local community groups, contractors and individuals to help reduce the overall project budget; and

THAT the construction material be changed from steel to pressure treated wood.

CARRIED

8.7 CAO and Clerks

8.7.1 CAO 49-2020 August Monthly Report (CAO and Clerks)

Brent Kittmer and Jenna McCartney presented CAO 49-2020 report.

Council discussed the current ban on yard sales.

Resolution 2020-08-25-27

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council removes the previous ban on yard sales effective immediately.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020-08-25-28

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT CAO 49-2020 August Monthly Report (CAO and Clerks) be received for information.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

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

Resolution 2020-08-25-29

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.6 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.16 be received.

CARRIED

9.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile

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

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

9.1.4 Huron Perth Public Health - Coun. Luna

9.1.5 Spruce Lodge Board - Coun. Luna, Pridham

9.1.6 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

9.2 Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

9.2.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

9.2.2 Business Economic Support and Recovery Task Force

9.2.3 Business Improvement Area - Coun. Winter

9.2.4 CBHFM - Coun. Edney

9.2.5 Committee of Adjustment

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

9.2.7 Green Committee - Coun. Craigmile

9.2.8 Heritage Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

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

9.2.10 Museum Advisory Committee - Coun. Hainer

9.2.11 Planning Advisory Committee - Coun. Craigmile, Hainer

9.2.12 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

9.2.13 Senior Services Advisory Committee - Coun. Winter

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

9.2.16 Youth Council - Coun. Edney

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2020-08-25-30

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT By-Laws 72-2020 and 73-2020 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

**12.1 By-Law 72-2020 Authorize an Agreement with the Province of Ontario
for Provincial Gas Tax Funding**

**12.2 By-Law 73-2020 Authorize an Encroachment Agreement with
2398315 Ontario Ltd. for 120 Church Street South**

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda and made note that September 15, 2020 has been added to the schedule for the purpose of two public meetings related to planning applications.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2020-08-25-31

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 9:28 pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

14.1 CAO 50-2020 CONFIDENTIAL Proposed Acquisition of Land – Widder Street East

15. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2020-08-25-32

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council rise from a session that is closed at 9:47 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held where one matter related to a proposed land acquisition was considered. Staff were given direction in closed session. There is nothing further to report.

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2020-08-25-33

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT By-Law 74-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of August 25, 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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2020-08-25-34

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:49 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk