



MINUTES Regular Council

February 9, 2021

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Conference Line
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer

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

Resolution 2021-02-09-01

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 2021 Draft Budget for Public Engagement

Resolution 2021-02-09-02

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting be adjourned at 6:04 pm to hold a Public Meeting to discuss the draft 2021 municipal budget; and

THAT a Public Meeting to consider the draft 2021 municipal budget be open at 6:04 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee welcomed the public to tonight's 2021 draft budget public meeting and provided options for individuals to engage directly with Council by way of email and telephone.

André Morin presented the 2021 draft budget.

Mr. Morin stated that one person provided comment to him in advance of the meeting. Linda Harris provided that some individuals may not be able to attend a 6:00 pm public meeting due to commuting for work commitments.

Mr. Steve Lawton emailed the following three questions:

1. Are the water and wastewater increased shown within the residential tax burden the costs associated with the billing from Festival Hydro?
2. Can you outline the reason that the advertising and marketing budget item has increased by approximately \$17,000, or approximately 20%, and what benefits will be seen through that increase?
3. Is the Town happy with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority budget that was provided to Council during a previous meeting? The budget basically eliminated the majority of capital expenses which will no doubt impact the Town at some time in the future. As well the budget

indicated a reduction to operating costs although there is an overall increase in the costs to the Town.

In response to question #1, staff provided that the costs associated on the Festival Hydro billing are the water and wastewater fees referenced within the residential tax burden.

In response to question #2, staff stated that much of the advertising and marketing budget increase is related to advertising during the pandemic to support business and downtown recovery.

In response to question #3, Mayor Strathdee stated that the Town has advocated to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to review its operations seeking efficiencies similar to the requirements imposed upon municipalities. Mayor Strathdee stated that there is a possibility of further adjustments required of all conservation authorities due to amendments to applicable legislation.

Resolution 2021-02-09-03

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT this Public Meeting be adjourned at 6:47 pm; and

THAT the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting reconvene at 6:47 pm.

Resolution 2021-02-09-04

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT staff be directed to prepare the budget by-law for consideration at the February 23, 2021 regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Special Council - January 12, 2021

Resolution 2021-02-09-05

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the January 12, 2021 special Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.2 Special Council - January 19, 2021

Resolution 2021-02-09-06

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the January 19, 2021 special Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.3 Regular Council - January 26, 2021

Resolution 2021-02-09-07

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the January 26, 2021 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

Resolution 2021-02-09-08

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel regarding clarification of information about aggregate be received.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

**8.1.1 ADMIN 04-2021 Review of Climate Change Coordinator
Contract Renewal**

Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 04-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-09-09

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT ADMIN 04-2021 Review of Climate Change Coordinator Contract Extension report be received; and

THAT Council authorize the CAO to execute an updated Local Partnership Agreement with the Municipality of West Perth, Township of Perth East, Township of Perth South, Municipality of North Perth, County of Perth, Town of St. Marys and City of Stratford for the shared services of the Climate Change Coordinator for the period of March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with an option for the potential for extension in 2022.

CARRIED

8.1.2 ADMIN 05-2021 Draft MOU with Family Services Perth Huron for a Community Development and Support Worker

Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 05-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-09-10

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT ADMIN 05-2020 regarding a memorandum of understanding with Family Services Perth Huron be received; and

THAT Council approves the memorandum of understanding with Family Services Perth Huron.

CARRIED

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 COR 08-2021 Strong as Stone Recognition Program

Andrea Macko presented COR 08-2021 report.

Councillor Craigmile nominated Councillor Pridham to sit at the Council representative on the ad-hoc review committee and Councillor Hainer seconded the nomination. Councillor Pridham accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were made.

Resolution 2021-02-09-11

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 08-2021 Strong as Stone Recognition Program report be received; and

THAT Council approve the “Strong As Stone” recognition program in principle, and to allow it to continue for the foreseeable course of the pandemic; and

THAT Council appoint the following people to the review committee:

Mayor Al Strathdee

Councillor Pridham

Jenny Mikita, Senior Services Supervisor

Andrea Macko, Events Coordinator

CARRIED

8.3 Public Works

8.3.1 PW 07-2021 Elizabeth St. and Waterloo St. Reconstruction Tender Award

Jed Kelly presented PW 07-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-09-12

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 07-2021 Elizabeth St. and Waterloo St. Reconstruction Tender Award report be received; and,

THAT the tender for the reconstruction of Elizabeth St. and Waterloo St. be awarded to McCann Redi-Mix Inc. for the bid price of \$971,623.02, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

THAT Council consider By-Law 11-2021 and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

CARRIED

8.3.2 PW 08-2021 Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Program Delivery Review

Jed Kelly presented PW 08-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-09-13

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT PW 08-2021, Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Program Delivery Review be received; and

THAT Council authorize staff to amend the service delivery related to Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Collection to event days and to discontinue operation of the collection and storage depot at the St. Marys landfill site.

CARRIED

8.3.3 PW 09-2021 Asphalt Resurfacing Contract

Jed Kelly presented PW 09-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-09-14

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 09-2021 Asphalt Resurfacing Contract report be received; and

THAT the Town's 2021 asphalt resurfacing work be awarded to Brantco Construction as an extension of the 2020 asphalt resurfacing contract; and

THAT Council consider By-law 13-2021 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Each Councillor presented an update on recent meetings of Committee's and Boards.

Resolution 2021-02-09-15

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

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

CARRIED

- 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 - Mayor Strathdee, Coun. Edney
 - 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. Pridham
 - 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
 - 9.2.14 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile
 - 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 2021-02-09-16

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Laws 11-2021, 12-2021 and 13, 2021 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 11-2021 Agreement with McCann Redi-Mix Inc.

12.2 By-Law 12-2021 Repeal By-law 102-2020

12.3 By-Law 13-2021 Agreement with Brantco Construction

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council took a brief break at 8:11 pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 8:20 pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2021-02-09-17

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 8:20 pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

14.1 Minutes - CLOSED SESSION

14.2 PW 05-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Public Works Mutual Aid – Winter Maintenance

15. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2021-02-09-18

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council rise from a closed session at 8:40 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held, and one matter was discussed. Council will now consider a related resolution.

Resolution 2021-02-09-19

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council approves the Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Perth, its four lower tier municipalities (West Perth, North Perth, Perth East and Perth South), and the Town of St. Marys; and

THAT Council consider By-Law 14-2021 regarding the agreement and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented.

CARRIED

15.1 By-Law 14-2021 Agreement with County of Perth, West Perth, North Perth, Perth East and Perth South

Resolution 2021-02-09-20

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT By-Law 14-2021 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a mutual aid agreement 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. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2021-02-09-21

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 15-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of February 9, 2021 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 2021-02-09-22

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourns at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED

Al Stratheed, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk