



MINUTES Regular Council

February 23, 2021

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)
Councillor Craigmile (videoconference)
Councillor Edney (in-person)
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
Andy Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
Sarah Andrews, Library CEO
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Doug LaPointe, Operations 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

Councillor Hainer requested that agenda item 7.1 regarding correspondence from the Township of Baldwin be moved to follow agenda item 8.5.1 so that the Fire Chief may speak to the subject.

Resolution 2021-02-23-01

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the February 23, 2021 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Spencer Seymour of the St. Marys Independent provided the following question in advance of the meeting.

1. The Federal government recently unveiled a string of new gun control measures, including a promise to back up municipalities that introduced by-laws on the possession, storage, or transportation of firearms. Does the Town have any plans to consider such legislation?

Mayor Strathdee replied that as the legislation is new there has been no plan to bring the subject forward at the current time. Mayor Strathdee noted that the Town has an existing by-law on the books that prohibits the use of firearms in the Town.

Frank Doyle of the St. Marys Independent provided two questions in advance of the meeting.

1. How does this year's budget amount for policing compare to the last year the Town had the OPP?

Brent Kittmer stated that the final cost for policing in 2020 was \$1,060,902 which included the introduction of the park patrol program. In 2021 the budgeted cost of policing is \$1,088,294 including park patrol. In 2017, the final cost for policing with the Ontario Provincial Police was \$1,155,089.

2. What amount for legal fees has been budgeted for LPAT hearings this year?

Mr. Kittmer stated that the Town has not increased the budget for legal fees in 2021 as staff's position is to maintain the budget year to year and to fund any large variances for appeals from reserve. Mr. Kittmer stated staff's expectation for legal fees to be incurred for the LPAT appeal for 151 Water Street South will be between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Mr. Kittmer stated that staff's expectation for legal fees related to the 665 James Street North LPAT appeal will be between \$40,000 and \$75,000.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

None.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council - February 9, 2021

Resolution 2021-02-23-02

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the February 9, 2021 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 07-2021 February Monthly Report (Administration)

Jenna McCartney and Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 07-2021 report. In addition to the prepared staff report, Mr. Kittmer presented Council with information regarding confirmed user needs for ice and explained the timeline in which staff can have ice ready should Council approve the installation of such.

Resolution 2021-02-23-03

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council direct staff to begin the installation of both ice pads at the Pyramid Recreation Centre as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-02-23-04

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT ADMIN 07-2021 February Monthly Report (Administration) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Building and Development Services

8.2.1 DEV 06-2021 February Monthly Report (Building and Development Services)

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 06-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-05

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT DEV 06-2021 February Monthly Report (Building and Development Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.2 DEV 07-2021 - Application for Part Lot Control - Lot 10, Registered Plan 44M-70 Meadowridge Subdivision (Phase 2), Town of St. Marys

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 07-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-06

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT DEV 07-2021 regarding the Application for Part Lot Control for Lot 10 of the Meadowridge subdivision (Phase 2) be received; and,

THAT Council consider By-law 19-2021 affecting Lot 10, Registered Plan No. 44M-70 for a one-year period, ending February 23, 2022.

CARRIED

8.2.3 DEV 08-2021 - Application for Part Lot Control - Lot 20, Registered Plan 44M-70 Meadowridge Subdivision (Phase 2), Town of St. Marys

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 08-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-07

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DEV 08-2021 regarding the Application for Part Lot Control for Lot 20 of the Meadowridge subdivision (Phase 2) be received; and,

THAT Council consider By-law 21-2021 affecting Lot 20, Registered Plan No. 44M-70 for a one-year period, ending February 23, 2022.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 05-2021 February Monthly Report (Community Services)

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 05-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-08

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DCS 05-2021 February Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.3.2 DCS 06-2021 PRC Lighting Upgrade

Doug LaPointe presented DCS 06-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-09

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DCS 06-2021 PRC Lighting Upgrade report be received; and

THAT Council approve a sole source procurement to Douglas Electric to complete the PRC lighting upgrades project carried over from 2020.

CARRIED

8.4 Corporate Services

8.4.1 COR 12-2021 February Monthly Report (Corporate Services)

André Morin presented COR 12-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-10

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT COR 12-2021 February Monthly Report (Corporate Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4.2 COR 13-2021 Adoption of 2021 Budget

André Morin presented COR 13-2021 report.

Councillor Winter requested a recorded vote for resolution 2021-02-23-11

Resolution 2021-02-23-11

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 13-2021 Adoption of 2021 Budget report be received; and

THAT the 2021 Operating and Capital budget, representing a total 2021 tax levy of \$12,799,710, be approved; and

THAT Council consider By-law 16-2021, being a by-law to approve the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget.

Support (7): Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Craigmile, Councillor Edney, Councillor Luna, Councillor Hainer, Councillor Pridham, and Councillor Winter

CARRIED

8.4.3 COR 14-2021 Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Agreement

André Morin presented COR 14-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-12

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT COR 14-2021 Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Agreement report be received; and

THAT consider By-law 17-2021 and approve the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Transfer Payment Agreement for Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning funding.

CARRIED

8.5 Fire and Emergency Services

8.5.1 FD 02-2021 February Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

Chief Anderson presented FD 02-2021 report.

During Chief Anderson's report, he addressed the correspondence provided in the agenda related to the Township of Baldwin's request for the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing the Ontario Fire College.

Resolution 2021-02-23-13

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT FD 02-2021 February Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Township of Baldwin re: Request to Province of Ontario to Reconsider Closing Ontario Fire College

Resolution 2021-02-23-14

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Baldwin regarding a request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing Ontario Fire College be received; and

THAT Council support the resolution from the Township of Baldwin regarding the closure of Ontario Fire College.

CARRIED

8.6 Human Resources

8.6.1 HR 03-2021 February Monthly Report (Human Resources)

Lisa Lawrence presented HR 03-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-15

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT HR 03-2021 February Monthly Report (Human Resources) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.7 Public Works

8.7.1 PW 14-2021 February Monthly Report (Public Works)

Jed Kelly presented PW 14-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-16

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 14-2021 February Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.7.2 PW 10-2021 Downtown Street Patios and Sidewalk Displays

Jed Kelly presented PW 10-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-17

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT PW 10-2021 Downtown Street Patios and Sidewalk Displays report be received; and

THAT Council delegate the authority to the Public Works Department to review and approve applications for downtown street patios using the criteria outlined in PW 10-2021; and

THAT staff bring forward a policy for permitting downtown street patios & sidewalk displays for the 2022 season.

CARRIED

8.7.3 PW 11-2021 Source Water Protection Services Agreement

Jed Kelly presented PW 11-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-18

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT report PW 11-2021, Source Water Protection Services Agreement, be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 20-2021 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated agreement amendments for continued source water protection services with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority through December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

8.7.4 PW 12-2021 Tender Award for Well Inspection and Maintenance Program

Jed Kelly presented PW 12-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-02-23-19

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Report PW 12-2021, Tender Award for Well Inspection and Maintenance Program, be received; and,

THAT the procurement for the well inspection services be awarded to International Water Supply Ltd. for the procured price of \$63,573.80, inclusive of all taxes; and,

THAT Council consider By-Law 18-2021 and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

CARRIED

9. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2021-02-23-20

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT By-Laws 16-2021, 17-2021, 18-2021, 19-2021, 20-2021 and 21-2021 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

11.1 By-Law 16-2021 Adopt 2021 Tax Levy

11.2 By-Law 17-2021 Agreement with the Minister of Transportation

11.3 By-Law 18-2021 Agreement with International Water Supply Ltd.

11.4 By-Law 19-2021 Part Lot Control Exemption Lot 10 Plan 44M-70 (Otten)

11.5 By-Law 20-2021 Agreement Amendment with Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

11.6 By-Law 21-2021 Part Lot Control Exemption Lot 20 Plan 44M-70 (Bickell)

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

13. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2021-02-23-21

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT By-Law 22-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of February 23, 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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-02-23-22

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourns at 8:04 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk