



MINUTES Regular Council

March 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
Sarah Andrews, Library CEO
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

Councillor Edney requested that the agenda be amended to include item 10.1, National Day of Observance.

Councillor Craigmile requested that agenda item 10.2, COVID vaccine booking update, be added to the agenda.

Resolution 2021-03-09-01

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the March 9, 2021 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

In advance of the meeting, the following question was submitted by Paul Payette of Thamesview Crescent, St. Marys.

With the construction of houses on Emily Street, there has become a drainage problem on the north side of the trestle underpass. In the winter there have been many days where the roadway is iced over due to runoff from the area of the new builds. The surrounding roads will be clear of snow and ice. This causes a hazard for road users especially under the trestle. My question is, is this being addressed for remediation.

In response to Mr. Payette's question, Jed Kelly stated that at times when the roadway experiences additional runoff is aligned with times when debris litters the gutter. Town staff are aware of the situation and monitor it closely.

In advance of the meeting, the following questions were submitted by Frank Doyle of St. Marys Independent.

1. I know Mayor Strathdee has been working on the Service Ontario situation. What seems to be the main stumbling block in not finding someone to run it?
2. Is the Town working with the Health Unit as far as location(s) for vaccinations or is it the Health Unit who decides on the whole process? Will the Town be updating the latest developments either by press releases or the website or both?

In response to Mr. Doyle's first question, Mayor Strathdee stated that he has correspondence with the Province related to acquiring a service provider, but there have been no commitments to date. There may be an answer from the province coming later in March.

In response to Mr. Doyle's second question, Brent Kittmer stated that the Town's Community Emergency Management Coordinator has been advocating for St. Marys to be the location for vaccine clinics and has worked with Huron Perth

Public Health to coordinate the first clinic last Friday, March 5. Staff are anticipating future dates with more information to follow once know.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 #StrongAsStone Recognition

Council acknowledged the following #StrongAsStone nominees and thanked them for their contribution to the community:

- Missy Little and Gunther
- Monica, Dayna and Alice Hinz
- Julie Docker - Johnson
- The Widder Street Noisemakers (Julie Docker - Johnson, Jo-Anne and Alan Lounds, Dianne and Casey Downing, Brian Boyd, Deb Fletcher, Harold Levy and Tim O'Connor)
- Ted Mahoney
- Christa Royal

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - February 16, 2021

Resolution 2021-03-09-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the February 16, 2021 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Developer Roundtable

Resolution 2021-03-09-03

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT staff report back to Council with solutions for the gaps identified during the Developer Round Table with Council.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Business Grant Reconsiderations

Resolution 2021-03-09-04

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT a further \$4,400 be allocated to the Town business grant program (intake 1), for a total of \$54,400.

CARRIED

6.2 Regular Council - February 23, 2021

Resolution 2021-03-09-05

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the February 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Township of Perth South re: Working Groups to Better Focus Conservation Authorities

Resolution 2021-03-09-06

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Perth South regarding working groups to better focus conservation authorities be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program

Resolution 2021-03-09-07

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Treasurer to sign and return the correspondence to the applicable ministry.

CARRIED

7.3 Minister of Transportation re: Safe Restart Agreement Funding Phase 3

Resolution 2021-03-09-08

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of Transportation regarding the Safe Restart Agreement Funding Phase 3 be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Treasurer to sign and return the correspondence to the applicable ministry.

CARRIED

7.4 Fire Marshal re: Fire Training

Resolution 2021-03-09-09

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the correspondence from the Fire Marshal regarding fire training be received.

CARRIED

7.5 Rob Staffen re: Pyramid Recreation Centre Sports Wall of Fame

Resolution 2021-03-09-10

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from Rob Staffen regarding the Pyramid Recreation Centre Sports Wall of Fame be received; and

THAT Council refer the proposal for a Pyramid Recreation Centre “Wall of Fame” to the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 08-2021 Youth Council Terms of Reference

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 08-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-03-09-11

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT ADMIN 08-2021 Youth Council Terms of Reference report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-Law 23-2021 for the establishment of the Youth Council for the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.2 Community Services

8.2.1 DCS 07-2021 Municipal Register of Non-Designated Heritage Properties Update

Amy Cubberley presented DCS 07-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-03-09-12

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT DCS 07-2021 Municipal Register of Non-Designated Heritage Properties Update be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to add the following properties to the Municipal Register of Non-Designated Heritage Properties:

- 524 Elgin Street West
- 99 Water Street North
- 100 Wellington Street North
- 145 Church Street North
- 158 King Street North
- 202 Widder Street East
- 24 Robinson Street

- 140 Emily Street
- 81 Wellington Street North
- 338 Elizabeth Street
- 403 Queen Street East
- 164 Wellington Street South; and

THAT Council consider By-law 27-2021, being a by-law to amend 13-2018 that established the list of non-designated properties of cultural heritage value.

CARRIED

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 COR 15-2021 Business Grants – Phase 2

André Morin presented COR 15-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-03-09-13

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT COR 15-2021 Business Grants – Phase 2 report be received; and

THAT Council confirm the following members of the selection committee for the Business Grant – Phase 2:

Councillor Tony Winter

Andre Morin, Director of Corporate Services

Kelly Deeks-Johnson, Tourism and Economic Development Manager

Amy Cubberley, Cultural Services Supervisor

Councillor Jim Craigmile

CARRIED

8.4 Public Works

8.4.1 PW 17-2021 Flower Watering Contract for 2021

Jed Kelly presented PW 17-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-03-09-14

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT PW 17-2021 Flower Watering Contract for 2021 be received;
and

THAT Council approve a one-year contract extension with St. Marys Landscaping Ltd. to water Town flower beds, urns and hanging baskets for 2021 as per Attachment A; and,

THAT Council consider By-law 25-2021 for the contract extension 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 2021-03-09-15

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 - 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

10.1 National Day of Observance - March 11

Councillor Edney stated that the Prime Minister has recognized March 11, 2021 to be a National Day of Observance to commemorate the more than 22,000 Canadians who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

Council requested that staff communicate with the public that the Church Street Library stairs be available as a place to lay items.

Resolution 2021-03-09-16

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council hereby recognizes Thursday, March 11, 2021 as the National Day of Observance in the Town of St. Marys to commemorate the more than 22,000 Canadians who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

CARRIED

10.2 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Stephanie Ische stated that the Community Services department in conjunction with the Public Library are supporting Huron Perth Public Health with vaccine clinic bookings. Ms. Ische stated that St. Marys has opened a call center available to the public should there be a need for assistance with booking a vaccine clinic appointment.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2021-03-09-17

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT By-Laws 23-2021, 25-2021, 26-2021 and 27-2021 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 23-2021 Amend By-Law 72-2019 Establishing Boards and Committees of Council

12.2 By-Law 25-2021 Agreement with St. Marys Landscaping Ltd.

12.3 By-Law 26-2021 Authorize Restrictive Covenant and Option to Purchase for 481 Water Street South

12.4 By-Law 27-2021 To amend 13-2018 that established the non-designated heritage properties

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council took a brief break at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 7:42 pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2021-03-09-18

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 7:42 pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board, (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

14.1 Minutes - CLOSED SESSION

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 City of Stratford re: Dispatch Services

14.3 ADMIN 09-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Appointment to Committee of Council

14.4 ADMIN 10-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Request to Purchase Town Owned Land

15. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2021-03-09-19

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council rise from a closed session at 8:12 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held with three matters being discussed. Staff was given direction related to the request to purchase town owned lands.

Council will now consider a resolution related to the youth council appointment.

15.1 By-Law 24-2021 Appointment to the Youth Council

Resolution 2021-03-09-20

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT By-Law 24-2021 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

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2021-03-09-21

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 28-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of March 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 2021-03-09-22

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourns at 8:14 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk