



MINUTES Regular Council

August 24, 2021

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

- Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)
Councillor Craigmile (video conference)
Councillor Edney (video conference)
Councillor Hainer (video conference)
Councillor Luna (video conference)
Councillor Pridham (video conference)
Councillor Winter (in-person)
- Council Regrets: Councillor Hainer
Councillor Luna
- Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
- Conference Line**
Andy Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Mark Stone, Planner
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor
Morgan Dykstra, Public Works and Planning Coordinator

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 2021-08-24-01

Moved By Councillor Pridham
Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the August 24, 2021 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

In advance of the meeting Frank Doyle of St. Marys Independent provided the following questions.

1. Has the the Town considered mandating vaccines for staff? If yes, would that include volunteers?
2. What is the latest on the Service Ontario office?
3. Has there been any progress on the long-term care beds that were previously approved for Kingsway?

In response to question 1, Brent Kittmer stated that in response to a medical directive released from the Province of Ontario, the Town will need to create a vaccine policy for a number of staff including volunteers.

In response to question 2, Mr. Kittmer stated that the Service Ontario office in St. Marys is tentatively scheduled to be open to the public on October 18, 2021.

In response to question 3, Mr. Kittmer stated that the Town has held preliminary discussions with the property owner and is waiting for the applicable planning application to be submitted to the Town.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Moms Stop the Harm re: International Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation for August 31, 2021

Anna Maria Iredale presented her personal story and explained her involvement with Moms Stop the Harm the supports International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31.

Resolution 2021-08-24-02

Moved By Councillor Edney
Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the delegation from Moms Stop the Harm regarding International Overdose Awareness Day proclamation for August 31, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-08-24-03

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Edney

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Marys affirms and acknowledges the harm and hardship caused by drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdoses and ending substance use related stigma, harms and deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which claimed the lives of 8 loved ones in 2020, with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdoses are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our friends and neighbours, and that they are deserving of our love, compassion and support; and

THEREFORE, the Town of St. Marys hereby proclaims August 31st, 2021 as Overdose Awareness Day in St. Marys.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council - July 27, 2021

Resolution 2021-08-24-04

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the July 27, 2021 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 CN re: Rail Safety Week 2021

Resolution 2021-08-24-05

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

THAT it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

THAT Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

THAT CN has requested Town Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality; and

THAT it is hereby resolved to support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 Perth County Federation of Agriculture re: Opposition to Municipal Zoning Orders

Resolution 2021-08-24-06

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from the Perth County Federation of Agriculture regarding opposition to municipal zoning orders be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Ontario Land Tribunals re: Notice of Withdrawal for PL200481 Appeal of 665 James Street North

Resolution 2021-08-24-07

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from Ontario Land Tribunals regarding the notice to withdrawal for PL200481 Appeal of 665 James Street North be received.

CARRIED

7.4 St. Marys Terry Fox Run re: Raising Flag in St. Marys

Resolution 2021-08-24-08

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the correspondence from the St. Marys Terry Fox Run organizers be received.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-08-24-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

WHEREAS, On April 12, 1980, Terry Fox undertook his Marathon of Hope, moved by his experience in the cancer ward where a few children had given up on the hope of a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario now observes the second Sunday after Labour Day as Terry Fox Day; and

WHEREAS, 2021 is the 41st Anniversary of The Terry Fox Run for Cancer research that has raised more the \$850 Million, across Canada, and in over 50 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, As Terry said, "I want to set an example that will never be forgotten. It's got to keep going without me."; and

WHEREAS, the Terry Fox Run is inspired by a dream, grounded in tradition and entirely volunteer driven, with events held annually around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021 in a virtual format: "One Day. Your Way." This event gives our St. Marys Community an opportunity to get involved in the efforts to find a cure for cancer, a disease whose devastating effects have been felt by so many people. As Terry said, "The answer is to try and help others."; and

THEREFORE, Council for The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys, does hereby proclaim the week of **September 13 to September 19, 2021** as "**Terry Fox Week**" in the Town of St. Marys and encourage citizens to take note of this special week and to participate in the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

CARRIED

7.5 Marlene Poirier re: Open Air Burn By-law

Resolution 2021-08-24-10

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from Marlene Poirier regarding the open air burn by-law be received.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 34-2021 August Monthly Report (Administration)

Brent Kittmer and Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 34-2021 report.

During their deliberations, Council discussed the pending vaccine policy for staff. Council requested that the CAO present a policy that applies to all staff and Councillors at a future meeting.

Resolution 2021-08-24-11

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT ADMIN 24-2021 August Monthly Report (Administration) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.1.2 ADMIN 35-2021 Return to In-person Meetings

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 35-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-12

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT ADMIN 35-2021 Return to In-Person Meetings report be received;

THAT Council resumes in-person meetings on September 14, 2021;

THAT Committees of Council continue to be held virtually;

THAT statutory public meetings continue to be held virtually; and

THAT all meetings of Council and committees of Council continue to be live streamed.

CARRIED

8.2 Building and Development Services

8.2.1 DEV 37-2021 August Monthly Report (Building & Development)

Brent Kittmer presented DEV 37-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-13

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 37-2021 August Monthly Report (Building & Development) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.2 DEV 38-2021 Official Plan Review Project Update

Mark Stone presented DEV 38-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-14

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 38-2020 Official Plan Review Project Update report be received;

THAT Staff be directed to proceed with the statutory (virtual) open house to update the community and seek comments and input on

the draft Official Plan in accordance with the *Planning Act* following consultation with affected landowners as outlined in this report;

THAT Staff be directed to establish an intensification and redevelopment target of 20 percent for new residential development; and,

THAT Staff be directed to implement the proposed settlement area expansions as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 27-2021 August Monthly Report (Community Services)

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 27-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-15

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT DCS 27-2021 August Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4 Corporate Services

Council took a brief recess at 7:33 pm.

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

8.4.1 COR 30-2021 August Monthly Report (Corporate Services)

André Morin presented COR 30-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-16

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 30-2021 August Monthly Report (Corporate Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.4.2 COR 31-2021 Transfer Payment Agreement – ICIP COVID

André Morin presented COR 31-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-17

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 31-2021 Transfer Payment Agreement – ICIP COVID report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 74-2021 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Transfer Payment Agreement for ICIP COVID funding.

CARRIED

8.5 Fire and Emergency Services

8.5.1 FD 12-2021 August Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

Chief Anderson presented FD 12-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-18

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT FD 12-2021 August Monthly Report (Emergency Services) report be received.

CARRIED

8.5.2 FD 10-2021 Proposed Capital Purchase of an Enclosed Cab Pumper Apparatus

Chief Anderson presented FD 10-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-19

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT FD 10-2021 Proposed Capital Purchase of an Enclosed Cab Pumper Apparatus report be received; and

THAT Council provides approval to the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief to begin the process of procuring a new Enclosed Cab, Triple Combination Pumper Apparatus.

CARRIED

8.6 Human Resources

8.6.1 HR 13-2021 August Monthly Report (Human Resources)

Lisa Lawrence presented HR 13-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-20

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT HR 13-2021 August Monthly Report (Human Resources) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.7 Public Works

8.7.1 PW 61-2021 August Monthly Report (Public Works)

Morgan Dykstra presented PW 61-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-21

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT PW 61-2021 August Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.7.2 PW 62-2021 Green Initiative Awareness Program

Morgan Dykstra presented PW 62-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-22

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT PW 62-2021 Green Initiative Awareness Program report be received;

THAT Council approves the Green Initiative Awareness Program Framework;

THAT the first Call for Submission be scheduled for February of 2022; and,

THAT Council delegates authority to the Green Committee, its designate as it relates to Council's responsibilities outlined in the Green Initiative Awareness Program.

CARRIED

8.7.3 PW 54-2021 Booster Station Assessment

Dave Blake presented PW 54-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-23

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT report PW 54-2021, Booster Station Assessment be received; and

THAT Council approves sourcing a Capital and Future Needs Assessment of the Booster Pumping Station to B.M. Ross and Associates Limited for the amount of \$17,750.00, excluding HST; and,

THAT Council authorizes an unbudgeted amount of \$17,750.00 + HST to be funded through existing water reserves; and,

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the associated Agreement.

CARRIED

8.7.4 PW 55-2021 Cross Border Utility Servicing

Dave Blake presented PW 55-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-08-24-24

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council refer PW 55-2021 Cross Border Utility Servicing staff report to a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee for further discussion; and

THAT Council implement a moratorium on considerations of new requests for cross border servicing.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Each Councillor provided a brief update of recent Committee and Board meetings.

Resolution 2021-08-24-25

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

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

None.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2021-08-24-26

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Laws 74-2021 and 75-2021 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 74-2021 Agreement with Ministry of Infrastructure for ICIP

12.2 By-Law 75-2021 Repeal By-Law 51-2021 Appointment of MLEO

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2021-08-24-27

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT By-Law 76-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of August 24, 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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-08-24-28

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourns at 10:06 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk