



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

April 18, 2023
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Luna
Councillor Lucas
Councillor Pridham
Councillor Aylward

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Jenna McCartney, Clerk

Conference Line
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Andre Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Manager
Kelly Deeks Johnson, Tourism and Economic Development
Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2023-04-18-01

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the April 18, 2023 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

4.1 COR 32-2023 Flats Conceptual Designs for Public Engagement

André Morin presented COR 32-2023 report and introduced Scott Grieve of Northern Lights Landscaping Architects.

The Committee received clarification about the direction of vehicular traffic in the park being that a two-way road will bring vehicles into and out of the park to the designated parking lots. Both concepts presented to the Committee included a pedestrian walkway that runs parallel to the Thames River.

The consultant confirmed that the concepts do not recommend any removal of trees.

Regarding future presentation of winter lights, the consultant offered that a recommendation will be provided to the Town further into the design process.

The Committee discussed concerns about losing vehicular access to the waterfront for those individuals wishing to park and observe the surroundings. The recommendation of a smaller loop from an accessible standpoint of offering individuals not able to walk to the waterfront was presented.

The Committee inquired about the interests of local indigenous persons and persons with accessibility needs as it pertains to the concepts presented.

Staff provided an overview of the public engagement and the focus for information during the public survey.

The Committee received clarification that the number of washrooms and location(s) of such has not been finalized at this time.

Mr. Morin outlined the next steps for the project.

The Committee is interested to understand what the servicing level by Town departments will be for the revisioned park.

Resolution 2023-04-18-02

Moved By: Councillor Lucas

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT COR 32-2023 Flats Conceptual Designs for Public Engagement report be received; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Staff be directed to begin public consultation process as described within report COR 32-2023.

CARRIED

The Committee took a brief break at 10:01 am.

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:11am.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2023-04-18-03

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee move into a session that is closed to the public at 10:12 am as authorized under the Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

6. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2023-04-18-04

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee rise from a closed session at 11:26 am.

CARRIED

Chair Strathdee reported that a closed session was held with one matter relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board being considered.

The Committee will consider a resolution on this matter in open session.

Resolution 2023-04-18-05

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff be directed to research the facility capital needs of the James Street South Booster Pumping Station and funding strategies and sources for the station upgrades; ensuring consideration be given to the future industrial development potential in that area; and

THAT the existing benefitting properties, and future benefitting properties of the station be consulted for their future needs.

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

May 16, 2023 - 9:00 am

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-04-18-06

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee be adjourned at 11:30 am.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk