



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

May 16, 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**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Conference Line
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services

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 2023-05-16-01

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT the May 16, 2023 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

5.1 ADMIN 31-2023 Draft Commemoration Policy

Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 31-2023 report.

Resolution 2023-05-16-02

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT ADMIN 31-2023 Draft Commemoration Policy report be received;
and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT the request received from Rev. John Goodwin for the Town to install Christian banners in the downtown be respectfully declined, and

THAT the correspondence received from Rev. Dr. Mark McKim be received and filed, and

THAT the request from Stratford-Perth Pride to proclaim June as Pride month and the request for the Pride flag to be raised be approved as these requests meet the goals and objectives of the Town to create a community that embraces and promotes diversity, equity and inclusion;
and

THAT the Town's downtown banner program remain for Town purposes only and not be opened up to commemoration requests from the public;
and

THAT Council adopt the Commemoration Policy as presented in staff report ADMIN 31-2023.

CARRIED

5.2 DCS 23-2023 Community Services Review

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 23-2023 report.

The Committee provided the following comments to staff:

- Consider ways to increase the throughput of service at the canteen during Lincolns games

- Sought clarification for the process the public must follow when requesting heaters be turned on in the rinks and requested staff to consider amending the heater procedure to include an automatic turn on of some of the heaters when the outside air reaches a certain temperature
- Requested staff to review the current pepperama program and consider including a lunch option
- Requested staff to follow up and report back on an outstanding request from the Lincolns regarding selling advertising space in the PRC

Resolution 2023-05-16-03

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Aylward

THAT DCS 23-2023 Community Services Review report be received for review and direction to staff.

CARRIED

The Committee took a brief break 10:16 am.

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:28 am.

5.3 ADMIN 32-2023 Draft Animal Control By-law

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 32-2023 report.

The Committee was of the consensus that:

- Domestic rabbits not be considered a prohibited animal.
- Horses be permitted when being used for transportation purposes.
- Staff include a provision that requires animal excrement to be removed immediately from public property and from private property that the person handling the animal does not own.
- Staff include a provision that requires animal excrement to be removed in a timely fashion from the animal owner's own property.
- Staff consider how to provide a two-year compliance period following the passing of the proposed animal control by-law for those residents that are currently in contravention to the provisions.

- A prohibition on the keeping of chickens remains in the proposed by-law and that staff include a two-year compliance period following the passing of the animal control by-law for those residents that are currently in contravention of the provision related to chickens.

Resolution 2023-05-16-04

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT ADMIN 32-2023 Draft Animal Control By-law report be received;

THAT the Committee supports the inclusion of the draft list of prohibited animals on the draft Animal Control By-law;

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council consider By-law XX-2023, being a by-law to prohibit, regulate and restrict animals in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING

June 20, 2023 – 9:00 am

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-05-16-05

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee be adjourned at 11:33 am.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk