



MINUTES Regular Council

April 9, 2024
6:00pm
Municipal Operations Centre

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

Council Regrets: Councillor Aylward

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Conference Line
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Jenny Mikita, Senior Services Manager

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 2023-04-09-01

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the April 9, 2024 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Strong as Stone

Council recognized the following recipients as #StrongAsStone:

- Cindy Bilyea
- Daniel Greig
- Ine Keller
- Phyllis Spearin
- Jeff Sager
- Pam Zabel

Council took a brief break at 6:13pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 6:25pm.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - March 19, 2024

Resolution 2023-04-09-02

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the March 19, 2024 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be received by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk; and

THAT minute items 4.2 and 4.4 be raised for consideration.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Small Business Class - Commercial Vacancies

Resolution 2023-04-09-03

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the investigation of options to assist with reducing Commercial vacancies as described within report COR 14-2024;

THAT Council allocate up to \$15,000 to be funded from the Working Funds reserve for this initiative.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Report Back on Child Care Capacity Issues

Resolution 2023-04-09-04

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT staff be directed to proceed with Option One (1) as presented in DCS-08-2024 report regarding Child Care Capacity.

CARRIED

6.2 Regular Council - March 26, 2024

Resolution 2023-04-09-05

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT the March 26, 2024 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 18-2024 Noise By-law Exemption Request for Army, Navy and Air Force (ANAF)

Resolution 2023-04-09-06

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT ADMIN 18-2024 Noise By-law Exemption Request for Army, Navy and Air Force (ANAF) for 2024 be received; and

THAT Council grant an exemption to the Noise By-law, under Section 6, to the applicant, Army, Navy and Air Force Branch #265, for the purpose of a Heritage Festival event on July 12, 2024 from 11:00 pm to 12:00 am, and July 13, 2024 from 11:00 pm to 12:00 am, subject to the condition of notifying all property owners within a 150 m radius.

CARRIED

8.2 Community Services

8.2.1 DCS 16-2024 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Splash Inflatable Waterpark for Lifeguard Services

Resolution 2023-04-09-07

Moved By Councillor Lucas

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DCS 16-2024 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Splash Inflatable Waterpark for Lifeguard Services report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 39-2024, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Super Splash Inflatable Waterpark for lifeguard services.

CARRIED

8.2.2 DCS 25-2024 National Volunteer Week

Resolution 2023-04-09-08

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT DCS 25–2024 National Volunteer Week report be received; and

THAT Council proclaim the week of April 14-20, 2024, as National Volunteer Week in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 COR 18-2024 Development Charges By-law Amendment

Resolution 2023-04-09-09

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT COR 18-2024 Development Charges By-law Amendment report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 40-2024, being a by-law to amend section 10.1 of By-law 106-2022.

CARRIED

8.4 Public Works

8.4.1 PW 23-2024 EV Charging Station Reimbursement

Resolution 2023-04-09-10

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT PW 23-2024 EV Charging Station Reimbursement report be received; and

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to bring the memorandum of understanding into final form specific to this project; and

THAT Council considers By-law 41-2024, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Community Energy Association.

CARRIED

8.4.2 PW 22-2024 Patio Policy Amendment

Resolution 2023-04-09-11

Moved By Councillor Lucas

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 22-2024 Patio Policy Amendment report be received; and

THAT Council approve the recommendation to amend the existing Retail and Dining Use of Downtown Road Allowance Policy; and

THAT Council consider By-law 42-2024, being a by-law to adopt a Retail and Dining Use of Downtown Road Allowance Policy.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Resolution 2023-04-09-12

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Committee and Board minutes listed under agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.7 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.15 be received; and,

THAT the verbal updates provided by Council representatives on those Committee and Board meetings be received.

CARRIED

9.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile

9.1.2 Business Improvement Area - Coun. Aylward

9.1.3 Huron Perth Public Health - Coun. Luna

9.1.4 Library Board - Mayor Strathdee, Couns. Aylward and Pridham

**9.1.5 Municipal Shared Services Committee - Mayor Strathdee,
Coun. Edney**

9.1.6 Spruce Lodge Board - Couns. Lucas, Luna

9.1.7 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - Coun. Craigmile

9.2 Advisory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

9.2.1 Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum - Coun. Edney

9.2.2 Committee of Adjustment

**9.2.3 Community Policing Advisory Committee - Couns. Edney and
Luna**

**9.2.4 Downtown Service Location Review Committee - Mayor
Strathdee, Coun. Pridham**

9.2.5 Flats Revitalization Committee - Mayor Strathdee, Couns. Edney, Pridham

9.2.6 Green Advisory Committee - Coun. Aylward

9.2.7 Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee - Coun. Lucas

9.2.8 Huron Perth Healthcare Local Advisory Committee - Coun. Luna

9.2.9 Planning Advisory Committee - Couns. Craigmile, Lucas

9.2.10 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham

9.2.11 St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile

9.2.12 St. Marys Minor Hockey Association Board - Coun. Craigmile

9.2.13 St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee - Couns. Craigmile, Edney

9.2.14 Stratford Perth Chamber of Commerce - Coun. Lucas

9.2.15 Town Hall Renovation Committee - Couns. Luna and Pridham

10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Edney stated that a local business owner has identified challenges with accessing service at the St. Marys branch of Service Ontario due to sudden business closures and sought information from staff whether a contingency plan is being considered.

Brent Kittmer stated that a plan is being developed as part of the downtown service delivery review.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2023-04-09-13

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Laws 39-2024, 40-2024, 41-2024, and 42-2024 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 39-2024 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Splash Inflatable Waterpark for Lifeguard Services

12.2 By-law 40-2024 Amend By-law 106-2022 Development Charges

12.3 By-law 41-2024 Memorandum of Understanding with Community Energy Association

12.4 By-Law 42-2024 Patio Policy

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 16, 2024 - 9:00 am, Strategic Priorities Committee

April 23, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Regular Council

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2023-04-09-14

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Lucas

THAT By-Law 43-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of April 09, 2024 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 2023-04-09-15

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk