



MINUTES
Special Meeting of Council

January 19, 2021
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)
Councillor Craigmile (videoconference)
Councillor Edney (videoconference)
Councillor Luna (videoconference)
Councillor Hainer (videoconference)
Councillor Pridham (videoconference)
Councillor Winter (in-person)

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Conference Line
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Craigmile declared a perceived conflict of interest in the matter relating to the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation's funding request which will be discussed in agenda item 4.1.1. Councillor Craigmile stated that he will participate in the debate and excuse himself from voting.

Councillor Edney declared a perceived conflict of interest in the matter relating to the United Way Perth Huron's community grant funding request which will be discussed in agenda item 4.3.1. Councillor Edney stated that he will participate in the debate and excuse himself from voting.

Councillor Winter declared a perceived conflict of interest in the matter relating to the St. James Club's community grant funding request which will be discussed in agenda item 4.3.1. Councillor Winter stated that he will participate in the debate and excuse himself from voting.

Mayor Strathdee declared a perceived conflict of interest in the matter relating to the St. James Club's community grant funding request which will be discussed in agenda item 4.3.1. Mayor Strathdee stated that he will participate in the debate and excuse himself from voting.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Hainer requested an amendment to the agenda, by adding COVID-19 subsidy.

Upon consulting Councillor Hainer, Mayor Strathdee ruled that the topic could be addressed during agenda item 4.3.2, COR 03-2021 2020 Direct COVID Costs and therefore, no amendment to the agenda was required.

Resolution 2021-01-19-01

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the January 19, 2021 special meeting of Council agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. 2021 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

4.1 DELEGATION

4.1.1 St. Marys Healthcare Foundation

Pat Craigmile, Cindy Bilyea and Dr. John Schiedel presented the 2021 funding request to Council.

Councillor Craigmile participated in the discussion but did not participate in voting.

4.1.2 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Ian Wilcox presented the 2021 draft UTRCA budget and welcomed Tony Jackson as the Town's representative on the UTRCA board.

Council took a brief recess at 10:04 am.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:12 am.

4.2 ORDERS OF THE DAY SUMMARY

André Morin provided a review of the progress thus far for the 2021 draft municipal budget and explained where today's proceedings would lead.

4.3 STAFF REPORTS

4.3.1 ADMIN 03-2021 Review of 2021 Community Grant Applications

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 03-2021 report.

Council discussed the base budget community grants from the Canada Day parade organizers, DCVI Scholarship and St. Michaels Catholic School Scholarship programs, and were of the consensus that the funding would continue for 2021.

Councillor Edney participated in the debate regarding the United Way Perth Huron request but did not participate in voting.

During deliberations of the United Way Perth Huron community grant funding request, Councillor Luna proposed resolution 2021-SC-01-19-02.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council approve a one-year increase in funding to the United Way Perth Huron from \$1.00 per resident to \$1.50 per resident in response to the ongoing supports implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-03

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT resolution 2021-SC-01-19-02 be deferred until the end of the community grant funding request deliberations.

CARRIED*

*Mayor Stratthdee stated that a resolution to defer required 2/3rd of the vote to be affirmative if considered carried. Mayor Stratthdee ruled the vote carried as such.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-04

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council approve an increase in the cash request for 2021 for the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum by \$500 to offset

the costs to be incurred by the organization for landfill tipping fees, and to a cap of \$5,500 total.

DEFEATED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-05

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council approve the request from Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for \$5,000 cash, and \$2,000 in-kind for garbage and recycling receptacles; and

THAT Council does not approve the request for in-kind funds to support building permit fees, delivery of picnic tables and tipping fees.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-06

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council deny the request from Goals program for \$5,000 cash; and

THAT Council approve a community grant to Goals program for \$2,804.50.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-07

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council deny the request from the Friends of the St. Marys Public Library; and

THAT staff be directed to amend the 2021 capital budget for the St. Marys Public Library by including the funding request of \$1,525 to support the IT purchase by Friends of the St. Marys Public Library.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-08

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT Council approve the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #236 for \$3,800 cash to support the veteran's banner program.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Edney having declared a perceived conflict of interest with the St. James Service Club request.

Having declared a perceived conflict of interest regarding the St. James Service Club grant application, Mayor Strathdee and Councillor Winter did not participate in the vote.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-09

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council approve the request from St. James Service Club for \$1,500 to support the barrier free operator installation at the Club.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-10

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council approve the request from St. Marys Kinsmen Club for \$4,300 cash and \$2,000 in-kind for garbage and recycling receptacles, hydro and water use and Milt Dunnell field rental; and

THAT Council does not approve the request for in-kind funds to support delivery of picnic tables and tipping fees.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-11

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council approve the request from St. Marys Lincolns for \$3,955 cash contingent upon the club's use of the End Zone facility rental; and

THAT staff be directed to report back on the request from the St. Marys Lincolns to sell advertising space at the PRC.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-12

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council approve the request from St. Marys Minor Basketball for \$2,000 cash contingent upon the organization's ability to operate a travel team in 2021; and

THAT Council's approval is contingent upon the organization's inclusion of the Town of St. Marys as a sponsor on the jerseys.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-13

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT resolution 2021-SC-01-19-12 be amended to increase the cash grant to \$2,250 recognizing that the sponsorship insignia on the jerseys may be costly.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-12

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council approve the request from St. Marys Minor Basketball for \$2,250 cash contingent upon the organization's ability to operate a travel team in 2021; and

THAT Council's approval is contingent upon the organization's inclusion of the Town of St. Marys as a sponsor on the jerseys.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-14

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council approve the request from St. Marys Minor Soccer for \$5,000 cash contingent upon the implementation of the 2021 season, and

THAT the Town of St. Marys provide the field lining on a go forward basis, effective in 2021 and

THAT the Minor Soccer participant fee be increased to \$20.25 effective 2021 per the Town's service delivery review recommendations.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-15

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council denies the funding request from Thames River Paddling Club.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-16

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council approve the request from Station Gallery for \$10,000 cash in 2021 contingent upon the program implementation in 2021.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee raised resolution 2021-SC-01-19-02 which was previously deferred to the end of the discussion.

Councillor Edney participated in the debate regarding the United Way Perth Huron request but did not participate in voting.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council approve a one-year increase in funding to the United Way Perth Huron from \$1.00 per resident to \$1.50 per resident in response to the ongoing supports implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-17

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT staff investigate and report back on best practices to administer payments and reconciliations related to the Community Grant program with a goal to streamline how the program is administered by the Town and grant recipients.

CARRIED

Council took a brief recess at 11:57 am.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 12:32 pm.

4.3.2 COR 03-2021 2020 Direct COVID Costs

André Morin presented COR 03-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-18

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT COR 03-2021 2020 Direct COVID Costs report be received for information.

CARRIED

4.3.3 COR 04-2021 Business Grant Program update

André Morin presented COR 04-2021 report.

Council was of the consensus to proceed with the implementation of round two for the Business Grant program in 2021 and that the Business Task Force make recommendations on the granting criteria that will be used to evaluate applicants.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-19

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT COR 04-2021 Business Grant Program update report be received for information.

CARRIED

4.3.4 COR 06-2021 2021 Draft Budget Summary

André Morin presented COR 06-2021 report.

Councillor Hainer departed the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-20

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT COR 06-2021 2021 Draft Budget Summary report be received; and

THAT Council consider approval of the following changes to the 2021 draft budget:

- Recognize Safe Restart funding revenue of \$79,000
- Decrease to net assessment growth of \$73,430; and

THAT Council provide the Treasurer with direction to hold the 2021 Budget public meeting on February 9, 2021.

CARRIED

4.4 NEXT STEPS

As discussed in COR 06-2021, the public meeting for budget consultation will be held on February 9th with the final budget coming before Council at its regular meeting on February 23, 2021.

5. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule as presented on the agenda.

Council took a brief recess at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 2:04 pm.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2021-01-19-21

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 2:05 pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

6.1 COR 05-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Business Grant Program Summary

7. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2021-SC-01-19-22

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council rise from a closed session at 2:28 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held to discussion one matter. There is nothing further to report at this time.

8. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2021-01-19-23

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Law 06-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 19, 2021 special meeting of Council, 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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-01-19-24

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT this special meeting of Council adjourns at 2:30 pm.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk