



MINUTES Regular Council

April 13, 2021

6:00pm

Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk

Conference Line
Richard Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
Sarah Andrews, Library CEO
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer
Kelly Deeks – Johnson, Tourism and Economic Development 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

To recognize the recent loss of Prince Phillip, Council bowed their heads for a moment of silence.

Councillor Luna requested that an additional item be added to the closed session agenda regarding Huron Perth Public Health update permitted under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

In response to Councillor Winter's request for an update about the municipality's response to the current Stay-at-home order mandated by the Province of Ontario, Mayor Strathdee stated that Brent Kittmer will provide a verbal update during agenda item 8.1.1.

Resolution 2021-04-13-01

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the April 13, 2021 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

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

1. Are the Strong as Stone recognitions (which are a great idea) in lieu of Volunteer of the Year?
2. Are donations to the Fire Department (or any other department) considered part of the budget as revenue and deducted from capital or reserves?

In response to the first question, Mayor Strathdee stated that the Town has been primarily focusing its efforts on the pandemic over the last year and has not given consideration to the future of the Volunteer of the Year program.

In response to the second question, André Morin stated that there are some departments that traditionally receive donations and therefore donations are often budgeted for. When donations are received which are greater than the budgeted amount, the funds are applied to the capital reserve transfers.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 #Strong As Stone Nominees

Council acknowledged the following #StrongAsStone nominees and thanked them for their contribution to the community:

- Leslie Edney
- Joe Robson
- Rachael O'Neill
- St. Marys Life Moderators

5.2 PC Connect Transportation Project Update

Maggie Martin of the County of Perth presented the PC Connect transportation project update and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2021-04-13-02

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the presentation from the County of Perth regarding the PC Connect transportation project be received.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - March 16, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-13-03

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT the March 16, 2021 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be accepted by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Community Improvement Plan

Resolution 2021-04-13-04

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council direct staff to circulate the draft Community Improvement Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review; and,

THAT upon receipt of comments from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that Council direct staff to initiate the required public meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2 COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on School Aged Children

Resolution 2021-04-13-05

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council recognizes the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as it has affected the community as a whole; and

THAT Council direct staff to send correspondence to the Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board to recommend the school boards consider supporting the survey of school aged children regarding the impacts of the pandemic.

CARRIED

6.2 Regular Council - March 23, 2021

Resolution 2021-04-13-06

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the March 23, 2021 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Delivery Community Power

Resolution 2021-04-13-07

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT Council support the resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the request to implement the recommendations in Delivering Community Power.

DEFEATED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 ADMIN 13-2021 Emergency Management Program Year End for 2020

Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 13-2021 report and provided a status update regarding the stay-at-home order that is in place by the Province of Ontario.

Resolution 2021-04-13-08

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT ADMIN 13-2021 Emergency Management Program Year End for 2020 report be received for information.

CARRIED

8.1.2 ADMIN 15-2021 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program 2021

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 15-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-09

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT ADMIN 15-2021 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program 2021 report be received; and

THAT Council approve the terms and conditions of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program agreement; and

THAT Council consider By-law 37-2021 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the associated agreement.

CARRIED

8.2 Building and Development Services

8.2.1 DEV 11-2021 175 Queen Street East (Town Hall) Exterior Washroom Drain Project

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 11-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-10

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DEV 11-2021 175 Queen Street East (Town Hall) Exterior Washroom Drain Project report be received; and

THAT Council approves the Town Hall Exterior Washrooms Repairs Option 2 and authorize staff to proceed to procure the work by soliciting written quotes; and

THAT Council approves the project to be funded from the Facilities Reserve.

CARRIED

8.2.2 DEV 12-2021 150 Cain St (Cemetery) Washroom Upgrades

Grant Brouwer presented DEV 12-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-11

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 12-2021 150 Cain St (Cemetery) Washroom Upgrades report be received; and

THAT Council approves the reallocation of the \$5,400 surplus from the Cemetery Window Project to the Cemetery Washroom Upgrades; and

THAT Council approves an additional \$5,000 from the Facilities Reserve to be allocated to the Cemetery Washroom Upgrades.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 13-2021 National Volunteer Week

Stephanie Ische presented DCS 13-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-12

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT DCS 13-2021 National Volunteer Week report be received; and

THAT Council proclaim the week of April 18 to April 24 as National Volunteer Week in the Town of St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.4 Corporate Services

8.4.1 COR 18-2021 Summer Activities for Milt Dunnell Field

Kelly Deeks - Johnson presented COR 18-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-13

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT COR 18-2021 Summer Activities for Milt Dunnell Field report be received.

CARRIED

8.4.2 COR 19-2021 Provincial Gas Tax Agreement - 2021

André Morin presented COR 19-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-14

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT COR 19-2021 Provincial Gas Tax Agreement - 2021 report be received; and

THAT Council confirm that the Town of St. Marys continues to be the host of transit joint service for the Town of St. Marys, Municipality of Perth South, Municipality of Zorra, and Municipality of Thames Centre; and

THAT Council consider By-law 36-2021 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the Letter of Agreement for Provincial Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

CARRIED

8.5 Public Works

8.5.1 PW 30-2021 Encroachment Agreement for 178 Ontario Street South, St. Marys (Logan)

Jed Kelly presented PW 30-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-15

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 30-2021 Encroachment Agreement for 178 Ontario Street South, St. Marys (Logan) report be received; and

THAT Council consider By-law 38-2021 for an encroachment agreement with the property owner and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the associated agreement respecting 178 Ontario Street South, St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.5.2 PW 32-2021 Lystek Management Contract Renewal

Jed Kelly presented PW 32-2021 report.

Resolution 2021-04-13-16

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT report PW 32-2021 Lystek Management Contract Renewal be received; and

THAT Council consider By-Law 39-2021 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the biosolids management and handling renewal amending agreement with Lystek International Inc.

CARRIED

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9.1 Operational and Board Reports

Each Councillor provided an update on recent board and committee meetings.

Resolution 2021-04-13-17

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.6 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.16 be received.

CARRIED

9.1.2 Library Board - Coun. Craigmile, Edney, Mayor Stratthdee

- 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**

Resolution 2021-04-13-18

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT Council approve the 2021 Stratford Police operating budget and 5-year capital plan.

CARRIED

- 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**

Resolution 2021-04-13-19

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council proceed with a public meeting on May 11, 2021 to consider Zoning By-law Amendment (Z01-2021) by BDS Construction c/o Adriano Paola for 347 James Street South.

CARRIED

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 2021-04-13-20

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT By-Laws 36-2021, 37-2021, 38-2021 and 39-2021 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 36-2021 Agreement with Minister of Transportation for Provincial Gas Tax Funding (2021)

12.2 By-Law 37-2021 Minister of Solicitor General for Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program (2021)

12.3 By-Law 38-2021 Encroachment Agreement with Lynda Logan for 178 Ontario Street South

12.4 By-Law 39-2021 Agreement to extend contract with Lystek International Inc. for management and handling of biosolids

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Council took a brief recess at 8:05 pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 8:18 pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2021-04-13-21

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at 8:18 pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable, including municipal or local board employees, (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and (f) advise that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

14.1 Minutes CLOSED SESSION

14.2 COR 20-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Town Business Grant – Round 2

14.3 ADMIN 14-2021 CONFIDENTIAL Sale of Town Owned Lands (Part 7, South of 550 James Street S)

14.4 PL200131-1934733 Ontario Inc v St Marys Update (151 Water Street N.)

14.5 Additional Item - HPPH Update

15. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2021-04-13-22

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council rise from a closed session at 9:16 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held with four items being discussed including one addition as an amendment to the closed session agenda.

Council will consider motions in open session related to the sale of town owned lands and the Huron Perth Public Health update.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

15.2 Huron Perth Public Health Mass Vaccine Clinics

Resolution 2021-04-13-23

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council extends an offer of free space and staff support to the Huron Perth Public Health for mass vaccination clinics in an effort to reduce potential impacts to the Huron Perth Public Health budget.

CARRIED

15.1 Sale of Town Owner Lands (Part 7, South of 550 James Street South)

Resolution 2021-04-13-24

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-law 40-2021, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a land sale agreement with Raezor's Inc, 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

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2021-04-13-25

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT By-Law 41-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of April 13, 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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-04-13-26

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourns at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk