



The Corporation of The City of Dryden
Minutes of the Open Meeting of Council

May 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Members Present:	Mayor G. Wilson Councillor J. Carlucci Councillor M. MacKinnon Councillor S. MacKinnon Councillor D. McKay Councillor M. Price
Members Absent:	Councillor N. Bush
Staff Present:	CAO R. Nesbitt Clerk A. Euler Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll Manager of Public Works B. Poole Manager of Community Services S. Belanger
Others Present:	J. Pyzer of BDO, Deputy Treasurer C. Pateman, Junior Planner B. Russo, Municipal By-law Officer T. Pecarski, Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Manager of Human Resources M. Warren, Fire Chief C. Wood

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

Mayor Wilson called for declarations of Pecuniary Interest, and the general nature thereof, under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to the agenda for this meeting and Councillor Carlucci declared a conflict with agenda item 21a due to a family relationship.

Mayor Wilson called for declarations of Pecuniary Interest, and the general nature thereof, under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Minutes of a meeting at which a member was not in attendance and had not previously declared and the response was negative.

3. Adjournment to Closed Session

At this time 6:02 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. McKay

THAT Council do hereby adjourn to a Closed Session of Council pursuant to Section 239 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons:

Presentation by Red Brick Communications. (Council Education)

Staff Report re IBEW Collective Bargaining. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)

Carried

a. Call to Order:

- b. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof for:
- c. Adoption of Minutes:
 - 1. Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2022.
 - 2. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2022.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Presentation Red Brick Communications. (Council Education)
 - 2. Staff Report re IBEW Collective Bargaining - CAO. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time 6:50 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council do hereby reconvene to an Open Meeting of Council.

Carried

5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting

Mayor Wilson called the meeting back to order at 7:01 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Wilson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been two (2) items on the Closed Agenda and on the first item Council received a Presentation from Red Brick Communications as part of Council Education. She advised Council would be returning to a Closed Session following the Open Session to deal with the second item.

8. Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

- a. Ms. J. Pyzer of BDO re 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

Ms. Pyzer presented the 2021 Audited Financial Statements to Council. Mr. Landsdell-Roll advised that the city does not budget for a surplus and that the budget actually balances. He noted there will be some differences as the auditors reflect amortization in their figures. Mayor Wilson asked how long it will take for the HST rebate that was received in 2018 to officially be the City's. Ms. Pyzer advised it usually takes between 7-10 years. Councillor Carlucci asked if there was any interest being charged on the received amount. Ms. Pyzer was unsure but advised that they would file a fairness ruling or something similar if interest was to be charged. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked about the variance in reserve funds in sewer and waterworks from 2020 to 2021. Mr. Landsdell-Roll noted that it was not a variance but actually a change in balance. Ms. Pyzer finished her overview of the Financial Statements and was thanked by Mayor Wilson.

- b. CAO R. Nesbitt - 2021 Year End Report.

Mr. Nesbitt presented the 2021 Municipal Annual Report for the City of Dryden. He noted that none of the accomplishments made through 2021 would be possible without hard work of all City staff and Council's support. Councillor S. MacKinnon shared praise for Mr. Nesbitt and City staff for being able to adapt to unforeseen circumstances and for protecting residents as well as other communities. Councillor

Carlucci thanked Mr. Nesbitt and his staff for all that they do for the City of Dryden. Mayor Wilson asked for an update on what is happening to the Recreation Centre in 2022. Mr. Nesbitt advised that the Recreation Centre upgrades are ongoing and there is an expansion that was planned for next year that may start earlier. Mr. Belanger noted that there is an upcoming project to upgrade the Arena glass as well as several large pieces of mechanical equipment.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

- a. Candidate and Third-Party Advertisers Information Session.

Ms. Euler gave a reminder that the Candidate and Third-Party Advertisers Information Session will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. She noted that it's being hosted by the City of Dryden and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and will provide information on topics like campaign finance, candidate eligibility, the nomination process as well as candidate duties and responsibilities. She also noted that there is no charge, but pre-registration is required by contacting the City Clerk by the 15th of June and advised that the full notice is available is part of this agenda and on the City of Dryden election pages.

11. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

Moved by M. MacKinnon
Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the
Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of May 24, 2022 as read and adopted:

- 12. a b c
- 13. a

Carried

12. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2022. (Adopt)

Moved by D. McKay
Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 25, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2022. (Adopt)

Moved by D. McKay
Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 11, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- c. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2022. (Receive)

Moved by S. MacKinnon
Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting held March 25, 2022 be received.

Carried

13. Motions arising from previous Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

- a. Section 357 - Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Approval.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT as per Section 357 of the Municipal Act, S.O., c.25, as amended, Council approves the following application for the cancellation, reduction, or refund of taxes:

Roll Number: 260.003.11100

Period: 2022 (March 18 - December 31)

Reason: Razed by fire, demolition or otherwise (House Fire)

Carried

14. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

15. Information Items

None.

16. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

Moved by D. McKay

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of May 24, 2022 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2022-23

By-law 2022-24

By-law 2022-25

By-law 2022-26

By-law 2022-27

By-law 2022-28

Carried

17. By-laws - First, Second and Third Reading

- a. By-law 2022-23 re Execution of a Land Lease Agreement Renewal.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-23 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a land use agreement renewal between Community Living Dryden-Sioux Lookout and The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. By-law 2022-24 re Establishment of a By-law to Licence and Regulate the Keeping of Animals and the Registration of Dogs.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. McKay

THAT By-law 2022-24 being a by-law to licence and regulate the keeping of animals and the registration of dogs within the municipality be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- c. By-law 2022-25 re Amend By-law 3529-2007 to Add Progressive Enforcement Procedure.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-25 being a by-law to amend By-law 3529-2007, a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual, by the addition of the following procedure under section Protection and Enforcement:

(a) PR-BY-02 - Progressive Enforcement Procedure

be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- d. By-law 2022-26 re Amend By-law 2021-99 Fees and Charges to Add Schedule T.

Councillor S. MacKinnon asked Ms. Skillen for clarification on the charges to property owners. Ms. Skillen advised that charges only apply to property owners if they do not voluntarily comply to violations. She noted the charges are only transferred to property owners when enforcement actions are required.

Moved by D. McKay

Seconded by S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-26 being a by-law to amend By-law 2021-99 Fees and Charges of The Corporation of The City of Dryden by adding Schedule "T" - Building and Planning, be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- e. By-law 2022-27 re Amend By-law 2022-10 a By-law to Adopt the 2022 Municipal Budget Estimates.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. McKay

THAT By-law 2022-27 being a by-law to amend By-law 2022-10, a by-law to adopt the 2022 municipal budget estimates, be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- f. By-law 2022-28 re Amend By-law 4502-2017.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-28 being a by-law to amend By-law 4502-2017 by changing the wording of By-law 4502-2017 to read:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden enacts as follows:

1. THAT Schedule "S" - Property Tax and Assessment

be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

18. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

19. Staff Reports

- a. Economic Development-2022-004 NOHFC Funding Application Resolution - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock presented his report recommending that Council authorize staff to complete an application for the City of Dryden to contribute \$129,297 to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program for trail redevelopment and enhancement as recommended in the 2022 Trails Feasibility Study. Mayor Wilson asked if there were any anticipated alterations to the submission due to high water levels. Mr. Peacock advised that it is currently not known if the high-water levels will have any effect on the project and that the city will reassess the situation when the water recedes. Mr. Nesbitt shared that the project timeline will have to be extended but the funding application should not be affected. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked if there will be future funding applications for additions to the current trail system. Mr. Peacock shared that there are some additions to the trail system in this funding application and future funding applications will be submitted based on recommendations presented in the Trails Feasibility Study.

ACTION: Economic Development

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report Economic Development-2022-004, Council authorize staff to submit a complete application for the City of Dryden's contribution of \$129,297 to the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program for trail redevelopment and enhancement as recommended through the 2022 Trails Feasibility Study.

Carried

- b. Administration-2022-021 Council Remuneration Review 2 - 2022 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report on Council Remuneration, providing several options for Council to consider. Councillors Price and Carlucci advised that the increases based on comparators are too high and that they'd support a small increase only. Councillor McKay asked if the next Council could make the decision on the increase. Mayor Wilson advised that having this Council make the decision eliminates a conflict of interest. Councillor M. MacKinnon shared that a small increase is the most he could support. Councillor S. MacKinnon concurs with all other Councillors. Council supported a small wage increase tied to the non-union salary grid increase starting in 2023 and directed a by-law be brought forward to a future Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Finance-2022-014 2021 Year-End Financial Report - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report on the 2021 Year-End Financial Report noting that this report used preliminary, unaudited reports. There were no questions or comments.

20. Notices of Motion

None.

21. Motions

- a. 2022 City of Dryden Scholarships.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT Council award the 2022 City of Dryden Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Alice-Marie Schnelzer and

FURTHER THAT Council award the 2022 City of Dryden Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Barett Edenburn.

Carried

- b. 2022 City of Dryden Willard Scholarships.

Moved by S. MacKinnon
Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council award the 2022 City of Dryden Willard Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Carolyn Charbonneau and

FURTHER THAT Council award the 2022 City of Dryden Willard Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Sara Donaldson.

Carried

- c. Miller Northwest Request.

Mayor Wilson asked if there was a process in place for notifying nearby residents of the work being done by Miller Northwest Limited. Ms. Euler advised that Miller Northwest advise neighbors and public notices will go out from the City of Dryden on all communication channels.

Moved by D. McKay
Seconded by M. Price

THAT at the request of Miller Northwest Limited, Council provides an exemption to Chapters 132, Noise and 160, Pits and Quarries, of the Municipal Code of The Corporation of The City of Dryden to allow paving and construction operations related to paving, including the manufacturing of hot mix asphalt at the Sandy Beach Pit location beginning Sunday, June 5, 2022 until Wednesday, June 15, 2022 inclusive between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Carried

22. Reports of Municipal Officers

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt gave an update on the water level situation around Dryden, noting that the Public Works department is monitoring things on a daily basis. He advised that both of the boat launches in Dryden are currently closed for the protection of municipal property and public safety. Mr. Nesbitt noted that there will be substantial Highway 17 paving and patching happening very soon. He also advised that the Community Capacity and Business Gap Analysis reports will be out to Council in June. Lastly, Mr. Nesbitt noted that the Age Friendly report should be ready to present in June or July.

- b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that any items included on the Management Letter from the Auditor's Report will have a staff report next month for presentation to Council. He also noted that he will be presenting a staff report in June with a budget amendment relating to the prior year's surplus.

- c. Clerk

Ms. Euler gave an update on the status of the Municipal and School Board Elections. She gave a reminder that nominations are to be filed with the City Clerk by 2:00 p.m. on August 19th. Ms. Euler advised that she has begun planning Council orientation for the next cohort and gave an update of the other projects the Administration department has been working on.

- d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole gave an update on the high-water situation in Dryden. He thanked the engineering technologist for the City of Dryden for monitoring infrastructure. He also thanked the Public Works staff for coming in on weekends for sandbagging activities, Domtar for providing critical information to the city and the Ministry of Transportation for providing bridge inspectors to monitor critical infrastructure. Mr. Poole also noted that bridge inspections are planned for this year. He advised the city is still closely monitoring our infrastructure. Lastly, he noted that the Highway 17 paving project will begin shortly, and the city traffic light project has begun.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the Sandy Beach and Rotary Park soccer complexes are both open for programming and he thanked all the volunteers who organize and manage those programs. He also gave an update on which sports are starting soon and which have already begun in the community. Mr. Belanger advised that Aaron Park opened successfully over the past weekend. He also gave an update on the expansion of the Dryden Memorial Arena and advised that there is a Dryden Dog Park fundraising event coming up on June 12th, 2022 in the parking lot of the Rotary Park Soccer Complex which will include a vendor's market. Lastly, he noted they have begun to change over to a new dehumidifier at the Dryden Pool and his department is currently working on planning events for Canada Day and Indigenous People's Day.

23. Announcements

a. Mayor

No announcements from Mayor Wilson.

b. Councillors

Councillor Price gave a reminder of the Tagged Fish Contest that is put on by the Dryden Trailblazer Tourism Association (DTTA) and that tickets can be bought at Clark's, QSL Tackle and Bonny Bay Camp. She also noted that Dryden Days of Summer will be starting near the end of June and that Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) has started an incubator program.

Councillor S. MacKinnon congratulated Karen Hamilton on her recent retirement. He also noted that the Provincial Election is coming up before the next Council meeting and he urged everyone to get out and vote.

Councillor M. MacKinnon gave kudos to Mr. Lansdell-Roll, Ms. Pateman and the finance department for their audit report and financial statements.

Councillor McKay agreed with Councillor M. MacKinnon about the audit report.

Councillor Carlucci gave kudos to Mr. Nesbitt, the Public Works department and City staff for their efforts in dealing with the high-water levels in the area.

24. Adjournment to Closed Session

At this time, 8:56 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council do hereby adjourn to a Closed Session of Council pursuant to Section 239 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason:

Staff Report re IBEW Collective Bargaining. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)

Carried

25. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 9:43 p.m., the Closed Meeting of Council adjourned to the Open Session.

Moved by D. McKay

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council do hereby reconvene to an Open Meeting of Council.

Carried

26. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised that there had been two (2) items on the Closed Agenda and the first item was dealt with in an earlier closed session. She advised Council received a Staff Report regarding IBEW Collective Bargaining and provided direction to the CAO and Manager of Human Resources.

27. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law 2022-29.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-29 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

28. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. McKay

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mayor

Clerk