



The Corporation of The City of Dryden
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Members Present: Mayor G. Wilson
Councillor N. Bush
Councillor J. Carlucci
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor S. MacKinnon
Chair Councillor D. McKay
Councillor M. Price

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt
Clerk A. Euler
Manager of Public Works B. Poole
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Municipal By-Law Officer T. Pecarski, Library CEO C. Goulding, Junior Planner B. Russo, M. Benson, Fire Chief C. Wood, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Deputy Treasurer C. Pateman

1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor McKay called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

a. The Agenda for this meeting.

Chair Councillor McKay 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 Chair Councillor McKay declared a conflict with item 12 b due to a potential competitive relationship.

3. Adjournment to Closed Session

At this time, 6:03 p.m., the Open Meeting of Committee of the Whole adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

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

Presentation re Feasibility Study. (A position, plan, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on, or to be carried on, by, or on behalf of the municipality or local board)

Closed Staff Report Administration-2022-020 re Collective Bargaining. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)

Carried

- a. Call to Order:
- b. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof:
- c. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Presentation re Feasibility Study. (A position, plan, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on, or to be carried on, by, or on behalf of, the municipality or local board)
 - 2. Administration-2022-020 re IBEW Collective Bargaining - CAO. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)
- d. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:52 p.m., the Closed Meeting of Council adjourned to the Open Meeting.

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT, the Open Meeting of Committee of the Whole be reconvened.

Carried

5. Resumption of Open Committee of the Whole

Chair Councillor McKay called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Councillor McKay read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been two (2) items on the Closed Agenda. On the first, Committee received a presentation regarding a Feasibility Study and on the second, Committee received a Staff Report regarding Collective Bargaining and provided direction to the CAO and Human Resources Manager.

8. Delegations

None.

None.

9. Presentations

- a. Dryden Public Library CEO re: 2021 Library Annual Report.

Ms. Goulding reviewed her 2021 Library Annual Report. Mayor Wilson asked about net gain of library membership. Ms. Goulding advised that members are periodically removed if they have not used their library card in 2 years. Mayor Wilson also asked how the usage of the Dryden Public Library compares to other libraries. Ms. Goulding stated that not all services require library membership such as computer use and that drives the library use numbers upwards in comparison to library members.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

- a. Notice of Nominations

Ms. Euler gave a reminder that nomination period for the upcoming Municipal and School Board Elections is underway and the deadline is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19th, 2022. She advised that the full notice is on the meeting agenda as well as the City of Dryden website.

b. Candidate Information Session

Ms. Euler advised that the administration department of the City, along with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will be hosting a candidate and third-party advertiser's information session from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. She noted that interested parties can pre-register with the City Clerk by the 15th of June, 2022. She advised that more information can be found in the agenda for this meeting and on the City of Dryden website.

11. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

None.

12. Staff Reports

a. Economic Development-2022-002 re Dryden Go Getters CIP Application - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock reviewed his report detailing the Dryden Go Getters Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application. Committee agreed that the Go Getters and their members have done a lot for Dryden. Mr. Peacock also reiterated that the application is to fund the expansion of a City owned building. Committee fully support the CIP Application presented.

ACTION: Economic Development Manager

b. Economic Development-2022-003 re 325 Government Street CIP Application - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock reviewed his report regarding a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application for the property at 325 Government Street. He noted the application comes from the landowner and not the hotel developer. Councillor Bush asked if there are any businesses still located on the property. Mr. Peacock advised that the landowner had given the occupants notice and that they have all moved on to other locations and the buildings are empty, awaiting demolition. There was some discussion around whether or not each member of the Committee supported the application and at what value. There was also some discussion around what the applicant plans to do with the land; lease or sell it to the developer. Mr. Peacock received clarification from the applicant via text that the plan is to sell the land to the hotel developer. Committee had further discussion on whether or not each member supports the application and at what value. The majority gave their support up to 45% of tipping fees to a maximum value of \$21,600 with the caveat that the application is tied to a development agreement.

ACTION: Economic Development Manager

c. Building & Planning-2022-008 re Land Lease for 280 Arthur Street - Junior Planner.

Mr. Russo reviewed his report regarding a Land Lease for 280 Arthur Street. There were no questions or comments. Committee directed staff to bring a By-law forward to the Council Meeting on May 24th, 2022 to allow for parking of vehicles on a portion of unopened laneway allowance for Community Living Dryden-Sioux Lookout.

ACTION: Administration

- d. Building & Planning-2022-009 re New Animal Control By-law - Municipal By-law Officer.

Mr. Pecarski reviewed his report regarding a new Animal Control By-law. Councillor Bush asked for clarification on what the 300 feet provision applies to. Mr. Pecarski advised that the current provision states that farm animals must be kept 300 feet from any property boundary and 100 feet from any dwelling. Committee directed staff to bring a By-law forward to the Council Meeting on May 24th, 2022.

ACTION: Administration

- e. Building & Planning-2022-007 re Amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law - Chief Building Official and By-law Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her report regarding the amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law. There were no questions or comments. Committee directed staff to bring an amendment forward to the Council Meeting on May 24th, 2022 to establish five new administrative fees to By-law 2021-99.

ACTION: Administration

- f. Building & Planning-2022-006 re Progressive Enforcement Policy - Chief Building Official.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her report regarding a new Progressive Enforcement Policy. Mayor Wilson asked if staff have encountered significant or increasing harassment as a result of dealing with complaints. Ms. Skillen advised that the relationships she has built in the community and her reputation has kept harassment to a minimum for her specifically. She noted that peace officers and the inclusion of other staff members typically prevents harassment but are only utilized when circumstances are unknown. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked if the Building and Planning department consults with a Crown Attorney for direction on more severe issues that could potentially lead to charges. Ms. Skillen explained the current processes for by-law enforcement and detailed situations where a Crown Attorney is involved. Committee directed staff to bring a By-law forward for the Progressive Enforcement Policy to the Council Meeting on May 24th, 2022.

ACTION: Administration

- g. Finance-2022-015 re Section 357 – Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Approval – May 2022 - Treasurer.

Ms. Pateman reviewed her report recommending the refund of taxes for a property razed by fire. Committee directed a motion be brought forward to the May 24th, 2022 Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- h. Finance-2022-016 re 2022 Budget Amendment – May 2022 - Treasurer.

Ms. Pateman reviewed her report recommending an amendment to the 2022 budget. Mr. Nesbitt added that the new proposed budget has a significant increase to funds for Highway 17 asphalt rehabilitation due to more deterioration to the road than expected during the budget planning phase. He also noted that the increase in Dryden Police Service (DPS) disbandment costs were due to some members of the DPS taking a severance payout rather than taking a role with Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Councillor S. MacKinnon asked if there were any health and safety or accessibility issues at the Museum that were to be addressed with the original budgeted amount for a new vestibule. Mr. Nesbitt advised that a review of the Facilities Master Plan will take place and determine a next course of action for the Museum

and that there are some existing accessibility issues. Mayor Wilson asked for some clarification on what exactly is being done with the Highway 17 asphalt rehabilitation project. Mr. Nesbitt advised that the bulk of the budget will go to continuous paving of the two traveled lanes from the Underpass to the East end Welcome sign. He noted that this does not include the center lane and the remainder of the budget will go to some patching on the West end of the Highway. Committee directed a by-law be brought forward to the May 24th, 2022 Meeting of Council to amend the 2022 Budget.

ACTION: Administration

- i. Community Services-2022-004 re Milestone Skating Oval Development Project - Community Services Manager.

Mr. Belanger reviewed his report recommending that Council accept a donation of up to \$55,000 and proceed with the development of a skating oval on the land east of Milestone Rink. Committee gave direction to staff to move forward with the development of the skating oval at 168 Morrison Avenue.

ACTION: Manager of Community Services

- j. Administration-2022-018 re Council Remuneration Review - 2022 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler reviewed her report regarding Council Remuneration and if, and how much, they would like to increase remuneration in January of 2023. Mayor Wilson asked if Council was to add annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Ms. Euler advised that annual increases have been discussed in the past and noted that per policy the City must check with peer communities to compare remuneration. She added that it is up to Council to decide if there are to be any changes and what amount. Councillor S. MacKinnon suggested per diem payments to Council members who attend committee meetings. There was some discussion around remuneration and Committee was in agreement that their membership on Council is in the interest of helping the community, not the wage received. Councillor S. MacKinnon confirmed that any remuneration change would be for next term of Council, not the current one. Committee directed staff to bring forward final calculations for remuneration based on the comparator average with the highest and lowest two removed. These numbers are to be brought forward to the May 24th, 2022 Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- k. Administration-2022-019 re Deregulation of Taxi Business in Dryden - Clerk.

Ms. Euler reviewed her report recommending Council approve the deregulation of the taxi business within the City of Dryden at the end of January 2023. Councillor Bush, Councillor S. MacKinnon and Mayor Wilson asked that representatives from the taxi companies in Dryden have an opportunity to speak to Council before a decision is made. Committee directed staff to approach the taxi cab companies to speak with Council at a future date.

ACTION: Administration

13. Notices of Motion

None.

None.

14. Announcements

- a. Mayor

No announcements.

b. Councillors

Councillor Price advised that the Patricia Area Community Endeavors (PACE) board meetings have been going well. She also gave an update on the job fair that PACE recently held, saying it was well attended. She noted the Home & Leisure show is upcoming and that Dryden Days of Summer should be starting in about a month. Councillor Price stated she recently attended the first Police Services Board meeting since the disbandment of Dryden Police Services and gave an overview of the topics discussed.

Councillor Bush gave an update on rising water levels in the area, urging everyone to be cautious. He also thanked the Dryden Public Works Department for assistance with a particular flooding incident in the area.

Councillor M. MacKinnon advised that the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is working towards a new Strategic Plan and that the audited financial statements will be passed at their next meeting. He noted he recently attended the ground-breaking for the Go Getters which he said was a wonderful event.

Councillor S. MacKinnon advised that they had a Working Circle meeting last week where they heard a presentation from AgriTech North. He also wished all mothers a belated Mother's Day.

Councillor Carlucci stated that he attended the Go Getters ground-breaking as well as the Police Services Board (PSB) meeting. He noted that they're working on getting temporary PSB minutes posted publicly.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

Clerk