



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

August 8, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

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

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt
Clerk A. Euler
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll
Manager of Public Works B. Poole

Others Present: Dan Penner - Community Planner (Urban Systems),
Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke, Junior Planner B.
Russo, Chief Building Official P. Skillen

1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor S. MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

a. The Agenda for this meeting.

Chair Councillor S. MacKinnon 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 the response was negative.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Councillor S. MacKinnon read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

None.

None.

5. Presentations

- a. Age Friendly Action Plan - Mr. Dan Penner of Urban Systems.

Mr. Penner from Urban Systems gave a presentation detailing the highlights from their Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan for the City of Dryden. Councillor Carlucci thanked Mr. Penner for the report and presentation and noted that he thinks it will be a great tool to help attract private investors. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked if City staff were engaged on the implementation plan presented in the report. Mr. Penner advised that he had significant engagement with Mr. Belanger as well as meetings with the Senior Management Team in March 2022. Mr. Nesbitt added that reports like this present actions that need to be prioritized based on resources. Councillor M. MacKinnon asked if Urban Systems spoke with organizations in the community about their level of awareness of projects being undertaken by other groups and organizations. Mr. Penner advised that he did speak with other organizations and that collaboration between groups and organizations in the community could be strengthened and noted that this report could be a great communication tool to bring people together on projects. Committee thanked Mr. Penner, Urban Systems and Mr. Belanger for their work on the report.

6. Public Notices - Clerk

- a. 2022 Municipal Election Notice of Nominations for Office.

Ms. Euler gave a reminder about nominations for office for the October 24th Municipal and School Board Elections. She advised that nominations can be filed with the City Clerk between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday until Thursday August 18th. She noted they can also be filed on August 19th between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. She also advised that an appointment is to be made with the City Clerk to file nomination papers and that the fee to run for Mayor is \$200 and the fee to run for Council or School Board Trustee is \$100. Lastly, Ms. Euler advised that more information regarding the upcoming election can be found on the City of Dryden website.

7. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

None.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Building & Planning-2022-012 Committee of Adjustment – Alternate Member Request - Junior Planner.

Mr. Russo reviewed his report requesting an alternate member of Council be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment. He detailed the duties of the alternate member and asked for a volunteer to join the Committee. Mayor Wilson asked when Mr. Russo is hoping to have an alternate member join the Committee. Mr. Russo advised that they are looking for someone to join the Committee immediately and went into some more detail about the role. Councillor Bush volunteered to become the alternate on the Committee of Adjustment. Councillor Carlucci gave his perspective on the Committee as he is an experienced member. A motion will be brought forward to the August 22nd Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- b. Administration-2022-029 Changes to Meeting Schedule for October and November 2022 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report requesting that Council direct staff to bring forward a motion to approve changes and provide notice regarding the Committee of the Whole and Council Meeting schedule for October and November 2022. Committee directed staff to bring forward a motion to the August 22nd Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Finance-2022-022 Section 357 – Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Approval – August 2022 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council approve a tax refund for a property damaged by fire. Committee directed staff to bring forward a motion to the August 22nd Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration/Finance

- d. Finance-2022-023 2022 Q2 Financial Report - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Q2 Financial Report for the period ending June 30th, 2022. Mayor Wilson asked if "Calls for Service" costs from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were included in the policing cost figures.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that the City will not be billed for "Calls for Service" until 2026. Mayor Wilson noted that it may be helpful to get interim figures from the OPP in regards to "Calls for Service" so the City is prepared when the billing starts taking place. Councillor Bush asked if staff have an estimation for what the possible surplus or deficit may be in 2022. Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that he'll provide an updated forecast in the Q3 Financial Report. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked if there was a database for debt finance as a percentage of City revenue to compare to the provincial averages. Mr. Lansdell-Roll stated that he's not aware of any such database but that he could put that information into a report if Council wishes. Councillor McKay asked if rising interest rates will have any effect on the City's financial position. Mr. Lansdell-Roll noted that the majority of the City's interest rates are fixed so the rising rates will not have much of an effect.

9. Notices of Motion

None.

None.

10. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson passed on his condolences to the family of the late Barry Sampson. He also shared some information about Meals on Wheels and urged the public to volunteer with the organization. He shared his thoughts on what the future Council should be aware of and consider including transportation for seniors, long-term care homes, increased street lighting, and private driveway snow removal.

b. Councillors

Councillor Price advised that nominations are open for the Business Excellence Awards and anyone wishing to nominate someone can do so through the CKDR website or by visiting the Dryden Chamber of Commerce office. She noted that the Dryden Trailblazer Tourism Association (DTTA) has received several applications for funding which they'll be reviewing soon. Lastly, she gave an update on Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) and their upcoming projects.

Councillor Carlucci advised that himself, Mr. Nesbitt and Councillor Price will be attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference next week.

Councillor Bush extended his condolences to the family of Barry Sampson.

Councillor M. MacKinnon also extended his condolences to the family of Barry Sampson. He then gave an update on the housing and building projects that are ongoing by the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB).

Councillor S. MacKinnon also extended his condolences to the family of Barry Sampson as well as the family of former City of Dryden employee Bill Drozda.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Moved by D. McKay

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2022

Mayor

Clerk