



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

December 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Members Present: Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor M. Price
Councillor Latham
Councillor Tardiff
Councillor Kiewning
Mayor Harrison
Councillor Noel

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt
Clerk A. Euler
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: D. Peterson (Councillor in Machin), T. Blair (Councillor in Machin), G. Griffiths (Mayor in Machin), D. Armstrong-Ross (DRHC), H. Wall (KDSB), T. Rob (Clerk Treasurer in Machin), A. Aplan, D. Bowles, M. Hall, M. Penner, K. Jaeger, S. Semeniuk, Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Fire Chief C. Wood, Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

Mayor Harrison 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.

Mayor Harrison 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

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Latham

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:

Closed Staff Report Administration-2022-041 Council Education - CAO Report.
(Council education)

Carried

- a. Call to Order:
- b. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof for:
- c. Adoption of Minutes:
 - 1. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2022.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Administration-2022-041 Council Education – CAO Report - CAO.
(Council education)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time 6:41 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened from the Closed Meeting.

Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by B. Latham

THAT the Open Meeting of Council be reconvened.

Carried

5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting

Mayor Harrison called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been one (1) item on the Closed agenda and on that item the CAO gave Council an information report.

8. Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

- a. Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Update.

Members of the Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee gave a presentation detailing the Committee which is made up of four pillar working groups including Supporting Our Youth, Education & Prevention, Treatment, and Social Development. There was then some discussion primarily focused on the issue of homelessness in Dryden. Council thanked the members of the Committee for their presentation.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

11. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of December 12, 2022 as read and adopted:

12. a

13. a

15. a

Carried

12. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2022. (Adopt)

Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by B. Tardiff

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 28, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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

- a. Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the following individuals be appointed to various City Boards and Committees for the 2022-2026 term of Council:

Dryden Public Library Board: Angie Barton, Matthew Benson, Susan Reany-Iskra, Suzanne Lockyer

Police Services Board: John Carlucci

Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards: John Carlucci

Dryden Museum Advisory Board: Kris Barton, Patricia Rigey, Willem Vermeer

City of Dryden Working Circle: Ted Mitchell, Cheryl Edwards, Lloyd Napish, Neil McLeod

Carried

14. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

15. Information Items

- a. NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for November 23, 2022.

Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by B. Latham

THAT the NOMA Board Meeting Summary Report for November 23, 2022 be received.

Carried

16. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by B. Tardiff

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of December 12, 2022 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2022-65
By-law 2022-66

Carried

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

- a. By-law 2022-65 re: Authorize By-Election.

Moved by M. Price
Seconded by B. Latham

THAT By-law 2022-65 being a by-law to authorize conducting a by-election to elect a Trustee for the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board and the use of internet and telephone voting for said by-election in February of 2023 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. By-law 2022-66 re: User Fees and Charges Effective January 1, 2023.

Moved by B. Tardiff
Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT By-law 2022-66 being a by-law to establish Fees and Charges for The Corporation of The City of Dryden to be effective January 1, 2023 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

18. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

19. Staff Reports

- a. Building & Planning-2022-018 Property Standards Committee – Extension of Hearing Timeframe - CBO.

Ms. Skillen presented her report recommending that Council adopt a by-law to amend Chapter 171, Property Standards, of the Municipal Code for an extension of appeal hearing time limitations. There were no questions. Council adopted the proposed by-law.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT By-law 2022-68 being a by-law to amend certain sections of Chapter 171, Property Standards of the Municipal Code of The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. Public-Works-2022-015 2023 Water and Sewer Rates - Vacant Lots - Revised - Public Works Manager.

Mr. Nesbitt presented a report on behalf of the Manager of Public Works recommending that Council direct staff to include an Infrastructure Renewal Fee for Unconnected Lots fronting municipal water and wastewater services as part of the 2023 Water and Wastewater budgets. There was then a brief discussion about zoning. Council directed staff to include the new fee as part of the 2023 Water and Wastewater budgets.

ACTION: Finance

Moved by B. Tardiff

Seconded by B. Latham

THAT Council direct staff to include an Infrastructure Renewal Fee for Unconnected Lots fronting municipal water and wastewater services as part of the 2023 Water and Wastewater budgets.

Carried

- c. Administration-2022-040 Confidentiality Agreement Between NWMO and the City of Dryden - CAO.

Mr. Nesbitt presented his report recommending that Council direct Mayor Harrison to execute the confidentiality agreement between the City of Dryden and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to enable negotiations of the DGR Benefits Agreement. There was then a brief discussion surrounding the purpose of the confidentiality agreement. Council directed Mayor Harrison to execute the agreement.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That Council direct Mayor Harrison to execute the confidentiality agreement between the City of Dryden and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to enable the negotiations of the DGR Benefits Agreement to move forward.

Carried

- d. Administration-2022-042 CAO Update - Various Ongoing Initiatives - CAO.

Mr. Nesbitt gave a report on various ongoing initiatives for information purposes. In the report he gave an overview of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy, Employee Cultural Education, Corporate Communications Strategy, Employee Compensation and Benefits Reviews, Community Risk Assessment, Fire Master Plan, and the Facility Master Plan & Building Condition Assessments. There was some discussion about the funding for some of the initiatives. Council then thanked Mr. Nesbitt for the report.

ACTION: Nil

- e. Administration-2022-039 Appointment of Members of Council to Boards and Committees - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report recommending that Council appoint members to various Boards and Committees for the 2022-2026 term of Council. There were no questions. Council approved the motion to appoint members to the Boards and Committees.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the following members of Council be appointed to various Boards and Committees for the 2022-2026 term of Council:

Dryden Public Library Board - Catherine Kiewning

Dryden Police Services Board - Michelle Price, Jack Harrison

Kenora District Services Board - Jack Harrison

Patricia Area Community Endeavours Board - Ritch Noel

Dryden Museum Advisory Board - Bill Latham

City of Dryden Finance Committee - Martin MacKinnon, Bryan Tardiff, Jack Harrison

City of Dryden Committee of Adjustment - Bill Latham, Martin MacKinnon

City of Dryden Master Plan Steering Committee - Michelle Price, Jack Harrison

City of Dryden Working Circle - Michelle Price, Catherine Kiewning

Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee - Jack

Harrison (Alternate - Martin MacKinnon who will also attend relevant Pillar Working Groups)

Carried

- f. Finance-2022-029 2023 Draft Budget – Draft 2 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented a revised version of the 2023 Draft Budget and recommended that Council provide direction on how they would like staff to proceed in preparing the final 2023 Operating Budget and Capital Budget. There was then some discussion surrounding the report and the various options available to possibly lessen the tax levy increase. Each Councillor and the Mayor gave their input on the draft budget. Council directed staff to work with the Finance Committee to try and lessen the potential tax levy and bring that forward to the meeting in January.

ACTION: Finance

20. Notices of Motion

None.

21. Motions

None.

22. Reports of Municipal Officers

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt wished City staff, Council and Dryden residents happy holidays and a safe new year. He then thanked all City employees for their work in 2022.

b. Treasurer

None.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler gave an update on previous and upcoming Council orientation sessions. She then wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

d. Public Works Manager

Not in attendance.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the process of getting Milestone rink ready for use has begun as well as the new skating pad. He then thanked the volunteers of Dryden Minor Hockey as they held another tournament during the past weekend. Lastly, he thanked the staff in the Recreation Department for their efforts in 2022.

23. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison gave his condolences to the family of Susan Wells as she recently passed away. He then acknowledged two local healthcare workers for their recent achievements. Lastly, he wished everyone happy holidays.

b. Councillors

Councillor MacKinnon wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Councillor Kiewning gave her condolences to the family of Susan Wells and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councillor Latham advised he attended the recent Council orientation that Ms. Euler mentioned earlier. He noted it was very interesting and informative. He then wished everyone happy holidays.

Councillor Tardiff thanked Mr. Lansdell-Roll for being so thorough with his Draft Budget and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councillor Price wished everyone happy holidays. She also thanked all City staff for their efforts in 2022.

Councillor Noel wished everyone happy holidays. He also noted that he recently attended a Christmas event and praised it.

24. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law 2022-67.

Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-67 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

Clerk