



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

February 13, 2023, 7:00 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:
Clerk A. Euler
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: City of Dryden Integrity Commissioner P. Heayn, Elizabeth Hill of
Pesce & Associates, Manager of Human Resources M. Warren,
Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Communications Coordinator S.
Tocholke, Fire Chief C. Wood

1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor 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 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 Councillor Noel declared a conflict with item 8 j. as he has a family member who works as part of the Dryden Fire Service.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Councillor MacKinnon read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

None.

None.

5. Presentations

- a. Mr. P. Heayn, City of Dryden Closed Meeting Investigator, re: Council Orientation.

Mr. Heayn made a presentation detailing closed meeting rules. Mayor Harrison asked if Council is able to have quorum on a virtual meeting to which Mr. Heayn answered yes. In response to a question from Councillor Kiewning, Mr. Haeyn shared the reason why Council Education is a valid reason to hold a closed meeting. Council thanked Mr. Heayn for his presentation.

- b. Ms. E. Hill of Pesce & Associates re: Non Union Pay Equity and Compensation Review.

Ms. Hill gave a presentation regarding non-union pay equity and compensation. There were no questions or comments. Council thanked Ms. Hill for her presentation and directed a motion to adopt the new grid be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

6. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

None.

7. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

None.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Building and Planning-2023-005 325 Government Street – Site Plan Control - CBO.

Ms. Skillen presented her report recommending that Council endorse the Site Plan Agreement between Dryden Hotel Group Ltd. and the Corporation of the City of Dryden for the site plan control for the property at 325 Government Street. Councillor Kiewning asked about the timeline

of the project to which Ms. Skillen advised that there is no exact date and then she detailed what steps are required to move forward. Councillor Tardiff asked if this project utilized the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) program. Ms. Skill advised that the CIP program was used for some savings in demolition costs and Mayor Harrison also noted that the project will receive a tax subsidy as part of the CIP program. Council directed staff to bring a by-law forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- b. Finance-2023-004 Dryden Food Bank Property Tax Relief - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council adopt By-law 2023-8, being a By-law to increase the Dryden Food Bank Tax rebate to the amount of 100% for the 2023 to 2026 tax years. Councillor Kiewning asked if any other organizations are getting this type of rebate. Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that there are other organizations that receive 40% rebates but the Dryden Food Bank is the only one that receives 100%. There was then some discussion regarding the budgeted amount for tax rebates and how much had been utilized in 2023 thus far. A by-law will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Finance-2023-005 2023 Ontario Regulation 284/09 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report on Excluded Expenses as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09. Mr. Lansdell-Roll gave an overview of the reason the City of Dryden does not budget for amortization in a response to a question from Councillor Kiewning. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- d. Finance-2023-006 Section 357 – Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Approval – February 2023 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council approves a tax refund for a property due to an overcharge resulting from a timing error. A resolution will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- e. Finance-2023-008 Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy Amendment – February 2023 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council approve the revised Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy. He then highlighted the changes to the policies. In response to a question, Mr. Lansdell-Roll gave a more detailed overview of the change to the policy relating to Waterworks, noting that the new policy would allow for the use of funds for operating and capital costs instead of just capital. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- f. Administration-2023-007 Appointment of Members of Council to Boards and Committees – February 2023 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report recommending that Council direct staff regarding an appointment of an additional member of Council to the City of Dryden Working Circle for the 2022-2026 term of Council. Councillor Noel advised that he would be willing to join the Working Circle. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- g. Administration-2023-008 Council Meeting Schedule for December 2023 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report recommending that Council direct staff to bring a motion forward to approve a change and provide notice regarding an amendment to the December 2023 meeting schedule. There was then some discussion about the options presented in the report. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- h. Administration-2023-009 Municipal Office Closures for 2023-2024 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report recommending that Council authorizes the additional closure of Municipal Offices and Facilities during the 2023/2024 Christmas and New Year period, including December 27th, 28th and 29th. There were no comments or questions. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- i. Administration-2023-010 Support Resolution Request – February 2023 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her report recommending that Council provide direction regarding a support resolution request for School Boards running their own Trustee elections or providing compensation for municipalities for overseeing these elections. Councillor Kiewning asked if the Town of Petrolia received a response to their request. Ms. Euler advised that she hadn't seen a response but the request was just recently made. Councillor Latham then asked if it would be preferred to not run the Trustee elections. Ms. Euler advised that the preference would be to not run the School Board Trustee elections. Ms. Euler noted that there is no financial support for running these Trustee elections in response to a question from Councillor Tardiff. A motion will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- j. Fire-2023-003 2023 Municipal Emergency Management Program - Fire Chief.

Chief Wood presented his report recommending that Council adopt the City of Dryden 2023 Municipal Emergency Management Program. He asked for a member of Council to be appointed to the Emergency Management Program Committee. Councillor Kiewning put her name forward to join the committee. He also asked for Mayor Harrison to be appointed to the Emergency Control Group and requested two council members as designates. Councillor Latham and Councillor Tardiff put their names forward for designates. A by-law will be brought forward to the February 27th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

9. Notices of Motion

- a. 2023 User Fees & Charges: Vacant Lot Sewer and Water Fees

A Notice of Motion was brought forward by Councillor Kiewning which reads: THAT Council reconsider the 2023 User Fees & Charges: Vacant Lot Sewer and Water Fees per our procedural bylaw Section 11.11 at the February 27th meeting.

10. Announcements

- a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison shared his thoughts on his recent attendance at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference. He noted that he and

Mr. Nesbitt had two delegations, one with the Solicitor General and the other with the Minister of Long Term Care. He advised that a follow up meeting had been set with the Solicitor General in regards to policing costs. He also thanked the Dryden Fire Service for their quick response to a fire at 10 Victoria Street.

b. Councillors

Councillor Noel asked about getting a new microphone system in council chambers to which Ms. Euler responded that the Manager of IT has ordered some new components for the system.

Councillor Kiewning advised that the Working Circle has a lot of exciting things coming up. She also noted that the Library and Museum are working on the digitization of the Dryden Observer and they are now focusing on getting funding.

Councillor Latham shared the fundraising goals for the Dryden Observer digitization project.

Councillor MacKinnon advised that he attended his first Dryden Trailblazer Tourism Association meeting. He gave praise to the members and encouraged the public to get involved with the committee.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

Clerk