



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

**February 27, 2023, 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 Public Works B. Poole  
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: C. Edwards - Executive Director of the Dryden Native Friendship Centre, T. Mitchell from the Working Circle, A. Cesiunas, Fire Chief C. Wood, Manager of Human Resources M. Warren, Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke, and 20-25 members of the public.

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**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** M. MacKinnon

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 re: Council Orientation. (Council education)

**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 - January 9, 2023.
  - 2. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2023.
  - 3. Special Closed Council Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
  - 1. Presentation re: Council Orientation. (Council education)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

### **4. Reconvene from Closed Session**

At this time, 6:49 p.m., the Closed Meeting of Council adjourned to the Open Meeting.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

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 Council had received additional orientation in the earlier Closed Session.

**8. Delegations**

- a. Mr. A. Cesiunas re: Water and Sewer Charges for Vacant Lots in the City of Dryden.

Mr. Cesiunas gave a presentation to Council regarding the negative impacts of the newly introduced Infrastructure Renewal Fee. Council then thanked Mr. Cesiunas for the presentation.

**9. Presentations**

- a. City of Dryden Working Circle Update - Ms. C. Edwards with Co-Chairs Mr. T. Mitchell and Councillor C. Kiewning.

Mr. Mitchell and Councillor Kiewning gave a presentation to Council overviewing the Working Circle, their membership, their next steps and some key dates for upcoming events. Council thanked Mr. Mitchell and Councillor Kiewning for their presentation.

**10. Public Notices - Clerk**

- a. Notice of Public Meeting re: City of Dryden Official Plan 5pm Monday, March 13, 2023.

Ms. Euler advised that the City of Dryden will be hosting a public meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. regarding the new Official Plan. She noted that the public can attend in person or virtually and that anyone wishing to attend virtually can reach out to the City of Dryden's Junior Planner at [dmehta@dryden.ca](mailto:dmehta@dryden.ca).

Ms. Euler also advised that anyone wishing to submit feedback can forward it to the Junior Planner via email, mail or by delivering it to City Hall directly before 4:30 p.m. on March 6th.

**11. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General**

**Moved by** R. Noel

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the  
Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of February 27, 2023 as read and  
adopted:

12. a, b, c

13. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

**Carried**

**12. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

a. Council Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2023. (Adopt)

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held January 23, 2023 be  
adopted.

**Carried**

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023. (Adopt)

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** B. Tardiff

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held February 2, 2023  
be adopted.

**Carried**

c. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2023. (Adopt)

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** R. Noel

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 9,  
2023 be adopted.

**Carried**

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

- a. 2023 Ontario Regulation 284/09.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** R. Noel

THAT Council adopt the compliance report for expenses excluded from the 2023 budget as outlined in Staff Report Finance-2023-005 as a requirement of Ontario Regulation 284/09 passed under the Municipal Act, 2001.

**Carried**

- b. Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes Approval.

**Moved by** B. Tardiff

**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

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: 260.011.06533

Period: 2021 (May 3 - December 31)

2022 (January 1 - September 1)

Reason: Overcharge due to a gross or manifest clerical/factual error.

**Carried**

- c. Appointment of Members of Council to Boards and Committees.

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

THAT Council appoint Councillor Ritch Noel to the City of Dryden Working Circle for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

**Carried**

- d. Council Meeting Schedule for December 2023.

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report Administration-2022-008, Council approve cancelling the December 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting and moving the Council Meeting from December 25, 2023, to December 11, 2023.

**Carried**

- e. Municipal Office Closures for 2023-2024.

**Moved by M. Price**

**Seconded by R. Noel**

THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report Administration-2023-009, Council authorize the additional closure of Municipal Offices and Facilities during the 2023 Christmas period as per the conditions outlined in the Staff Report for the following dates:

December 27, December 28, and December 29.

**Carried**

- f. Support Resolution Request - Town of Petrolia.

**Moved by B. Tardiff**

**Seconded by B. Latham**

As the organizing, hosting and promoting of School Board Elections requires an extensive amount of municipal resources and coordination; and

As the process of conducting School Board Elections, without compensation, places a significant burden on municipalities,

Council of the Corporation of the City of Dryden receives and heartily supports the correspondence dated January 23, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia requesting the Minister of Education have School Boards assume the responsibility for conducting their own elections or at a minimum, have municipalities compensated by the School Boards for overseeing such elections; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Town of Petrolia,

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

**Carried**

- g. Appointment of Emergency Information Officers as Part of the City of Dryden's Municipal Emergency Management Program.

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT as per the Recommendation in Staff Report Fire-2023-003, Council appoint the following individuals as Emergency Information Officers for the City of Dryden's Municipal Emergency Management Program:

Primary Emergency Information Officer - Scott Tocholke

Alternate Emergency Information Officer - Tyler Peacock.

**Carried**

- h. Non-Union Salary Grid Adoption.

**Moved by** B. Tardiff

**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

THAT Council adopt the Non-Union Salary Grid developed by Pesce & Associates.

**Carried**

**14. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals**

None.

**15. Information Items**

None.

**16. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws**

**Moved by** C. Kiewning

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of February 27, 2023 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2023-8  
By-law 2023-14  
By-law 2023-15  
By-law 2023-16  
By-law 2023-17

**Carried**

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

- a. By-law 2023-8 re: Establishment of Property Tax Rebate for the Dryden Food Bank.

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon  
**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

THAT By-law 2023-8 being a by-law to establish a property tax rebate for the Dryden Food Bank in the amount of 100% of taxes levied for the taxation years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- b. By-law 2023-14 re: Amend By-law 3529-2007 to Delete and Replace FI-RE-01 Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy.

**Moved by** B. Tardiff  
**Seconded by** R. Noel

THAT By-law 2023-14 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 deleting and replacing the following policy under section Finance:

(a) FI-RE-01 - Reserves & Reserve Funds Policy

be read a first, second and third time.



**Carried**

- c. By-law 2023-15 re: Execution of Site Plan Agreement re: 325 Government Street.

**Moved by** C. Kiewning

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2023-15 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Development Agreement between the Dryden Hotel Group Ltd. and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the land legally described as PCL 42002 SEC DKF; PT LT 4 CON 6 VAN HORNE PT 13-18, 23R10207; S/T LT269106; DRYDEN PIN 42082-0351; DRYDEN, DISTRICT OF KENORA, commonly known as 325 Government Street be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- d. By-law 2023-16 re: Appoint Emergency Management Program Committee.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2023-16 being a by-law to appoint the following as members of the City of Dryden Emergency Management Program Committee for 2023:

CAO Roger Nesbitt,  
Councillor Catherine Kiewning,  
CEMC Chris Wood (Chair),  
Alternate CEMC Ryan Robertson,  
Alternate CEMC Liz Godin,  
Treasurer Steven Lansdell-Roll, and  
Manager of Public Works Blake Poole

be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- e. By-law 2023-17 re: Appoint Emergency Control Group.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** C. Kiewning

THAT By-law 2023-17 being a by-law to appoint the following as members of the City of Dryden Emergency Control Group for 2023:

Mayor Jack Harrison (designates Councillors Bill Latham and Bryan Tardiff),  
CAO,  
Treasurer,  
Manager of Public Works,  
CEMC, and  
City Clerk

be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**18. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items**

None.

**19. Staff Reports**

- a. Public Works-2023-005 Winter Snow Plowing - Windrows in Driveways 2023 - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his report revisiting the October 11th, 2022 Council Meeting report titled Winter Snow Plowing - Windrows in Driveways. Councillor Noel asked about implementing some kind of user pay system for looking after the windrows. Mr. Poole advised that it would require a significant amount of administrative work to manage a user pay system. Mr. Nesbitt added that private contractors would be better suited to provide this type of service on a user pay basis. In response to a question by Councillor Latham, Mayor Harrison and Mr. Poole shared information about the use of a grader attachment to clear windrows. They noted that they're aware of several other communities who have attempted to use this type of attachment with little success.

**ACTION: Nil**

**20. Notices of Motion**

None.

**21. Motions**

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

Council had a discussion regarding the reconsideration of the newly implemented vacant lot sewer and water fees. Each member of Council shared their opinions on the matter. Mr. Nesbitt noted that if the new vacant lot sewer and water fees by-law was to be rescinded, there would be a recommendation from staff for an increase to water and sewer rates for all residents in order to offset the change in budget.

**ACTION: Nil**

**Moved by** C. Kiewning

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT Council Reconsider the 2023 User Fees & Charges - Vacant Lot Sewer & Water Fees per the Procedural By-law Section 11.11 at the February 27, 2023 Meeting.

**Defeated**

## **22. Reports of Municipal Officers**

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt congratulated Councillor Kiewning and Mr. Mitchell for taking the co-chair roles on the Working Circle. He then noted that he recently attended a meeting with Minister Clark and Minister Rickford to discuss ways to stimulate housing and development in the communities in the Kenora District. He also noted that the Communications Strategy, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan and the non-union salary grid review are now complete and have been presented to Council. Lastly, he thanked the Administration staff for their recent completion of the English Public School Board Trustee By-Election and thanked the Recreation Department for their recent work in hosting the Lil' Bands Hockey Tournament.

- b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that a statement of Council remuneration and expenses will be presented to Council in March. He also advised that the 2024 Budget Calendar will be presented to Council in March.

- c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised that the Administration Department recently wrapped up the English Public School Board Trustee By-Election and she congratulated Judi Green who was elected as the new English Public School Board Trustee.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole gave an update on the recent activities in the Public Works Department. He advised that the Facilities Master Plan is nearly complete and should be presented to Council in March. Lastly, he mentioned that there are issues with one of the holding tanks at the Sewage Treatment Plant and that they are currently working on having it fixed.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger gave thanks to Prairie Alliance Church (PAC) who recently held a free skating event at Milestone Rink. He also thanked everyone involved in the Lil' Bands Tournament as well as the volunteers for the U7 and U9 hockey tournaments. He then thanked the Dryden Curling Club for their recent bonspiel. Lastly, he gave details on the upcoming Northern Bands Hockey Tournament as well as the upcoming "Black Out" Ice Dogs game.

## **23. Announcements**

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison advised that members of Council have been invited to the upcoming "Black Out" Ice Dogs game as guests of honor. He also advised that he will be attending the upcoming Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association conference and noted there is availability for one more Councillor to attend.

b. Councillors

Councillor Tardiff urged staff and the public to put forth any ideas they may have for non-traditional ways of collecting revenue for the City of Dryden.

Councillor Price advised that she has been busy with Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) meetings lately and noted that she'll be attending a Community Futures Ontario event in Ottawa. She also noted that the Dryden District Chamber of Commerce will begin planning for the 2023 Business Excellence Awards soon and detailed some other upcoming events.

Councillor Noel gave praise to Ms. Edwards and the Dryden Native Friendship Centre for the recent fishing event they hosted.

Councillor MacKinnon also gave praise to the Dryden Native Friendship Centre for the work they do in the community.

Councillor Latham had no comments.

Councillor Kiewning advised that the Dryden Native Friendship Centre will be holding their International Women's Day celebration on March 8th and urged the public to attend.

**24. Confirmatory By-law**

- a. By-law 2023-18.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** R. Noel

THAT By-law 2023-18 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 8:32 p.m.

**Moved by** R. Noel

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

**Carried**

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk