



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

April 24, 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: CAO R. Nesbitt
Clerk A. Euler
Manager of Public Works B. Poole
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: 6 attendees from Treasury Metals (J. Wyeth, R. Pineault, S. LaBelle, A. Larson, G. Falk, Z. Jina), B. Lloyd from Northwatch, 11 members of the public, Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke, Junior Planner D. Mehta, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Fire Chief C. Wood

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Councillor Noel declared a conflict on agenda items 15 a) and b) due to a family member being a full-time employee of the Dryden Fire Department.

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Minutes of a meeting at which a member was not in attendance and had not previously declared and the response was negative.

- a. R. Noel - Councillor Tardiff re: Fire Services Training and Certification Centre.

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- b. R. Noel - Councillor Tardiff re: Fire Master Plan Recommendation re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

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3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

- a. Ms. B. Lloyd, Northwatch Project Coordinator re: NWMO's Investigation of a Site for the Location for the Processing and Permanent Placement of Nuclear Fuel Waste.

Ms. Lloyd gave a presentation regarding the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) investigation of a site location for used nuclear fuel. Councillor Noel asked where information was gathered regarding low-level nuclear material going to landfills. Ms. Lloyd advised that she gathered it from NWMO's 2021 Concept Report. Council thanked Ms. Lloyd for her presentation.

5. Presentations

- a. J. Wyeth, President and CEO, R. Pineault, VP Human Resources & Sustainability and more from Treasury Metals re: Pre-Feasibility Study for the Goliath Gold Complex.

Mr. Wyeth, along with five other members from Treasury Metals, gave a presentation detailing the Pre-Feasibility Study for the Goliath Gold Complex. In closing the presentation, they noted that municipal staff and Council will have an opportunity for site visits soon. Councillor Noel asked for an overview of the timeline of the Goliath Project. Mr. Wyeth advised that production could potentially begin near the end of 2026. Councillor Kiewning asked about the Community Investment Program and Ms. LaBelle advised that the program is open and that there is an application process that organizations must go through. In response to a question from Councillor Latham, Mr. Wyeth advised that Treasury Metals is trying

to avoid using camps for housing their workforce and hope to provide work to people who live in the surrounding communities. Council thanked the group from Treasury Metals for their presentation.

- b. CAO R. Nesbitt re: City of Dryden 2022 Annual Report.

Mr. Nesbitt gave a presentation overviewing Dryden's 2022 Municipal Annual Report. He highlighted some key information including achievements, contributions from funding partners and community partners as well as some upcoming initiatives for 2023. In response to a question from Councillor Kiewning, Mr. Nesbitt advised that the report is available on the City of Dryden website and that it's attached to this meeting's agenda as well. Council thanked Mr. Nesbitt for the presentation.

6. Public Notices - Clerk

- a. Poop and Scoop and Posting of Signs on Utility Poles and Traffic Signals.

Ms. Euler advised that dog owners must immediately remove any excrement left on City of Dryden property by their dog and dispose of it in a sanitary and lawful manner. She also advised that no signs are to be posted on any public utility poles or any traffic lights or signs.

- b. Planting of Flowers and Shrubs in the Dryden Cemetery.

Ms. Euler advised that the public should remove any worn, broken and out of season decorations, and artificial flowers by May 1st, 2023. After that date they will be removed and disposed of by the City.

7. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of April 24, 2023 as read and adopted:

8. a, b, c

9. a, b

Carried

8. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2023. (Adopt)

Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held March 27, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2023. (Adopt)

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by B. Tardiff

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 13, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

- c. Public Planning Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2023. (Adopt)

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting held March 13, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

- a. Support Resolution Town of Essex re: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting Municipalities to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT in support of the resolution adopted by the the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Essex, Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden direct City staff to forward a copy of this resolution urging the Province of Ontario to re-instate previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdiction to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the

Ministry of Finance, the Town of Essex, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Minister of Northern Development, Greg Rickford.

Carried

- b. Support Resolution Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors re: Opposition to Utility Locates Being Downloaded on Ontario Municipalities.

Moved by B. Tardiff

Seconded by B. Latham

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas recently announced their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required; and

WHEREAS third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities; and

WHEREAS these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities; and

WHEREAS the new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened; and

WHEREAS if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedent is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of The City of Dryden strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded on Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities; and

FURTHER THAT the Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Energy, Premier Ford, the Minister of Northern Development

and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, the Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

10. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

11. Information Items

None.

12. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

13. Staff Reports

- a. Building & Planning-2023-007 107 and 109 Edgewater Zoning Amendment Request to Waive EIA - Junior Planner.

Mr. Mehta presented his report regarding the amendment request to waive the Environmental Impact Assessment for the properties at 107 and 109 Edgewater Drive. This report was for information purposes. Mayor Harrison shared his thoughts on how the government classifies wetlands. Council thanked Mr. Mehta for his report.

ACTION: Nil

- b. Economic Development-2023-004 Swanson Street Surplus Properties - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock presented his report recommending that the properties at 26, 28, 31 and 33 Swanson Street be declared surplus and sold in accordance with the City of Dryden's Land Acquisition and Disposition Policy. Councillor Kiewning asked why this matter is being decided on at the next Meeting of Council rather than the current meeting. Mr. Peacock advised that it is required under the City's Public Notice Policy.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Community Services-2023-002 NOHFC Application, Dryden Fall Fest - Manager of Community Services.

Mr. Belanger presented his report recommending that Council authorize staff to proceed with the development of a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) funding application for financial support for the annual Dryden Fall Fest events. In response to a question from Councillor Noel, Mr. Belanger advised that the large inflatables are for decoration, not used by attendees of the events. Councillor Price asked if the Fall Fest organizers had statistics on the number of visitors who attended the events from outside of Dryden. It was advised that about 25% were from out of Dryden. Council thanked Mr. Belanger for the report.

ACTION: Community Services

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden authorize staff to submit a complete application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), Cultural Supports Program for enhancements to the Dryden Fall Fest programs and events to take place between October 7 and 28, 2023 within the City of Dryden; and

FURTHER THAT of the total project cost of \$45,678.00, the financial request of the NOHFC is \$10,389.00 with the City of Dryden contributing \$35,289.00; and

FURTHER THAT any cost overruns will be covered by the City of Dryden.

Carried

14. Notices of Motion

None.

15. Motions

- a. Councillor Tardiff re: Fire Services Training and Certification Centre.

R. Noel declared a conflict on this item. (A family member is a full-time employee of the Dryden Fire Department.)

Councillor Tardiff shared that he thought there may be benefit in investigating a Regional Training Centre as per the recommendation put forth in the recent Fire Master Plan. Chief Wood gave an overview of the

three ways for firefighters to become certified, noting that the most economical and flexible is utilizing Learning Contracts which allows firefighters to train in their home communities. He shared that it would be difficult to sustain a student and trainer base with a Regional Training Centre. Mayor Harrison asked if the trend is moving away from Regional Training Centres and into Learning Contracts. Chief Wood confirmed that the trend is indeed moving away from Regional Training Centres. Mr. Nesbitt advised that Council should consider sitting in on an upcoming meeting with Deputy Minister Derible. Council referred this to staff to investigate further, including the meeting with Deputy Minister Derible.

ACTION: Dryden Fire Service

- b. Councillor Tardiff re: Fire Master Plan Recommendation re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

R. Noel declared a conflict on this item. (A family member is a full-time employee of the Dryden Fire Department.)

Councillor Tardiff shared that, as per the recommendation from the Fire Master Plan, there may be some benefit to some of our residents if the Dryden Fire Service got their Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation and recommended that the accreditation be investigated further. Chief Wood provided insight to Council on how the accreditation worked and what the requirements are to receive it. He also detailed the additional equipment and personnel that would be required to realistically achieve and maintain the accreditation. There was then some discussion around the effectiveness of reports from outside consultants. Council referred this to staff to investigate further, recommending they go back to the Loomex Group to get a better explanation on this particular action item.

ACTION: Dryden Fire Service

16. Reports of Municipal Officers

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt gave his condolences to the Joseph family from Kenora for their loss in a recent tragic incident and thanked all the emergency personnel involved.

- b. Treasurer

Not present.

- c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised that the Administration Department has been working on changes to the Procedural By-Law and that a report on that will be brought forward to the May Committee of the Whole Meeting. She also shared that members of the department recently attended the Northwest Response Forum in April as well as the grand opening of the new accessible washroom at the Dryden Public Library.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole advised that the Public Works Department has begun regular spring operations and that weekly garbage pickup will begin in May. He also noted that there will be summer students beginning work in the next couple of weeks.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the ice is out of both rinks at Dryden Memorial Arena and noted that the replacement of the refrigeration system will begin soon. He also advised that the Dryden Home & Leisure show will be held on May 12-13th. Lastly, he gave an update on the opening of Dryden's outdoor facilities including the soccer fields, baseball diamonds, courts, Aaron Park and the splash park.

17. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison gave his condolences to the Joseph family and commended all the emergency personnel who were involved in the incident. He also noted that the City has proclaimed May 1st as "Doctor's Day". Lastly, he shared that funding from Connecting Links was announced for the rehabilitation of a portion of Highway 17 in the West end of Dryden.

b. Councillors

Councillor Latham advised that he attended Walk-A-Mile training at the Dryden Native Friendship Centre and enjoyed it.

Councillor MacKinnon had no comments.

Councillor Kiewning expressed her condolences to the Joseph family. She shared that We Run This City is hosting a 5km Fun Run April 30th and that Smile Cookie week is upcoming and that she volunteered to decorate cookies. Lastly, she advised that she recently attended a presentation by Dr. Edwards regarding the potential Deep Geological Repository project.

Councillor Noel advised that he recently attended a webinar regarding a possible safe injection site in the area and shared that he was not pleased with the information presented. He also noted that he attended the presentation by Dr. Edwards.

Councillor Price advised that she recently attended a Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) meeting and that there are a few new businesses starting in Dryden. She also advised that there is some room left for booths at the Dryden Home & Leisure Show. Lastly, she expressed her concern with the recent meeting regarding a safe injection site.

Councillor Tardiff also shared that he would be against a safe injection site.

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law 2023-21.

Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2023-21 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

Clerk