



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

September 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

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

Members Absent: Councillor Latham
Councillor Tardiff

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: Henry Wall from Kenora District Services Board, 3 members of the public, Deputy Clerk S. Tocholke, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Manager of Human Resource M. Warren

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

At this time, 6:01 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

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Moved by C. Kiewning

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:

Closed Staff Report re: Project Update. (Litigation or potential litigation)

Closed Staff Report Administration-2023-021 Citizen Appointment to Boards and Committees. (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)

Closed Staff Report HR-2023-003 Labour Relations Information. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)

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 - August 28, 2023.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Closed Staff Report re: Project Update (Litigation or potential litigation)

2. Administration-2023-021 Citizen Appointment to Boards and Committees – September 2023. (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)
3. HR-2023-003 Labour Relations Information (Labour relations or employee negotiations)

e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:50 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened.

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT the Open Meeting of Council be reconvened.

Carried

5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting

Mayor Harrison called the Open Meeting of Council back to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Mr. Tocholke advised that there had been three (3) items on the Closed Agenda and on the first, Council received a project update from the CAO. On the second, Council received a report regarding a citizen appointment to the Museum Advisory Board and directed staff to bring a motion forward to the September 25th Meeting of Council. On the third, Council received a report from the Manager of Human Resources regarding labour relations information.

8. Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

- a. Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) Update - CAO Henry Wall.

Mr. Wall gave a presentation updating Council on several projects happening with the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB). First, he provided information about ongoing and upcoming housing projects in Dryden. He then spoke about childcare in the region, including 1004 new childcare spots being opened up in the next four years. Mr. Wall continued by talking about paramedic services, including funding received and the challenges that come along with the rising number of calls. In response to a question from Councillor Noel, Mr. Wall gave an overview of the vacancy status of two locations in Dryden. There was then some discussion around inaccurate census data for the region in, and around, Dryden. In response to a question from Councillor Kiewning, Mr. Wall advised that the Youth Community Hub in Kenora is very successful and in order to bring one to Dryden, it would require buy-in from Council and would need to be a collective community effort. Mr. Nesbitt concurred with Mr. Wall about the poor census data for the area then brought up the unsustainable policing costs for Dryden which led to discussions about calls for service, emergency shelters and the drug-related issues in the area. Council thanked Mr. Wall for his presentation.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

11. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

12. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of September 11, 2023 as read and adopted:

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Carried

13. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2023 (Adopt).

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held August 28, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

14. Motions arising from previous Council Meetings

- a. Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees.

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Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Tamarah Quequish be appointed to the City of Dryden Working Circle for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried

15. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

16. Information Items

None.

17. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of September 11, 2023 which is comprised of the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2023-49

By-law 2023-50

Carried

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

- a. By-law 2023-49 re: Addition of Non-Union Salary Administration Policy.

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT By-law 2023-49 being a by-law to amend By-law number 3529-2007 being a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual for the addition of Policy HR-COM-02 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. By-law 2023-50 re: Amend FI-PR-01 Procurement Policy.

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Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2023-50 being a by-law to amend By-law number 3529-2007 being a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual for the deletion and replacement of Policy FI-PR-01 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

19. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

20. Staff Reports

- a. Finance-2023-025 User Fees and Charges – September 2023
Amendment - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council approve an amendment to the 2023 Fees and Charges By-law relating to the Dryden Regional Airport. In response to a question from Councillor Kiewning, Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that charges for Medivac at the airport would be covered by the provincial government, not the individuals requiring the service. He also advised that the new fees for Medivac were based off of regional comparators. Council directed staff to bring a by-law forward to the September 25th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- b. Finance-2023-026 Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy Amendment –
September 2023 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his report recommending that Council approve the revised Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy to include the addition of a Solid Waste Reserve Fund. Mayor Harrison asked what the cost estimate was for a new landfill. Mr. Lansdell-Roll and Mr. Poole advised that it's difficult to forecast that far out but noted that it will cost millions of dollars. Council directed staff to bring a by-law forward to the September 25th Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Public Works-2023-008 Connecting Link Agreement 2023-24 - Manager of
Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his report recommending that Council accepts the Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement for \$2,910,410 for the Reconstruction of Grand Trunk Avenue from Leach Road to Cecil Street. The motion was voted on and carried.

ACTION: Mayor & City Clerk

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Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2023-51 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement between His Majesty

the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the maximum amount of \$2,910,410.00 for the Reconstruction of Grand Trunk Avenue (Highway #17) from Leach Road to Cecil Street be read a first, second and third time; and

FURTHER THAT The Corporation of The City of Dryden commits to using Capital Funds for the municipal contribution component of the project.

Carried

- d. Community Services-2023-006 NOHFC Application Dryden Recreation Centre - Manager of Community Services.

Mr. Belanger presented his report recommending that Council authorize staff to develop a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) application for financial support for mechanical and facility upgrades at the Dryden Recreation Centre. Council authorized staff to move forward with the NOHFC application.

ACTION: Community Services

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT Council of the Corporation of the City of Dryden authorize staff to submit a complete application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, Rural Enhancement Stream, for financial support for mechanical and facility updates at the Dryden Recreation Centre; and

FURTHER THAT the City of Dryden commits to using Capital Funds of \$56,237.25 for the municipal contribution component and to cover any cost overruns; and

FURTHER THAT if the application is successful, the City of Dryden will proceed with the project in accordance with the timelines specified in the application.

Carried

21. Notices of Motion

None.

22. Motions

- a. Mayor Harrison re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement.

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Moved by J. Harrison

Seconded by C. Kiewning

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dryden supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office

Defeated

23. Reports of Municipal Officers

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt had nothing to report.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll had nothing to report.

c. Clerk

Mr. Tocholke advised that the Administration Department is doing some cross-training and he is working on learning more of the Clerk's duties. He thanked Council and staff for their patience.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole reminded the public of Household Hazardous Waste Day which is being held September 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also reminded the public of compost bag collection which will be happening on October 2nd and October 16th.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger congratulated the Aaron Park staff for a great season and noted that the Park will be closing after September 17th. He also thanked the public for their patience with the renovations happening at the Dryden Recreation Centre.

24. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison wished a speedy recovery to the OPP Officers who were injured during a call earlier in the week. He also gave his thoughts on the current bail system and how it's failing police officers.

b. Councillors

Councillor Price also wished a speedy recovery to the injured officers. She then gave a reminder that the Business Excellence Awards are being held on the evening of September 16th and congratulated the nominees.

Councillor Noel advised that he recently attended a Nuclear Waste Management Organization conference and that he learned very much which has shifted his position on the Deep Geological Repository.

Councillor MacKinnon supported Mayor Harrison's comments on the justice system.

Councillor Kiewning shared that she is grateful that the injured police officers are doing well after the recent incident.

25. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law 2023-52.

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT By-law 2023-52 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor

Clerk