



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

**September 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall**

Members Present: Councillor MacKinnon
Councillor Price
Councillor Tardiff
Councillor Kiewning
Mayor Harrison
Councillor Noel

Members Absent: Councillor Latham

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt
Clerk A. Euler
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll
Director of Public Works B. Poole
Director of Community Services J. Boyer
Fire Chief C. Wood

Others Present: Records & Legislative Coordinator L. Arseneault, CBO P. Skillen,
Human Resources Director 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 M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

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:

Council education presentation. (Council education)

Carried

- a. Call to Order:
- b. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof for:
- c. Adoption of Minutes:
 - 1. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Council education presentation. (Council education)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:53 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened from the Closed Meeting.

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Tardiff

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 item on the Closed Agenda and on that item, Council received an education presentation and provided direction to staff.

8. Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

None.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

11. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

12. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

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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 September 23, 2024 as read and adopted:

13. a

Carried

13. Adopt/Receive Minutes

a. Council Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024. (Adopt)

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by C. Kiewning

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held September 9, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

14. Motions Arising from Previous Council Meetings

None.

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 M. MacKinnon

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws under date of September 23, 2024 as read and adopted:

By-law 2024-58

Carried

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

a. By-law 2024-58 re: Facility Allocation Policy.

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

That By-law 2024-58 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 document under section Community Service:

(a) CS-RE-01 Facility Allocation Policy

be adopted.

Carried

19. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

20. Staff Reports

- a. Building & Planning-2024-22 De-Icer Information and By-law - Chief Building Official.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her Staff Report and following discussion, Council directed staff to bring a by-law to ban de-icers (bubblers) to a future meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- b. Public Works-2024-10 Food Cyler vs. City Compost Program - Director of Public Works.

Mr. Poole reviewed his Staff Report and Council discussed the options presented. Following discussion, Council thanked Mr. Poole for the work he'd put into the report but decided not to move forward with the Food Cyler program nor with a composting program, at least for 2025.

ACTION: Nil

21. Notices of Motion

None.

22. Motions

- a. Councillor Noel re: Debris and Drug Paraphernalia Collection by City Employees.

Councillor Noel withdrew this Motion before discussion.

- b. Councillor Noel re: Old Tree Stump at Cooper Park.

Councillor Tardiff stated the City had issued an Expression of Interest for carving the tree stumps and Mr. Nesbitt advised the Closing Date for the Expression of Interest is October 23, 2024. It was noted members of Council had seen several comments on this project on Facebook. Councillor Noel withdrew the Motion before the vote.

Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That staff put forth a request for costing to have the stump carved into an appropriate sculpture to reflect the history of the river area and to preserve and promote this unique potential landmark.

- c. Councillor Noel re: Deer Population.

Councillor Price advised a Deer Committee had been formed and a report provided to Council during her first term of Council. Councillor Noel advised the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and a biologist can do a managed hunt which should be looked into. Councillor Tardiff asked for information on what had been done in 2017 and 2018. Mr. Nesbitt advised

staff could provide this information to Council and spoke to the ideas and results of the 2017-2018 study. Following more discussion staff were directed to bring this issue back to a future meeting for review of the 2017-2018 study and current discussions with the MNR to see if there is anything new that can be done.

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Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by M. Price

That staff report to Council measures taken to date to address the urban deer population explosion and to study effective means to manage our urban deer population.

Carried

23. Reports of Municipal Officers

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt advised new funding opportunities had been released and that staff were working on applications.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised he'd drafted a Budget Policy which he'd be bringing to the next meeting for Council to review.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised the memorial wall had been installed at the Dryden Cemetery and anyone wishing to purchase a plaque to memorialize a loved one should contact Ms. Arseneault.

d. Director of Public Works

Mr. Poole noted Capital Projects for 2024 continue. He also advised that funding applications and work on the 2025 Capital Budget are keeping people in his department busy. Mr. Poole advised Todd Olson, the City's new Operations Manager, would be starting work September 30, noting that Daryl Pollard will be missed when he retires in November. He thanked the Ministry of Natural Resources for the work they're doing in the Laura Howe Marsh, noting they're removing danger trees, underbrush and fallen trees.

e. Director of Community Services

Mr. Boyer advised that Aaron Park had wrapped up another successful season and that the Golf Club would be open until Thanksgiving weekend, weather dependent. He advised a new Zamboni would be arriving soon and that a Request for Proposals for a wrap had been issued. Mr. Boyer congratulated Ms. Walter, the City's Museum & Heritage Coordinator, on winning the Community Spirit Award at the recent Chamber of Commerce Awards.

24. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison noted that Ministers Calandra and Rickford had been in town last week for a tour of the new Kenora District Services Board

apartment building at the end of Arthur Street and he thanked them for their ministries' support of the project. He also mentioned that Fall Fest would be hosting many events in October and encouraged the public to attend.

b. Councillors

Councillor Kiewning noted the Take Back the Night event is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 in Cooper Park (rainout location the Unifor Hall) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and urged the public to attend to help end sexual violence.

25. Confirmatory By-law.

a. By-law 2024-57.

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Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That By-law 2024-57 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be adopted.

Carried

26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by M. Price

That this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk