



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

**November 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall**

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

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
Communications Coordinator L. Smith

Others Present: Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Health & Safety Coordinator L. Gould, Director of Human Resources M. Warren, By-law Enforcement Officer T. Pecarski, E. Blanchard of BLG law firm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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. Councillor Noel notified Council of a conflict with agenda item 20.b due to pending litigation in the Ontario Court of Justice.

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.

- a. R. Noel - Administration-2024-23 Working Circle Member Appointment - City Clerk.

Pending litigation in Ontario Court of Justice.

3. Adjournment to Closed Session

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

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by C. Kiewning

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:

De-icer By-law - Legal Opinion. (Litigation or potential litigation)

Community Benefit Agreement Update. (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on by the municipality)

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 - November 12, 2024.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 1. De-icer By-law – Legal Opinion. (Litigation or potential litigation)
 2. Community Benefit Agreement Update. (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on by the municipality)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:31pm, the Open Meeting of Council reconvened from the Closed Meeting.

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by C. Kiewning

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 7:00pm.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been two items on the Closed Agenda. On the first, Council received a report regarding a legal opinion and had directed staff to bring a report to the December 9th Open Meeting of Council. On the second, Council received an update on a Community Benefit Agreement.

8. Delegations

- a. Ms. M. Slade of Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation re: Campaign to bring MRI Services to the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre.

The Delegation was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances earlier in the day and is to be rescheduled for early 2025.

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 M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of November 25, 2024 as read and adopted:

13. a

Carried

13. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2024. (Adopt)

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 12, 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 B. Latham
Seconded by R. Noel

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 2
- By-laws under date of November 25, 2024 as read and adopted:

By-law 2024-65

Carried

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

- a. By-law 2024-65 re: User Fees and Charges Effective January 1, 2025.

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Moved by C. Kiewning
Seconded by R. Noel

That By-law 2024-65 being a by-law to establish Fees and Charges for
The Corporation of The City of Dryden to be effective January 1, 2025 be
adopted.

Carried

19. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

20. Staff Reports

- a. Building & Planning-2024-26 Property Standards Bylaw - By-law
Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Pecarski read his report to Council and answered questions. Council
directed staff to bring a by-law to the next meeting.

ACTION: Building and Planning

- b. HR-2024-26 Asbestos Management Program - Health & Safety
Coordinator.

Ms. Gould read her report to Council and answered questions. Council
directed staff to bring a by-law to the next meeting.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION

- c. Administration-2024-22 Support Resolution Request – November 2024 -
City Clerk.

Ms. Euler reviewed her report and Council directed motions be brought to
the December 9 Meeting of Council.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION

- d. Administration-2024-23 Working Circle Member Appointment - City Clerk.

R. Noel declared a conflict on this item. (Pending litigation in Ontario Court
of Justice.)

Ms. Euler reviewed her report. Council concurred with the
recommendation and directed a motion be presented at this meeting.

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That Council appoint the City's Museum and Heritage Coordinator, Michelle Walter, to the City of Dryden Working Circle, a Committee of Council.

Carried

- e. Administration-2024-26 Execution of OPP Agreement for the Provision of 911 Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services - City Clerk.

Ms. Euler reviewed her report. Council concurred with the recommendation and directed a by-law be presented at this meeting.

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Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That By-Law 2024-67, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of 911 Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services be adopted.

Carried

- f. Fire-2024-2 2024 Municipal Emergency Management Program - Fire Chief.

Mr. Wood read his report to Council and answered questions. Council directed staff to bring a by-law to the next meeting.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION

- g. Fire-2024-4 2024 Emergency Response Plan - Fire Chief.

Mr. Wood read his report to Council and answered questions. Council directed staff to bring a by-law to the next meeting.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATION

- h. Finance-2024-38 2025 Water and Sewer Rate Increase - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll reviewed his report and answered questions. Councillors made comments regarding the report. Council deliberated and directed staff to bring another report back to the next Council meeting after further discussion at the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting.

ACTION: FINANCE

- i. Finance-2024-40 2025 Draft Budget - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll read his report and answered questions. Council deliberated and took staff's recommendation to defer the budget approval until more information from the Solicitor General is made available.

ACTION: NIL

- j. Administration-2024-24 Proposed Land Acquisition - CAO.

Mr. Nesbitt read his report and answered questions. Council deliberated over the options presented and following discussion, directed a motion be read at this meeting.

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Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That staff be directed to proceed with the acquisition of the property located at 400 Sandy Beach Road, otherwise known as the former golf and curling club, at a cost of \$600,000 plus applicable HST, and inclusive of the agreed upon equipment and furniture; and

That the CAO and the Clerk be directed to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale as well as all other applicable documents necessary to complete and close the sale transaction.

Carried

- k. Administration-2024-27 2025 ROMA Conference Ministerial Meeting Requests - CAO.

Mr. Nesbitt read his report to Council and answered questions.

ACTION: NIL

21. Notices of Motion

None.

22. Motions

None.

23. Reports of Municipal Officers

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt congratulated Fire Chief Wood and the entire Fire Team for his recent Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Award.

- b. Treasurer

None.

- c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised the public that the City's Committee of Adjustment is looking for interested community members to apply to join. She noted more information can be found on the City's Facebook page and will be presented at the December 9 Council Meeting.

- d. Director of Public Works

Mr. Poole reminded the public to drive safely now that winter is here.

- e. Director of Community Services

Mr. Boyer announced that Public Works recently took down the play equipment at Aaron Park due to deficiencies and dangers affecting the

equipment's integrity. He advised he's working to find funding for new play equipment.

24. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison reminded the public the CPKC Holiday Train is coming on Wednesday, December 3 for their performance and food drive. The Santa Claus Parade is also doing a food drive and encouraging community members to bring a donation to give during the parade.

b. Councillors

Councillor Noel congratulated the Dryden Fire Department for their work at a recent fire at the Mill and reminded the public about snow removal and to help assist the residents who are unable to clear the snow on their property.

Councillor Tardiff reminded the public not to push their snow into the roads when they're shoveling.

Councillor Price thanked the volunteers from the Fire Department who came down to help the businesses hang Christmas decorations at Earl's Court.

Councillor Kiewning notified the public of the KDSB Pinewood Place tour tomorrow, PACE is holding their mix and mingle on Wednesday, and on Friday is the Santa Claus Parade where the Library is hosting a warming centre before the parade. The Library is also holding a fundraising campaign at the Festival of Trees. Rainbow Alliance Dryden is hosting a drag show on November 30. Hoshizaki House is hosting a candlelight vigil in honour of the Montreal Massacre on December 6.

Councillor MacKinnon thanked those who put up the decor downtown and reminded everyone to check out the Festival of Trees put on by the Dryden Trillium Lions Club.

25. Confirmatory By-law.

a. By-law 2024-66.

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Moved by R. Noel

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That By-law 2024-66 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be adopted.

Carried

26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by R. Noel

That this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk