



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

**December 9, 2024, 7:00 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 Community Services J. Boyer
Fire Chief C. Wood
- Others Present: Records & Legislative Coordinator L. Arseneault, CBO P. Skillen, Director of Human Resources M. Warren, By-law Enforcement Officer T. Pecarski, Inspector A. Illman and Staff Sergeant M. Davis and 6 members of the Dryden OPP, Bob Schneider and 8 members of the public.
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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 Councillors Price, Tardiff and Latham declared conflicts with agenda items 4 (a) and 16 (d) as they own or have shares in local multi-residential buildings.

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. M. Price - Delegations
Owns multi-residential buildings.
- b. B. Latham - Delegations
Owns multi-residential buildings.
- c. B. Tardiff - Delegations
Has shares in multi-residential buildings.

- d. M. Price - Finance 2024-41 Water and Sewer Rate – 2025 Increase – Treasurer.
Owns multi-residential buildings.
- e. B. Latham - Finance 2024-41 Water and Sewer Rate – 2025 Increase – Treasurer.
Owns multi-residential buildings.
- f. B. Tardiff - Finance 2024-41 Water and Sewer Rate – 2025 Increase – Treasurer.
Has shares in multi-residential buildings.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

M. Price declared a conflict on this item. (Owns multi-residential buildings.)

B. Latham declared a conflict on this item. (Owns multi-residential buildings.)

B. Tardiff declared a conflict on this item. (Has shares in multi-residential buildings.)

- a. Bob Schneider and Anita Hackman re: Proposed Water Increases for Landlords.

Mr. Schneider addressed Council on behalf of the landlords who attended in the gallery. He indicated landlords would be paying more for sewer and water than owners of residential properties if Council moved forward with Option 3 from Mr. Lansdell-Roll's Staff Report of November 25, noting there's a very narrow operating margin for landlords and that the extra cost could be the tipping point for some of them. Mr. Schneider advised the group of landlords was in favour of Option 1 from Mr. Lansdell-Roll's Staff Report, noting everyone has to share the costs of improvements, not just landlords and tenants. Following some questions and answers, Council thanked Mr. Schneider for the presentation and the landlords for their attendance.

5. Presentations

- a. Commander A. Illman re: OPP Update.

Inspector Illman and Staff Sergeant Davis reviewed their Powerpoint presentation pertaining to the past 6 months of service in Dryden and some future plans and programs. Several members of the Dryden OPP Detachment also provided information on the areas in which they are involved. Council thanked the detachments members for their presentation.

6. Public Notices - Clerk

- a. Seeking Members of the Public for City of Dryden Committee of Adjustment.

Ms. Euler reviewed the Public Notice advising the City of Dryden is looking for community members to apply to sit on the Committee of Adjustment. She advised the Committee of Adjustment meets on an as-needed basis to review items such as severance, minor variance and easement applications. Ms. Euler advised interested members of the public to email planning@dryden.ca for more information or to visit www.dryden.ca/boardsandcommittees to apply. She noted the full Notice can be found on the City's Facebook page and attached to the agenda for this evening's meeting.

7. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

8. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by R. Noel

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of December 9, 2024 as read and adopted:

9. a, b

10. a, b, c, d

Carried

9. Adopt/Receive Minutes

a. Council Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2024. (Adopt)

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 25, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

b. Public Planning Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2024. (Adopt)

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. Price

That the Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting held November 25, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

10. Motions Arising from Previous Council Meetings

a. Support NOMA re: Sustained Operation and Development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden supports NOMA Resolution 2024-34 regarding the future of Billy Bishop Airport that was sent to the Honourable Anita Anand and Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow on October 7, 2024;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Anita Anand, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow, Kenora MP Eric Melillo, Kenora-Rainy River MPP Greg Rickford and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

Carried

- b. Support NOMA re: Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.

5

Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by M. Price

That the Council of the Corporation of The City of Dryden supports the letter NOMA sent to Alan Spacek, Board Chair of Ontario Northland Transportation Commission, on October 10, 2024; and

Further that a copy of this motion be sent to Mr. Spacek and NOMA.

Carried

- c. Support NOMA re: Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations re: forest operations and employment in Ontario.

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden supports NOMA Resolution 2024-35 dated October 31, 2024 to support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

Further be it resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Economic Development Vic Fedeli, Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, Minister of Northern Development & Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation Greg Rickford and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

Carried

- d. Appoint Emergency Information Officers.

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Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by M. Price

That as per the Recommendation in Staff Report Fire-2024-002, Council appoint the following individuals as Emergency Information Officers for the City of Dryden's Municipal Emergency Management Program:

Primary Emergency Information Officer - Laina Smith
Alternate Emergency Information Officer - Tyler Peacock.

Carried

11. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

12. Information Items

None.

13. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

8

Moved by B. Latham
Seconded by C. Kiewning

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws under date of December 9, 2024 as read and adopted:

By-law 2024-68
By-law 2024-69
By-law 2024-70
By-law 2024-71
By-law 2024-72
By-law 2024-73

Carried

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

a. By-law 2024-68 re: Adopt Asbestos Management Program.

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Moved by B. Tardiff
Seconded by R. Noel

That By-law 2024-68 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 adding the following document under section Human Resources:

(a) HR-HS-75 Asbestos Management Program

be adopted.

Carried

- b. By-law 2024-69 re: Adopt 2024 Municipal Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan.

10

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

That By-law 2024-69 being a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Municipal Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan, revised November 12, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

- c. By-law 2024-70 re: Appoint Emergency Management Program Committee.

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Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That By-law 2024-70 being a by-law to appoint the following as members of the City of Dryden Emergency Management Program Committee:

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

be adopted.

Carried

- d. By-law 2024-71 re: Appoint Emergency Control Group

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by R. Noel

That By-law 2024-71 being a by-law to appoint the following as members of the City of Dryden Emergency Control Group:

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

be adopted.

Carried

- e. By-law 2024-72 re: Appoint Property Standards and Property Maintenance Officer.

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Moved by C. Kiewning
Seconded by M. Price

That By-law 2024-72 being a by-law to appoint Bryce Hron as a By-law Enforcement Officer and a Property Standards Officer for the City of Dryden effective January 1, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

- f. By-law 2024-73 re: Adopt New Property Standards By-law.

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Moved by M. MacKinnon
Seconded by B. Tardiff

That By-law 2024-73, a by-law to adopt a new Property Standards By-law, for the City of Dryden be adopted.

Carried

15. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

16. Staff Reports

- a. Building and Planning-2024-29 Information Report re: De-icer By-law - Chief Building Official.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her Staff Report to explain that there would be no by-law to regulate the use of de-icers in the City of Dryden. Council thanked Ms. Skillen for the work she'd done on this matter.

ACTION: Nil

- b. Building and Planning-2024-28 Site Plan Agreement Amendment – McDonalds Restaurants of Canada Ltd. 520 Government Street - Chief Building Official.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her Staff Report recommending Council authorize the execution of an Amended Site Plan Development Agreement between McDonald's Restaurants of Canada and the City of Dryden. Council concurred with the Report's Recommendation and directed a by-law be enacted this evening.

ACTION: Administration

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Moved by B. Latham
Seconded by C. Kiewning

THAT By-law 2024-74 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Amended Site Plan Development Agreement between McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd. and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the land legally described as PCL 35013 DKF; LT 5 PL M398; PT BLK A PL M276; PT LT 6 PL M398 PT 1, 2, 3, 4, 23R5980; S/T PT 2 & 3, 23R5980 AS IN LT163940 AS ASSIGNED, PCL 23631 SEC DKF, LT 4 PL

M398; DRYDEN PINS 42084-0012 AND 42084-0014; DRYDEN, DISTRICT OF KENORA, commonly known as 520 Government Street be adopted.

Carried

- c. Building & Planning-2024-30 Building By-law - Chief Building Official.

Ms. Skillen reviewed her Staff Report and Council directed a Building By-law be brought forward to the January 13, 2025 meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- d. Finance 2024-41 Water and Sewer Rate – 2025 Increase – Treasurer.

M. Price declared a conflict on this item. (Owns multi-residential buildings.)

B. Latham declared a conflict on this item. (Owns multi-residential buildings.)

B. Tardiff declared a conflict on this item. (Has shares in multi-residential buildings.)

Mr. Lansdell-Roll reviewed his Staff Report, noting the Finance Committee recommended not implementing changes to the billing for multi-residential buildings in 2025, noting more investigation has to be done on this subject. Following some questions and answers, Council agreed with the Report's Recommendation to move forward for 2025.

ACTION: Administration

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Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by R. Noel

THAT By-law 2024-75 being a by-law to amend Chapter 259, Waterworks, of the Municipal Code of The Corporation of The City of Dryden by deleting and replacing § 259-4 Monthly Rates for waterworks within City limits effective December 31, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

- e. Finance-2024-42 2025 Draft Budget - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll reviewed his Staff Report noting a \$1.28 million cost reduction in policing costs has been announced by the province to assist with Dryden's extremely high costs for 2025. Following discussion on the proposed budget, Council directed the Finance Committee bring additional options to the next Council meeting in order to achieve a levy increase of 2.5%, without impacting the 2025 Capital Plan, and to invite the Dryden Public Library's Board Chair to attend an upcoming Council Meeting to discuss service levels at that facility.

ACTION: Finance Committee, Mayor

17. Notices of Motion

None.

18. Motions

None.

19. Reports of Municipal Officers

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt noted this was the final Council meeting of 2024 and he wished everyone Happy Holidays and a safe New Year. He also recognized the efforts of City staff in moving the community forward.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll made no comments.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised the public that City Hall would be closed from noon on December 24th until 8:30 a.m. on January 2nd. On behalf of the Administration Department she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

d. Director of Public Works

Mr. Poole was not in attendance.

e. Director of Community Services

Mr. Boyer mentioned recent and upcoming events at the Arena. He also noted Recreation Department employees are preparing the ice at Milestone Rink and requested the public stay off the ice at this time. He advised there will be Social Media posts once the ice is ready for use. Mr. Boyer thanked Joel Allen, for organizing, and the local business community for the sponsorship of 47 free swims and skates during the holidays, noting his appreciation of and pride in the community.

20. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison thanked City employees for their assistance during the first 2 years of this term of Council, noting the City is lucky to have good employees and leadership. He also expressed his appreciation for each member of Council and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

b. Councillors

Councillor MacKinnon wished everyone Happy Holidays reminding them to be safe.

Councillor Latham wished the public Merry Christmas and advised he'd recently toured Pinewood Place, noting it will be a great asset for Dryden.

Councillor Kiewning thanked the employees of Public Works for their work during the recent snow storms. She thanked the City employees for making the first 2 years of her first term of Council go so well.

Councillor Tardiff wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, warning the public to stay off the ice as it isn't safe yet.

Councillor Price wished the public Happy Holidays, requesting they don't drink and drive. She offered big thanks to Public Works for all they do regarding snow plowing and reminded the public not to park on City streets overnight.

Councillor Noel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He advised Public Works is doing its best with snow plowing and removal and noted citizens can all pitch in to help others if they see help is needed.

21. Confirmatory By-law.

a. By-law 2024-76.

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Moved by C. Kiewning

Seconded by M. Price

That By-law 2024-76 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be adopted.

Carried

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by R. Noel

That this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk