

The Corporation of The City of Dryden

February 22, 2021

Minutes of an Open Meeting of Council held at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Wilson, Councillors Bush, Carlucci, M. MacKinnon, S. MacKinnon, McKay and Price.

Absent: None.

Staff: CAO R. Nesbitt, Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll, Manager of Public Works B. Poole, Manager of Community Services S. Belanger, Fire Chief K. Readman, Health & Safety Coordinator L. Godin, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Acting Clerk A. Euler and Cemetery & Licensing Coordinator P. Spielmacher.

Also

Present: M. Potter, J. Wyeth, M. Wheeler and M. Denyes of Treasury Metals.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof for:

(a) The Agenda for this meeting.

Mayor Wilson 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 McKay declared a conflict with Item 13. (b) as he has a working relationship with the Kenora District Services Board.

(b) Minutes of meetings at which a member was not in attendance.

Mayor Wilson 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. Land Acknowledgement Statement:

Mayor Wilson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations:

(a) Mr. Mac Potter of Treasury Metals re Goliath Gold Complex.

Mr. Potter, Mr. Wyeth and Mr. Wheeler of Treasury Metals provided a presentation to Council which detailed the ongoing operations at the Goliath Gold Complex. Council was advised that Treasury Metals are preparing for a Construction start date of Quarter 4 of 2023 for the Goliath Gold project with a first production date of Quarter 4 of 2025. Following discussion about the Goliath Gold Complex, Council thanked the Treasury Metals representatives for their presentation.

5. Presentations:

None.

6. Public Notices - Clerk:

- (a) Public Appointment to the Dryden and Area Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.

Ms. Euler reviewed the Public Notice regarding a Public Appointment to the Dryden and Area Joint Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee. She noted that interested candidates can apply, by February 28, at www.dryden.ca/cswbapplication or by a paper application available at the Administration Department of City Hall.

Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

- (a) Consent Agenda Part 1 Motion:

Councillor Bush noted that if Council has any questions/comments for the Police Costing Committee to please forward them as soon as possible as the Consultants are on a timeline.

- 1 M. MacKinnon Carlucci** ***THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of February 22, 2021 as read and adopted:***

7. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g)

8. (a) (b)
- CARRIED.

7. Adopt/Receive Minutes:

- (a) Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2020. (Receive)

- 2 S. MacKinnon McKay** ***THAT the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting held November 20, 2020 be received.***
- CARRIED.

- (b) Kenora District Services Board Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2020. (Receive)

- 3 M. MacKinnon Bush** ***THAT the Minutes of the Kenora District Services Board Meeting held December 17, 2020 be received.***
- CARRIED.

- (c) Special Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2020. (Receive)

- 4 S. MacKinnon Price** ***THAT the Minutes of the Special Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting held December 18, 2020 be received.***
- CARRIED.

- (d) Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2021. (Adopt)

- 5 Carlucci Bush** ***THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 11, 2021 be adopted.***
- CARRIED.

- (e) Council Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2021. (Adopt)

- 6** **Carlucci** ***THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held January 25, 2021 be adopted.***
 S. MacKinnon **- CARRIED.**

(f) Council Policy and By-law Review Committee Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2021. (Adopt)

- 7** **Bush** ***THAT the Minutes of the Council Policy and By-law Review Committee Meeting held February 3, 2021 be adopted.***
 M. MacKinnon **- CARRIED.**

(g) Police Costing Committee Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2021. (Adopt)

- 8** **Bush** ***THAT the Minutes of the Police Costing Committee Meeting held February 8, 2021 be adopted.***
 McKay **- CARRIED.**

8. Motions Arising from previous Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings:

(a) Municipal Office/Facility Closures re Christmas/New Year 2021.

- 9** **Price** ***THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report AD-2021-07, Council authorize the additional closure of Municipal Offices and Facilities during the 2021 Christmas period as per the conditions outlined in the Staff Report for the following dates:***
 Carlucci

December 29 (full day)
December 30 (full day) and
December 31 (half day).
- CARRIED.

(b) Council Meeting Schedule (December 2021).

- 10** **Bush** ***THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report AD-2021-08, Council approve changing the dates of the December Committee of the Whole Meeting from December 13, 2021 to December 6, 2021 and the Council Meeting from December 27, 2021 to December 13, 2021.***
 M. MacKinnon **- CARRIED.**

9. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals:

None.

10. Information Items:

None.

Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

(a) Consent Agenda - Part 2 Motion:

- 11** **S. MacKinnon** ***THAT Council consider Section 11 of the Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of February 22, 2021 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:***
 McKay

By-law 2021-17
By-law 2021-19

- CARRIED.

11. By-laws - First, Second and Third Reading:

- (a) By-law 2021-17 re Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (Provincial Gas Tax Program).

12 *Bush Price THAT By-law 2021-17 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the provision of funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program be read a first, second and third time.*
- CARRIED.

- (b) By-law 2021-19 re Appoint Acting Clerk.

13 *Carlucci McKay THAT By-law 2021-19 being a by-law to appoint Allyson Jane Euler as Acting Clerk for the City of Dryden from March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.*
- CARRIED.

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12. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items:

None.

13. Staff Reports:

- (a) Staff Report HS-2021-01 re Safety Audit Policy - Health and Safety Coordinator.

(i) By-law 2021-20

Ms. Godin presented her Staff Report recommending Council approve By-law 2021-20 amending the City of Dryden Corporate Policy manual by adding policy HR-HS-57 Safety Audit. Following discussion, Council concurred with the recommendation.

ACTION: Administration

14 *M. MacKinnon THAT By-law 2021-20 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 under section Human Resources:*

(a) HR-HS-57 - Safety Audit Policy

be read a first, second and third time.
- CARRIED.

- (b) Staff Report CD-2021-01 re CIP Application - Kenora District Services Board - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock presented his Staff Report requesting Council provide direction regarding the level of support they wish to provide to the Kenora District Services Board's Community Improvement Plan Application. Council agreed to provide the requested support as outlined in the Community Improvement Plan Application.

ACTION: Economic Development Manager

14. Notices of Motion:

None.

15. Motions:

None.

16. Reports of Municipal Officers:

(a) CAO:

Mr. Nesbitt noted that municipal services have reopened following the Stay at Home Order. He thanked staff affected by the last closure with layoffs and commented on how well everyone came together for the reopening, noting his appreciation. He advised that he had attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's (ROMA) virtual conference in January and is attending the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) virtual conference this week. He noted that the virtual conferences are cost effective for municipalities to attend due to the lack of travel. Mr. Nesbitt advised that the City of Dryden was able to receive delegation meetings with Ministers at both the ROMA and OGRA conferences. Mr. Nesbitt thanked the Public Works Department winter operations crew for doing a good job this winter as it has been challenging with the mild weather to deep freeze temperatures.

(b) Treasurer:

None.

(c) City Clerk:

Ms. Euler advised that Staff have been busy with meetings and preparing for the new Meeting Management Software to go live on March 22. She advised that Council training will be taking place next week. Ms. Euler noted that new technology was been installed and meeting viewers will be able to see all members of Council and staff starting tonight.

(d) Public Works Manager:

Mr. Poole noted that with the cold weather there had been a couple of watermain breaks which are being repaired. He also noted that snow clean up was done last week in the downtown area and staff were busy today filling potholes and dealing with drainage issues. Mr. Poole congratulated Dan Hutchison on his promotion to Public Works Operations Foreman. He noted that tendering was done on the new Public Works fleet vehicles and these have been ordered under the 2021 budget. He also noted that the new dock for Skene's Landing had been tendered and ordered. Mr. Poole noted that Colin Hawkins, Asset and Facilities Manager, is busy getting information ready for the July 1 deadline of the enhancement of the Asset Management Plan which includes the core assets, current levels of service, and costs of maintaining those levels of service. Mr. Hawkins is also busy working on the request for proposals with the consultants for the renovations of City Hall. Mr. Poole noted that Mr. Hawkins is also working on trying to create a safer environment for staff and residents who utilize the pedestrian skywalk. Mr. Poole advised that he and Mr. Hawkins are also attending the Ontario Good Roads Association virtual conference.

(e) Manager of Community Services:

Mr. Belanger advised that the Dryden Recreation Centre and Pool and Fitness Centre are now open. He noted that the user groups are all back on the ice with the exception of the Dryden GM Ice Dogs. He noted that he has received positive comments from the user groups about the reopening. Mr. Belanger

noted that the scheduled work was all complete during the shutdown. He also noted that a funding application for a new accessible change room was completed under the Hydro One Community Fund. Mr. Belanger advised that the ice had been taken out of Arena 2 and pickle ball court lines had been painted on that surface. He hopes that this will take the sport to a new level with the courts being used 3 to 4 times a week.

(f) Fire Chief:

Fire Chief Readman noted that there have been a couple of larger event fires in last week during the cold snap. He acknowledged all the hard work the firefighters have put in during the cold snap and thanked them and Public Works, Northwest EMS, Dryden Police Service and the community members for their support during the larger events.

17. Announcements:

(a) Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Wilson noted that every year the Kenora District Municipal Association holds their annual conference and request resolutions from the area Municipalities and 3 of the 4 resolutions submitted by the City of Dryden had been adopted. These resolutions included a resolution to the Attorney General regarding insurance rates, another to the Ministry of Finance for Municipal Property Assessment Corporation fair and reasonable assessments and one to the Provincial Government regarding a clearer approach of unused property and purchasing, which comes from the City of Dryden trying to purchase unused MNR property by the Government Dock. Mayor Wilson also noted that he is attending the Ontario Good Roads Conference virtually. He also noted he is sorry for Dan Maltais and family on the loss of their home to a recent fire. Mayor Wilson noted that it is icy out there and for everyone to be safe.

(b) Councillors' Remarks:

Councillor Price advised that the Chamber of Commerce has recently hired a new Chamber Manager, Natalie Marcinkowski, and she is busy getting her up to date on the Chamber of Commerce activities. She noted that the Municipal Accommodation Tax Committee will be starting soon. Councillor Price noted that she has been busy with the Patricia Area Community Endeavours meetings and working to deliver financial assistance to businesses in need, particularly tourism operators.

Councillor Carlucci advised that there is a Police Services Board meeting being held February 23. He noted that the weather is nice, and everyone should get out and enjoy it but be careful as it is slippery.

Councillor S. MacKinnon advised that he attended the Kenora District Municipal Association virtual conference with Mayor Wilson and Mr. Nesbitt. He noted that is nice to know that the City of Dryden is not alone in the challenges we face and our hopes for the future. Councillor S. MacKinnon reminded residents to put a name in for the renaming of Colonization Avenue, at www.dryden.ca, as the deadline is March 13. He noted that this is a critical time with contracting exposure of COVID-19 and becoming complacent. He also noted that the vaccine should be available in the near future. Councillor S. MacKinnon reminded everyone to continue to wear a mask, wash hands and socially distance as we are all in this together.

Councillor Bush advised that as he is a pickle ball player and had looked at the courts being laid out. He noted that people are going to enjoy the good and safe environment, noting it's a first-class facility. Councillor Bush advised that while he was at the arena, he took a tour and was very impressed and pleased with the progress of the projects and all the upkeep that has been done. It is a different feel. He thanked Mr. Belanger and staff for the good job.

Councillor M. MacKinnon advised that he attended Kenora District Services Board meetings and they continue to deal with COVID-19 and homelessness. He noted that the Northwest EMS had been in the northern communities to provide COVID-19 vaccines to the residents. Councillor M. MacKinnon noted that work continues on the Kenora District Services Board Administration building on the Central corner and work is continuing at the new EMS base on Colonization Avenue. Councillor M. MacKinnon thanked City staff for all the work they have done during trying times. He noted he had watched a Public Works crew filling potholes today while dealing with oncoming traffic. Councillor M. MacKinnon noted that the Community Well Being Plan is has a deadline date of July 1, advising there will be surveys circulating to provide input to the Plan.

Councillor McKay noted that he was happy to hear the presentation from Treasury Metals as the news is very encouraging.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

- (a) By-law 2021-21.

15 S. MacKinnon *THAT By-law 2021-21 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.*
Price *- CARRIED.*

19. Adjournment:

- (a) Adjourn.

16 M. MacKinnon THAT, this meeting do hereby adjourn.
Price - CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Confirmed this day of 2021.

Clerk

Mayor