



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

**June 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**

Members Present: Mayor G. Wilson  
Councillor N. Bush  
Councillor J. Carlucci  
Councillor M. MacKinnon  
Councillor S. MacKinnon  
Councillor D. McKay  
Councillor M. Price

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt  
Acting Clerk A. Euler  
Cemetery & Licensing Coordinator P. Spielmacher  
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll  
Manager of Public Works B. Poole  
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: Captain C. Wood, Dryden Fire Service  
Acting Fire Chief E. Campbell

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**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**

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 the response was negative.

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**

None.

**5. Presentations**

None.

## **6. Public Notices - Clerk**

- a. Special Virtual Open Committee of the Whole Meeting Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Euler advised of a Special Virtual Open Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. She noted that the purpose of the meeting is for MNP to present the Councils of the City of Dryden and the Municipality of Machin with the draft Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan for their municipalities. Ms. Euler advised that the public is invited to participate in the meeting by registering to speak in advance by emailing [meeting@dryden.ca](mailto:meeting@dryden.ca) by July 8, 2021.

- b. Public Hearing for a Consent Application 34 King Street July 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Euler noted that this Public Notice was to advise the public of a meeting that is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on July 7 to deal with a Consent Application which is done as part of the planning process.

- c. Public Hearing for a Consent Application 188 King Street July 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Euler noted that this Public Notice was to advise the public of a meeting that is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on July 7 to deal with a Consent Application which is done as part of the planning process.

- d. Public Hearing for a Consent Application 24 Earl Avenue July 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Euler noted that this Public Notice was to advise the public of a meeting that is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on July 7 to deal with a Consent Application which is done as part of the planning process.

- e. Public Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment 276 Duke Street July 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Euler advised that a Public Meeting regarding a Zoning By-law Amendment had been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021. She noted that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to rezone the property located at 276 Duke Street to permit the development of 4 separate buildings, each containing a 12-unit apartment building. The property is currently located in the Residential Type 2 Zone and it's proposed to be rezoned to the Residential Multiple Exception Zone which allows apartment buildings. As well, the Residential Multiple Exception Zone is proposed to include 2 site-specific exceptions to the standard provisions of the zone and these are: a minimum frontage of 125 metres where 384 metres is required and a rear yard setback of 4.5 metres where 10 metres is required. Ms. Euler noted that full details about the meetings and ways to participate or view them can be found attached to the agenda for this meeting or on the City's website under Public Notices.

## **7. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General**

**# 1**

**Moved by J. Carlucci**

**Seconded by D. McKay**

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the  
Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of June 28, 2021 as read and adopted:

12. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)

13. (a) (b)

**Carried**

**8. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

a. Council Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2021.

**# 2**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 25, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2021.

**# 3**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 10, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2021.

**# 4**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held May 12, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

d. Special Council Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2021.

**# 5**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 17, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

- e. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting Minutes - March 26, 2021.

**# 6**

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** D. McKay

THAT the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Meeting held March 26, 2021 be received.

**Carried**

- f. Police Costing Committee Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2021.

**# 7**

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Police Costing Committee Meeting held June 21, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

**9. Motions arising from previous Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings**

- a. Committee of Adjustment Membership.

**# 8**

**Moved by** D. McKay

**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

THAT Councillor Martin MacKinnon and Councillor John Carlucci be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment from June 28, 2021 to November 30, 2022 and

THAT the appointment of Bryan Crawford to the Committee of Adjustment be rescinded effective June 28, 2021.

**Carried**

- b. Allocation of HST Refund.

**# 9**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT Council authorize staff to allocate the 2018 HST refund related to voluntary disclosure to Accounts Payable, drawing the balance of \$654,800 from the General Capital Reserve Fund

**Carried**

**10. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals**

None.

**11. Information Items**

None.

**12. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws**

**# 10**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** N. Bush

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of June 28, 2021 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2021-56

By-law 2021-57

By-law 2021-58

By-law 2021-59

By-law 2021-60

By-law 2021-62

By-law 2021-63

By-law 2021-64

**Carried**

**13. By-laws- First, Second and Third Reading**

- a. By-law 2021-56 re Enbridge Gas Inc. Site Plan Agreement.

**# 11**

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2021-56 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Development Agreement between Enbridge Gas Inc. and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the land located at 256 Heather Drive be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- b. By-law 2021-57 re Concession Agreement Extension.

**# 12**

**Moved by** M. Price  
**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2021-57 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement Extension between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and Wayne Grandmont for the operation of the Concession located at the Dryden Arena be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- c. By-law 2021-58 re Cycling Without Age Partnership Agreement.

**# 13**

**Moved by** D. McKay  
**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2021-58 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Partnership Agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and the Cycling Without Age Dryden Chapter for the launch and delivery of a seniors' recreational transportation program be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- d. By-law 2021-59 re Connecting Link Funding Agreement 2021-2022.

**# 14**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon  
**Seconded by** N. Bush

THAT By-law 2021-59 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the provision of funding to undertake the replacement of eight traffic signals along the Duke Street and Government Street connecting link segments within the City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- e. By-law 2021-60 re Amendment to 2021 Budget.

**# 15**

**Moved by** N. Bush  
**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT By-law 2021-60 being a by-law to amend By-law 4796-2020, a by-law to adopt the 2021 municipal budget estimates, to account for the 2020 Operating Surplus be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- f. By-law 2021-61 re Amend Chapter 150, Parking and Traffic, to Amend Speed Limit on Sandy Beach Road.\*

Councillor S. MacKinnon requested By-law 2021-61 be severed to be discussed further.

- g. By-law 2021-62 re Adopt Council Remuneration Policy MU-CO-16.

**# 16**

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** N. Bush

THAT By-law 2021-62 being a by-law to rescind by-laws 1450-79, 1608-83, 1627-84, 2182-92, 2442-96, 2588-98, 2780-2000, 2877-2001, 2979-2003, 3024-2003, 3087-2003 and 3411-1006; to amend the Municipal Code of The Corporation of The City of Dryden by deleting Chapter 189 - Remuneration and to adopt a Council Remuneration Policy be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- h. By-law 2021-63 re Appoint Fire Chief.

**# 17**

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2021-63 being a by-law to appoint Chris Wood as Fire Chief for The Corporation of The City of Dryden effective July 12, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- i. By-law 2021-64 re Appoint Community Emergency Management Program Coordinator.

**# 18**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2021-64 being a by-law to appoint Chris Wood as the Community Emergency Management Program Coordinator for The Corporation of The City of Dryden effective July 12, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

#### **14. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items**

- a. By-law 2021-61 re Amend Chapter 150, Parking and Traffic, to Amend Speed Limit on Sandy Beach Road.\*

Councillor S. MacKinnon requested that this by-law be taken back to the Traffic Committee for review. He noted that there are other traffic calming measures that could be taken such as intersection stops, change of lane configuration (slight S curves) community safety zones, a speed sign like near St. Joseph's school, request for targeted enforcement by Dryden Police Service, extension of lighting and extension of walkway that can be done over a period of time (gravel walkway as a temporary fix). Discussion was held and Council agreed to pass by-law with the Traffic Committee reviewing safety concerns on Sandy Beach Road.

**# 19**

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2021-61 being a by-law to amend Chapter 150, Parking and Traffic, of the Municipal Code of The Corporation of The City of Dryden to amend the speed limit on Sandy Beach Road, effective July 19, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

## **15. Staff Reports**

- a. Staff Report FIN-2021-19 re Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant and Excess Land Sub-Class Reduction - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report recommending Council approve By-law 2021-52, being a By-law to Opt-Out of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program and approve the elimination of Vacant and Excess Land property Tax Subclass Rate Reductions. Council concurred with the recommendation.

ACTION: Administration

**# 20**

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2021-52 being a by-law to opt-out of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program under Section 364 of the Municipal Act, 2001 be read a first, second and third time; and

THAT Council approve the elimination of Vacant and Excess Land Property Tax Subclass Rate Reductions.

**Carried**

- b. Staff FIN-2021-20 re 2021 Tax Ratios and Tax Levies - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report recommending Council approve the Tax By-laws for 2021 that correspond to the 2021 Tax Levy details that were provided. Council concurred with the recommendation.

ACTION: Administration

**# 21**



**Moved by** M. Price  
**Seconded by** N. Bush

THAT By-law 2021-53 being a by-law to adopt Tax Rates to be levied on the taxable property within The Corporation of The City of Dryden for School Board purposes be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**# 22**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon  
**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2021-54 being a by-law to adopt Tax Ratios and to choose Optional Tax Classes for property within The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**# 23**

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon  
**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT By-law 2021-55 being a by-law to adopt Tax Rates to be levied on the taxable property within The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**16. Notices of Motion**

None.

**17. Motions**

None.

**18. Reports of Municipal Officers**

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt thanked Dryden, Machin, Oxdrift, and Wabigoon Fire Services, as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry with all the help they provided at the Highway 502 landfill fire on Sunday, which carried on well into the night. Mr. Nesbitt welcomed Fire Chief Wood to the City of Dryden Senior Management Team effective July 12, 2021. Fire Chief Wood thanked Mr. Nesbitt and noted that he feels blessed to have been able to see the changes at the Dryden Fire Service over the past few years and advised he was looking forward to his new position. Mr. Nesbitt advised the Ms. Peekhaus would be leaving the City of Dryden as she has accepted the Child Care Manager position with Kenora District Services Board. He wished her well.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that Ms. Burgstaler will be retiring and wished her well. He also noted that staff had been working on the Federal Gas Tax Audit and the Safe Restart Operating Plan has been completed. Mr. Lansdell-Roll noted that he is looking forward to having a few weeks of vacation.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised that she had been busy working on Notices and Agendas for a variety of upcoming Special Meetings. She noted that she had also been working on the ATV/Snowmobile by-law and the Council Procedural by-law. Ms. Euler advised that Ms. Spielmacher had been busy the last couple of weeks scheduling interments at the Cemetery. She also advised that staff have been busy issuing Marriage Licenses and scheduling Civil Marriage Services.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole thanked the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Hutchison Equipment for assisting with the Highway 502 landfill fire on Sunday. He advised that the cause of the fire is still unknown and could possibly have been spontaneous combustion. He thanked everyone for a job well done. Mr. Poole advised that staff were busy with ditching, putting in culverts, street sweeping, line painting, grass cutting, flower planting and cleaning up of trees that came down due to the storm. He noted that the splash pads are open. Mr. Poole noted that waterworks staff had been busy repairing watermains and repairing valves. He advised that a surge suppressor had been installed at the Water Treatment Plant to stop any further power surges. Mr. Poole noted that Mr. Hawkins had been busy preparing for City Hall renovations and at the pedestrian overpass. He advised that the Energy Conservation Demand Survey had been completed. Mr. Poole advised that there were new recycling regulations released last week and that staff would be providing a report to Council in the near future regarding the future of recycling.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the Roofing RFP closed and was well within the budgeted amount. He also advised that the Boiler RFP would be closing on Wednesday and there were three (3) groups that came and toured the facility, so he anticipated some good competition. Mr. Belanger advised that the Dehumidification RFP would be released later in the week or next week. He noted that the boiler and dehumidification unit would be lined up to be completed together. Mr. Belanger noted that he was happy to announce that with the reopening of outdoor sports the soccer groups would be having a short season and a soccer camp. He also noted that staff were busy with grass cutting and line painting to ensure soccer fields would be ready to use. Mr. Belanger advised that he had been busy with the Recreation Centre user groups organizing a special events calendar. He also advised that there is a Hockey School scheduled for August. Mr. Belanger noted that Aaron Park had been open for a few weeks and was very busy. He noted that only one (1) tree came down at the Park during the storm and no damage was reported. Mr. Belanger advised that the City had received \$10,000 through a funding application which would allow for three (3) students to be hired. He also advised that the lighting project was underway and light fixtures were being replaced.

**19. Announcements**

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson noted that significant changes are taking place with Ms. Peekhaus leaving the City of Dryden to take the Child Care Manager position at Kenora District Services Board, Mr. Wood being hired as the new Fire Chief for Dryden Fire Service and Ms. Burgstaler retiring. He noted it's healthy as an organization to see people following their passions. Mayor Wilson mentioned, as a Public Notice, that a new Ministry of Transportation Northwest Operations Team had been formed, as of July 2020, out of Thunder Bay. He noted that this "Team plays an intricate role in the Ministry's role in corridor management, emergency management, infrastructure preservation and protection and maintenance and operations to secure a safe and continuous operation to haul people, goods and services to ensure prosperity." He noted their key role is to maintain a strong relationship with northwestern municipalities to help with the delivery of Ministry services. Mayor Wilson also noted that the Operations Team has reached out to the Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) to have an annual meeting to review issues and operations of winter maintenance programs and operational and infrastructure programs. He advised that each Council in the District had been asked to compile a list of ideas and concerns to share at the next KDMA meeting in July. Mayor Wilson asked everyone to send their comments to [generalinquires@dryden.ca](mailto:generalinquires@dryden.ca) by July 16 and they would be provided to the Northwest Operations Team via the KDMA Executive. Mayor Wilson noted that he could think of a few items to bring forward such as the twinning of Highway 17 from Thunder Bay to the Manitoba Border and safeguarding the Connecting Links program. He reminded everyone that the government works for you - the people.

b. Councillors

Councillor Carlucci thanked the fire departments involved in fighting the Highway 502 landfill fire. He noted that Ontario was going into Stage 2 on Wednesday and that it would be nice to have some normal back in our lives.

Councillor M. MacKinnon welcomed Fire Chief Wood to his new position. He sent best wishes to Ms. Peekhaus and Ms. Burgstaler.

Councillor S. MacKinnon noted that Ontario would be moving to Stage 2 on Wednesday and congratulated the Dryden Area for zero COVID-19 cases. He congratulated Fire Chief Wood on his new position. He also congratulated Ms. Burgstaler on her retirement. Councillor S. MacKinnon wished Ms. Peekhaus the best and thanked her for her outstanding and passionate work on the Working Circle. He noted that Canada Day will be subdued this year as he will be thinking of family members affected by the residential schools.

Councillor Bush congratulated Fire Chief Wood on his new position with Dryden Fire Service. He wished Ms. Peekhaus all the best and thanked her for her contributions to the Working Circle and the City of Dryden. Councillor Bush also wished Ms. Burgstaler all the best on her retirement. He noted he received a call from a resident regarding the housing shortage but was pleased that 136 new apartment units are being built. Councillor Bush noted that the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic has been cancelled for June 30 due to lack of appointments. He thanked all those who had volunteered at the Vaccination Clinics.

Councillor Price congratulated Ms. Burgstaler on her retirement and noted that she had the pleasure of working with her years ago. She noted that the Working Circle would miss Ms. Peekhaus as she kept everyone on track. She wished Ms. Peekhaus well. Councillor Price congratulated Fire Chief Wood on his appointment as Fire Chief.

**20. Confirmatory By-law**

a. By-law 2021-65.

**# 24**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT By-law 2021-65 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**21. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**# 25**

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** N. Bush

THAT this meeting hereby adjourn.

**Carried**

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor

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Clerk