



The Corporation of The City of Dryden
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Members Present: Mayor G. Wilson
Chair 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: Chief Building Official P. Skillen

1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor Bush called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

a. The Agenda for this meeting.

Chair Councillor Bush 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 agenda item 7. (a) due to a business relationship the applicant.

a. D. McKay - Staff Report Building and Planning-2021-01 re Site Plan Control - Kenora District Services Board for 285 Arthur Street - CBO.

Business relationship with the applicant.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Councillor Bush read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Presentations

None.

6. Public Notices - Clerk

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

Ms. Euler advised that a Special Virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled to take place at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2021. She advised the purpose of the meeting was for MNP LLP to provide the Councils of Machin and the City of Dryden with the Draft Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for their municipalities. Ms. Euler noted the public could watch the meeting by accessing it via the City's website when it becomes available at 1:00 p.m. on July 14 or at anytime after the meeting. She noted the full Public Notice was attached to the agenda for this meeting.

7. Staff Reports

- a. Staff Report Building and Planning-2021-01 re Site Plan Control - Kenora District Services Board for 285 Arthur Street - CBO.

D. McKay declared a conflict on this item. (Business relationship with the applicant.)

Ms. Skillen reviewed her Staff Report recommending Council endorse the Site Plan Agreement made between the Kenora District Services Board and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for site plan control of the project at 285 Arthur Street. Ms. Skillen advised a few changes to the Agreement attached to the agenda might be made in the next few weeks but she asked Committee to direct a by-law to endorse the Agreement be brought to the July 26, 2021 meeting of Council. Committee concurred with the recommendation and directed a by-law be brought forward to the July 26, 2021 meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- b. Staff Report Administration-2021-08 re Support Resolution Request - Acting Clerk.

Ms. Euler reviewed her Staff Report requesting Committee to advise if they would be willing to provide support to a resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Fort Frances-International Falls Bridge. Following a brief discussion, Committee directed staff to bring a support motion forward to the July 26, 2021 meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Staff Report Administration-2021-09 re Amend Chapter 150, Parking and Traffic re Queen Street Parking - Acting Clerk

Ms. Euler reviewed her Staff Report recommending Council approve a by-law to amend Schedules A, Angle Parking and E, Designated Parking Spaces on Streets, of Chapter 150, Parking and Traffic, of the City of Dryden Municipal Code. She noted that since Council asked to have the parking area along the north side of Queen Street removed from the Parking Lots By-laws the City had to account for that parking area under Schedule A, Angle Parking, of the Municipal Code. She also noted that the City had to

include the four (4) designated parking spaces in that former "lot" in Schedule E, Designated Parking Spaces on Streets. Committee concurred with the recommendation and directed a by-law be brought forward to the July 26, 2020 meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- d. Staff Report Finance 2021-02 re Policing Cost Projections and Financial Impacts - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll reviewed his Information Report noting police costs will be going up in 2022 regardless of the decision Council makes on who will be providing this service and that Council has to consider how the City of Dryden will accommodate the increased costs while preparing for the 2022 budget. He advised the future of a 0% tax levy is not realistic. Committee discussed the information provided by Mr. Lansdell-Roll and thanked him for his report.

ACTION: Nil

- e. Staff Report Administration-2021-10 re Police Costing Public Survey Results and Summary Report - CAO.

Mr. Nesbitt reviewed his Staff Report recommending Council provide staff with direction on when to bring a by-law forward for Council's consideration for the acceptance of the OPP Contract Policing Proposal. Mr. Nesbitt reviewed the results of the Police Costing Public Survey noting the results indicate pretty much a split opinion on the question of transitioning to the OPP. He advised the Consultant's Final Report shows that there is a shared trait in the Northwest of high policing costs; noting the costs of policing in this region are significantly higher than the provincial average. Mr. Nesbitt advised the municipal benchmarking is a tool that should be used to get the message across to senior levels of government that proper funding assistance needs to be provided to the communities in this region for policing and law enforcement as well as the other services impacting policing costs.

Councillor S. MacKinnon requested Council schedule a Town Hall Meeting in September to give the residents of Dryden an opportunity to speak directly to members of Council on this issue. Other members of Committee advised they had enough information on the issue to make a decision. In response to questions from Chair Bush asking:

if the questions of members had been answered and if they have enough information to make a decision; and

if the members were in support of having staff bring forward a by-law, as recommended by Mr. Nesbitt, to vote to accept or reject the OPP Costing Proposal to the July 26, 2021 meeting of Council,

all members except Councillor S. MacKinnon answered yes to both questions; Councillor S. MacKinnon answered no to both. As a result, staff were directed to bring a by-law forward to the July 26, 2021 meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

8. Notices of Motion

None.

9. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson made no comments.

b. Councillors

Councillor McKay hoped everyone was able to enjoy the warm weather.

Councillor Price advised her prayers were with the people in the area of Ear Falls and Red Lake regarding the fire threat. She noted the Loomex Group was doing a great job and that Dryden is ready to help the people of Red Lake in any way they can.

Councillor Bush noted the fire threat is a tough situation for area municipalities. He advised it's great to see improvements taking place around the City and the City moving forward. He thanked Public Works for the work they're doing.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT this meeting do hereby adjourn.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

Clerk