



**The Corporation of The City of Dryden**  
**Minutes of the Open Meeting of Council**  
**August 23, 2021, 5:00 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  
Manager of Public Works B. Poole  
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: Deputy Treasurer C. Pateman  
Fire Chief C. Wood  
Special Projects & Communications Manager M. Reader

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Adjournment to Closed Session**

**# 1**

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

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:

Presentation re Legal Matter. (Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose)

Closed Staff Report re National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. (Labour relations and employee negotiations)

**Carried**

- a. Call to Order:
- b. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof for:
- c. Adoption of Minutes:
  - 1. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2021.
  - 2. Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2021.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
  - 1. Presentation re Legal Matter. (Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose)
  - 2. Closed Staff Report re National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. (Labour relations or employee negotiations)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

**4. Reconvene from Closed Session**

At this time, 6:39 p.m., the Closed Meeting of Council adjourned to the Open Meeting.

**# 2**

**Moved by J. Carlucci**

**Seconded by M. Price**

THAT the Open Meeting of Council be reconvened.

**Carried**

**5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting**

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

**6. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Mayor Wilson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**7. Report from Closed Session**

Ms. Euler advised that in the Closed Session of Council the first item discussed was in regard to a legal matter and direction was provided to staff. The second item discussed was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Staff was directed to bring a resolution forward to the September 27 Meeting of Council.

**8. Delegations**

None.

**9. Presentations**

None.

**10. Public Notices - Clerk**

- a. Invitation to Serve on the Dryden Public Library Board.

Ms. Euler advised that the Dryden Public Library is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Library Board for the remainder of this term of Council. She noted that applications must be submitted in writing by September 10, 2021 on the approved form available at the Administration Office of City Hall or on-line at [www.dryden.ca](http://www.dryden.ca) at the following link: <https://forms.dryden.ca/Administration/Appointment-to-Boards-and-Committees-Form>.

**11. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General**

**# 3**

**Moved by J. Carlucci**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of August 23, 2021 as read and adopted:

12. (a) (b) (c)

13. (a)

**Carried**

**12. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2021 (Adopt)

**# 4**

**Moved by N. Bush**

**Seconded by S. MacKinnon**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held July 26, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2021. (Adopt)

**# 5**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 12, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

- c. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2021. (Adopt)

**# 6**

**Moved by** N. Bush

**Seconded by** M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 14, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried**

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

- a. Committee Appointment - Citizen.

THAT Ronald Tuy is appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for the remainder of this term of Council effective August 23, 2021.

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

None.

**15. Information Items**

None.

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

Councillor Bush requested that By-law 2021-74 be severed from Consent Agenda Part 2 for further discussion.

**# 7**

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

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of August 23, 2021 which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2021-71  
By-law 2021-72  
By-law 2021-73

**Carried**

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

- a. By-law 2021-71 re Conversion of Municipal Code Chapter 201 - Sewer and Water.

**# 8**

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

THAT By-law 2021-71 being a by-law to require owners of buildings to connect the said buildings to the sewage and water works of the municipality be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- b. By-law 2021-72 re Amendment to By-law 2021-53.

**# 9**

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

THAT By-law 2021-72 being a by-law to amend By-law 2021-53, 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**

- c. By-law 2021-73 re Boulevard Maintenance.

**# 10**

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

THAT By-law 2021-73 being a by-law to establish a Boulevard Maintenance by-law within the City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- d. By-law 2021-74 re 276 Duke Street Zoning By-law Amendment.\*

**18. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items**

- a. By-law 2021-74 re 276 Duke Street Zoning By-law Amendment

Councillor Bush noted that he would like further discussion on By-law 2021-74 as he did not agree with putting three high density units onto this property. Discussion was held and Council directed staff to have the property staked so that they could see where the buildings will actually be located to provide them with further clarification and to bring a by-law forward to the September 27, 2021 Meeting of Council.

**ACTION: Administration**

**19. Staff Reports**

- a. Staff Report Finance-2021-05 re Exclusion of Mobile Homes from Tax Sale - Deputy Treasurer.

Ms. Pateman presented her Staff Report to Council recommending approval of By-law 2021-75.

**# 11**

**Moved by** D. McKay  
**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2021-75, being a by-law to authorize the exclusion of mobile homes from a tax sale pursuant to Section 379(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**20. Notices of Motion**

- a. Mayor Wilson re Council Appointment to the Dryden Police Services Board.

Ms. Euler requested the unanimous consent of Council to waive the Notice provisions so Mayor Wilson could present his Motion. Council support was unanimous.

Mayor Wilson stepped down as Chair and Councillor Price stepped in as Chair so that Mayor Wilson could present his Motion. Mayor Wilson recommended that Councillor Price replace Councillor McKay on the Police Services Board effective immediately.

**# 12**

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT Council unanimously agrees to dispense with the Notice provisions of the City of Dryden Procedural By-law to allow Mayor Wilson to present a Motion without Notice at this meeting of Council.

**Carried**

**# 13**

**Moved by** G. Wilson

**Seconded by** D. McKay

THAT Council appoint Councillor M. Price to the Dryden Police Services Board effective immediately to replace Councillor D. McKay.

**Carried**

**21. Motions**

None.

**22. Reports of Municipal Officers**

**a. CAO**

Mr. Nesbitt advised that the Community Capacity Study and Business Gap Analysis are under way. He noted that invitations have been sent out for engagement sessions. Mr. Nesbitt noted that recruitment for the Human Resources Manager and Deputy Fire Chief are underway. He advised that he attended the virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference and noted that it was very well done. He also noted that he enjoys attending virtually as he can still deal with everyday business from his office. Mr. Nesbitt noted that he had attended a delegation with the Minister of Long-Term Care, along with many municipalities from the Kenora District. He noted that the very last session was a video of a virtual tour of the Mohawk Residential School. He noted that he was impacted by what he heard and seen. He recommends everyone watch it as we move into September as it's a fitting way to learn.

**b. Treasurer**

Nothing to report.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised that work has begun on the 2022 Municipal Election. She also advised that the Workplace Hazardous Materials binder including Safety Data forms have been updated for the Administration Department. Ms. Euler noted that staff are busy working on the 2022 Capital and Operating budgets.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole noted that staff has been busy working on the 2022 Capital budget. He advised that water and sewer operations have been busy working on valve replacements. Mr. Poole noted that divers were in and looked at the water intake lines. He also noted that the roof at the Water Treatment Plant has been looked at. Mr. Poole advised that staff has been working with the Ministry of the Environment in submitting samples from the Wastewater plant to a testing centre to see how COVID-19 is affecting wastewater. He noted that the rehabilitation project at the Skywalk is taking place and that the rehabilitation of City Hall will be taking place in the near future. Mr. Poole noted that staff is busy with operations, catch basin cleaning, guidepost replacement, ditching and repairing culverts. He thanked all the Public Works students for a great summer. Mr. Poole noted that a card was received from the Horticultural Society noting that the flowers around the City looked great. He advised that there are pictures on the Horticultural Society's Facebook page of the City's flowers. Mr. Poole thanked the Parks Department employees for their work with the flowers this summer. He advised that Household Hazardous Waste Day is September 18, 2021 with the Rotary Club assisting again and reminded the public to get their waste ready.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the ice is in and hockey school kicked off at the Dryden Memorial Arena. He noted that the brine header replacement at the arena went well with no issues. Mr. Belanger advised that Pickleball is back at Rink 2. He also advised that Hydro One will have a groundbreaking for the inclusive and accessible changeroom that will take place on August 30. Mr. Belanger noted that the Age Friendly Planning Committee met last month and that the meeting went well. He advised the New Horizons Seniors' Fund Program is about to launch and will be kicking off with programs the first week of September which will include: Introduction to Pickleball and Active Photography. Mr. Belanger thanked the students at Aaron Park for their work during this busy summer and reminded everyone that Aaron Park is open until September 18, 2021. Mr. Belanger thanked Carol and Bob Gardam for making it possible for seniors to get out with the Cycling Without Age bicycle. He also thanked the great team of volunteers who made this possible.



## **23. Announcements**

### **a. Mayor**

Mayor Wilson advised that he attended the virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. He noted that the Kenora District Municipalities Association and a few other Mayors around the district held a joint delegation with Minister Rickford and senior Province of Ontario staff asking for better communication and clearer guidelines regarding municipal acquisition of crown land within municipal boundaries. He noted that on behalf of the City of Dryden he requested assistance with moving toward disposition of surplus provincial property has been an ongoing for many years. Mayor Wilson thanked Minister Rickford for getting the right civil servants in the room who made the commitment of providing an answer quickly. Mayor Wilson advised that City Administration arranged for a meeting with the Ministry of Long-Term Care where the City made two (2) recommendations to the government. He noted the first ask was for the province to amend the funding formula for district homes to adjust for rural populations and surrounding territories without municipal organization. Mayor Wilson noted that Dryden has the second highest surrounding unincorporated population in the north next to Thunder Bay, which means Dryden leaves a lot of funding dollars on the table due to the population not being recognized in the funding formula. He advised that the second ask was that due to high provincial debts and deficits and the provincial government spending more and more on debt repayments and interest payments leaving less for the programs with the inevitable result being the downloading of program costs and funding cuts to long-term care. He noted that the ask was for the province to cover 100% of the capital costs for district homes instead of just 35%. He also noted that no promises were made, but the provincial representatives did say they would include Dryden's input in their deliberations this fall as they discuss further changes to the Long-Term Care Homes Act. Mayor Wilson read a letter that he received December 23, 2019 from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

### **b. Councillors**

Councillor Carlucci advised that he has seen the Cycling Without Age bicycle around town and the happy faces of the seniors. He is glad to see it.

Councillor McKay had nothing to report.

Councillor M. MacKinnon thanked Mr. Belanger for making traction with the seniors in our community.

Councillor S. MacKinnon reminded drivers that school resumes, in person, and to be aware of the little and big people on the roads. He congratulated the Eagle Lake Chiefs on their 2nd place finish in the Fred Sasakamoose "Chief Thunderstick" National Hockey Championship in Saskatoon.

Councillor Bush advised that he recently had the opportunity to visit Aaron Park and the Dryden Memorial Arena and was impressed with the improvements and work being done. He looks forward to the improvements coming in 2022 and 2023.

Councillor Price advised that she had spent a couple of weeks in Newfoundland with her family. She noted that the Trailblazer Committee is adding locations on the Trailblazer App. which is a free service for businesses. She noted that with the App. you can see what Dryden has to offer.

**24. Confirmatory By-law**

a. By-law 2021-76

**# 14**

**Moved by M. Price**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

THAT By-law 2021-76 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

**25. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**# 15**

**Moved by M. Price**

**Seconded by S. MacKinnon**

THAT this meeting hereby adjourn.

**Carried**

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

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Mayor

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Clerk