

The Corporation of The City of Dryden

February 8, 2021

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

Present: Chair Councillor Carlucci, Mayor Wilson, Councillors Bush, 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, Economic Development Manager T. Peacock, Acting Clerk A. Euler and Cemetery & Licensing Coordinator P. Spielmacher.

Also Present: B. Reynolds and H. Wall, Kenora District Services Board.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Councillor Carlucci 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.

Chair Councillor Carlucci 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 7. (a) as he has business relationship with Kenora District Services Board.

3. Land Acknowledgement Statement:

Chair Councillor Carlucci read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations:

None.

5. Presentations:

None.

6. Public Notices - Clerk:

None.

7. Staff Reports:

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

Mr. Peacock presented his Staff Report recommending Council provide direction to staff regarding the level of support they wish to provide to the Kenora District Services Board's Community Improvement Plan Application. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Wall provided a presentation on the proposed 40-unit Supported Senior's Complex noting that the proposed build start date is August 1, 2021. Mr. Peacock advised he would provide further information regarding CIP applications to Council. Decision deferred to next meeting of Council on February 22, 2021.

ACTION: Administration & Economic Development Manager.

(b) Staff Report FIRE-2021-01 re Quarterly Fire Department Update (2020 Q4) - Fire Chief.

Chief Readman presented his Staff Report for information purposes only. Chief Readman noted that the Dryden Fire Service Annual Report will be submitted to Council shortly. Council requested Chief Readman include relevant financial data for fire department with a three (3) to four (4) year comparison.

ACTION: Fire Chief.

- (c) Staff Report FIN-2021-04 re Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (Provincial Gas Tax Program) - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report recommending Council approve By-Law 2021-17 being a by-law authorizing the execution of the Agreement for the provision of funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Fund for Public Transportation Program. Council concurred with recommendation and By-law 2021-17 to be brought forward at next Council Meeting on February 22, 2021.

ACTION: Administration.

- (d) Staff Report AD-2021-07 re Municipal Office/Facility Closures re Christmas/New Year 2021 - Acting Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her Staff Report recommending Council authorize the additional closure of Municipal Offices and Facilities during the 2021 Christmas/New Year period. Council concurred with the recommendation and a motion will be brought forward to the February 22, 2021 Meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration.

- (e) Staff Report AD-2021-08 re Council Meeting Schedule (December 2021) - Acting Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her Staff Report recommending to Council direct staff to bring forward a motion to approve the change and provide notice regarding the change of dates for the December 2021 Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings. Council concurred with option one (1) to move the Committee of the Whole Meeting to December 6 and the Council Meeting to December 13 and directed Staff to bring a Motion forward to the next meeting of Council on February 22, 2021.

ACTION: Administration.

- (f) Staff Report AD-2021-09 re Requests/Information Items - Acting Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her Staff Report requesting Council to provide direction to staff regarding a support resolution request. Council did not support the resolution, so no action will be taken.

ACTION: Nil.

8. Notices of Motion:

None.

9. Announcements:

- (a) Mayor:

Mayor Wilson noted that he had attended three (3) meetings by Zoom. One was a roundtable discussion with the Associate Minister of Small Business, another meeting was local mayors and media with MPP Greg Rickford and the third was with Northwestern Ontario Leaders and Minister Greg Rickford.

- (b) Councillors:

Councillor Bush advised that he had attended an online forum for the provincial budget where there were many participants. There was a lot of input provided to the government, with most municipalities advocating to keep the current funding in place. Councillor Bush noted that he brought forward, reinforced and spoke to the Kenora District Municipal Association's resolution that was passed today regarding the costs associated with the downloading of Social Services. He advised that he was disappointed with the news today that the lockdown is continuing for another

week. He encouraged small businesses and everyone to keep doing what they had been doing so we can get out of the lockdown.

Councillor S. MacKinnon noted that the Working Circle had been encouraged to see over 400 submissions to rename Colonization Avenue. He advised that March 13 is the deadline for submissions which can be submitted at www.dryden.ca and following the link to Working Circle. He encouraged everyone to submit a new name.

Councillor M. MacKinnon advised that if members of Council had any questions about the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) communication that was circulated to get back to him. He advised that there is KDSB next week and he will be attending.

Councillor Price noted that January was a busy month with Chamber of Commerce Meetings. She advised that a new Chamber of Commerce Manager had been hired. Councillor Price noted that if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Municipal Accommodation Tax Committee to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce. She advised that there is COVID relief funding available to those that need it and to reach out to Carolyn at Patricia Area Community Endeavours. Councillor Price advised that she had attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association virtual conference delegations regarding library funding and insurance rates. She also noted that she had attended Master Plan Steering Committee and Working Circle meetings. Councillor Price advised that MPP Greg Rickford had been busy assisting with filling our grant applications.

Councillor Carlucci advised that he and Councillor McKay attended the Police Services Board Meeting where he had been re-elected as Chair and Bill Wiedenhoft had been re-elected as Vice Chair. He noted that the Land Acknowledgement Statement had been adopted for use at the Board Meetings. Councillor Carlucci noted that the Police Services Board meetings are held at the end of every month by Zoom if anyone would like to attend. He also noted that the Policy and By-law Committee are working on some new policies that will be brought forward in the future. Councillor Carlucci noted that it's cold out there so keep warm and if you see anyone walking in this cold please help them out.

10. Adjournment:

(a) Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Confirmed this day of 2021.

Clerk

Mayor