



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

January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

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

Members Absent: Councillor D. McKay

Staff Present: CAO R. Nesbitt
Acting Clerk A. Euler
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll
Manager of Public Works B. Poole
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger
Special Projects & Communications Mgr. Marshalina Reader
Fire Chief Chris Wood

Others Present: Acting Cemetery and Licensing Coordinator - L. Arseneault
Mr. Henry Wall - CAO, Kenora District Services Board

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Councillor Bush declared a conflict on Closed Agenda item 3(d) re Large Industrial Tax Rate due to a business relationship.

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

At this time 6:01 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

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:

Closed Staff Report re Large Industrial Tax Rate. (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on, or to be carried on, by, or on behalf of, the municipality or local board)

Carried

- a. Call to Order:
- b. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof for:
- c. Adoption of Minutes:
 - 1. Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2021.
 - 2. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2021.
 - 3. Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2021.
 - 4. Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2021.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
 - 1. Closed Staff Report re Large Industrial Tax Rate - CAO. (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on, or to be carried on, by, or on behalf of, the municipality or local board)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:24 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened from the Closed Meeting.

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council do hereby reconvene to an Open Meeting of Council.

5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting

Mayor Wilson called the meeting back to order at 7:02 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Wilson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been one (1) item on the Closed Agenda and on that item Council received a Staff Report from the CAO regarding the Large Industrial Tax Rate and had provided him with direction on that matter.

8. Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

- a. Mr. H. Wall Kenora District Services Board CAO re 2022 KDSB Budget and Workplan for the City of Dryden.

Mr. Wall started out his presentation by mentioning that the plans for 2020 housing services enhancements had been delayed as focus shifted to the COVID pandemic. He advised that the pandemic had highlighted major gaps in our community such as poverty noting that housing waitlists have increased significantly. He indicated some new builds are taking place that will slowly chip away at the number who are waiting for housing.

Mr. Wall advised that in the last 5 years, emergency calls had gone up 48 percent locally which included a significant number of psychiatric, alcohol and intoxication emergencies. He noted COVID had heightened the realization that Dryden is lacking in resources for mental health/detox and addiction programs.

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) budget has planned for more work at the Dryden Youth Centre, increased funding to the paramedic

program, which includes adding another EMS crew to Dryden, and a new land ambulance base in Machin. He gave thanks to the Community Paramedicine Program that has funded wellness checks on seniors and emphasized the importance on seniors aging in place in their homes. He also advised he was excited to report the new Dryden land ambulance base would be opening up in a couple of months which will allow all equipment and vehicles to be stored in one building.

Mr. Wall advised the KDSB are testing new social assistance programs to see what families need to get themselves out of poverty and noted that the costs of housing and food had gone up, but the Ontario Works benefits had not. He advised that much work is being done to implement an emergency shelter and that the Dryden Full Gospel Church stepped up to help with this 3 nights a week. He noted there is the need for a full-time shelter with further supports in place to take a bite out of homelessness and that our community needs education on homelessness. Mr. Wall advised that mental health and addiction needs to be addressed, that there is a need for a post treatment Centre here as well as a transition phase from social assistance to independence.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

11. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of January 24, 2022 as read and adopted:

12. a, b, c, d, e

13. a. c

Carried

12. Adopt/Receive Minutes

a. Council Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2021. (Adopt)

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held December 13, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2021. (Adopt)

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by S. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 6, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

- c. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2021. (Adopt)

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by S. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 7, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

- d. Kenora District Services Board Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2021. (Receive)

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT the Minutes of the Kenora District Services Board Meeting held October 14, 2021 be received.

Carried

- e. Kenora District Services Board Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2021. (Receive)

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by S. MacKinnon

THAT the Minutes of the Kenora District Services Board Meeting held November 18, 2021 be received.

Carried

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

- a. Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee.

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council receives the report titled "New Committee of Council: Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee" presented at the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting as information, and

THAT Council approves the Terms of Reference for the proposed Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee as attached to that report, and

THAT the Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee be established for the City of Dryden, and

THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to initiate the recruitment process for membership to the Dryden Nuclear Education & Engagement Committee.

Carried

- b. NWMO Funding Agreement for the 2022 Learn More Program.*

- c. Working Circle Member Appointments.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT as per the Recommendation in Staff Report Administration-2022-005, Council appoint the City of Dryden's Special Projects and Communication Manager, Marshalina Reader, and the City of Dryden's Youth Leadership & Service-Learning Intern, Abigail Marion, to the Working Circle.

Carried

14. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

15. Information Items

None.

16. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of January 24, 2022 which includes the following by-law, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2022-3

Carried

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

- a. By-law 2022-1 re Agreement for the Provision of Police Services.*
- b. By-law 2022-3 re Appoint Clerk.

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-3 being a by-law appoint Allyson Jane Euler as Clerk of The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

18. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

*Items 13 (b) NWMO Funding Agreement for the 2022 Learn More Program (Motions arising from previous Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings) and 17 (a) By-law 2022-1 re Agreement for the Provision of Police Services

(Consent Agenda Part 2) were severed for recorded votes as requested by Councillor S. MacKinnon.

- a. NWMO Funding Agreement for the 2022 Learn More Program

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT Council directs the NWMO Funding Agreement for the 2022 Learn More Program be executed and

THAT the NWMO and the City of Dryden acknowledge that acceptance of the 2022 Learn More Program funding does not constitute the Municipality's community support for either the APM project or the selection of the Township of Ignace as a final host community pursuant to the NWMO's Site Selection Process.

For (5): G. Wilson, N. Bush, J. Carlucci, M. MacKinnon, and M. Price

Against (1): S. MacKinnon

Carried (5 to 1)

- b. By-law 2022-1 re Agreement for the Provision of Police Services.

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-1 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the provision of police services within The Corporation of The City of Dryden from February 24, 2022 to December 31, 2025 be read a first, second and third time.

For (5): G. Wilson, N. Bush, J. Carlucci, M. MacKinnon, and M. Price

Against (1): S. MacKinnon

Carried (5 to 1)

19. Staff Reports

- a. Finance-2022-001 Interim Tax Levy By-Law for 2022 - CAO.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report to approve By-Law 2022-2 to approve the interim tax rates for 2022. He noted any levy increase would be reflected in the second tax bill.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-Law 2022-2 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. Public Works-2022-001 Tender for the Supply of Sand and Gravel - 2022 - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his Staff Report recommending approval of By-law 2022-4 to award the tender for the supply of sand and gravel for 2022 to R. B. Rostek Construction Ltd.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2022-4 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and R.B. Rostek Construction Ltd. for the Supply of Sand and Gravel in 2022 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- c. Public Works-2022-002 Tender for Fuel Delivery - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his Staff Report to Council recommending approval of By-law 2022-5 to award the tender for the supply and delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel for 2022 to Morgan Fuels.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2022-5 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and Morgan Fuels for the Supply and Delivery of Gasoline in 2022 and for the Supply and Delivery of No. 2-D S15 Marked Diesel Fuel in 2022 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- d. Public Works-2022-003 Tender for the Supply of Clear Diesel Fuel (Pump) - 2022 - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his Staff Report to Council recommending approval of By-law 2022-6 to award the supply of clear diesel fuel at the pump in 2022 to Morgan Fuels.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-6 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and Morgan Fuels for the Supply of Clear Diesel Fuel at the pump in 2022 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- e. Public Works-2022-004 Tender for Unleaded Gasoline Supply (Pump) - 2022 - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his Staff Report to Council recommending the approval of By-law 2022-7 awarding the supply of unleaded gasoline at the pump in 2022 to Morgan Fuels.

ACTION: Administration

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by M. Price

THAT By-law 2022-7 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of The City of Dryden and Morgan Fuels for the Supply of Unleaded Gasoline at the pump in 2022 be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

20. Notices of Motion

None.

21. Motions

- a. Joint and Several Liability.

Moved by S. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT Council support the 7 recommendations contained in the AMO submission entitled "Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs" and

THAT the support resolution be sent to the Attorney General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the AMO President.

Carried

22. Reports of Municipal Officers

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt wished a belated Happy Healthy New Year to everyone. He mentioned staff had a successful 2021 and are starting out 2022 with the same momentum. He commented on the importance of the Museum and Recreation Departments opening up again due to upcoming easing of COVID restrictions. Mr. Nesbitt thanked Clerk Euler and the Administration Department team for a very organized and successful virtual Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) conference that included three ministers, one associate minister, and guest speakers from local and regional organizations such as the Northwestern Health Unit, Kenora District Services Board, Home for the Aged and more. Mr. Nesbitt acknowledged the great work in snow removal from Public Works, Dryden Regional Airport and Facilities crews that result in keeping roads, runways and facilities safe for everyone. He also spoke of initiatives started in 2021 such as the Community Capacity Study and Business Gap Analysis

engagement sessions, Age Friendly Plan and Trail Feasibility Study that are continuing in 2022. New initiatives for 2022 that parallel with the City's Capital Plan and budget are being launched such as developing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy, building on Employee Cultural Competency, implementing the creation of a Corporate Communications Plan and focusing on further developing an Employee Attraction and Retention Strategy, as well as facilitating a detailed Building Condition Assessment on all municipal facilities.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Landsell-Roll relayed that he is focused on the 2021-year end and the fine tuning of the 2022 Budget. He has submitted the funding application for Northern Ontario Resource Development (NORD) that relates to Highway 17 Rehabilitation and has received the provincial gas tax funding for 2022 and 2023.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler mentioned the Administration Department hosting the virtual Kenora District Municipal Association conference which featured representatives from area municipalities, as well as Minister Rickford, Associate Minister of Health Tibollo, Solicitor General Jones as well as a recorded message from Minister Clark of Municipal Affairs and Housing. She thanked Lynn Arseneault, Tyler Peacock, Abigail Marion, Anna Boily and Roger Nesbitt on making the conference a success. The next project for the Administration Department is the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections which will be taking place in October.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole said Public Works are busy keeping roads, sidewalks and City parking lots plowed and salted. He stated that sight lines will be improved by the removal of snowbanks along major routes and arterials within the City. Mr. Poole acknowledged and thanked Daryl Pollard on his role of Operations Manager and his staff on their snow removal operations. He also thanked the employees from other Public Works departments including water works employees, mechanics, stores clerk and front desk personnel who take many calls. He mentioned a tender is going out soon for Traffic Light Signals.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger mentioned starting 2022 with the shutdown of recreation facilities due to COVID . He also noted the extra care and maintenance being completed during times of closures due to COVID such as painting, flooring retrofit of the downstairs gym and lighting retrofit at the Arena. Due to the resignation of the Supervisor of Community Recreation Programs, some solid applications have been received hopefully resulting in a replacement soon. The Recreation Complex will re-open January 31st with modified restrictions. RFPs for the refrigeration plant update and expansion project will be posted soon. He advised Milestone Rink is in good shape and offered congratulations to staff in keeping it maintained in these freezing temperatures.

23. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson mentioned that Premier Ford had a virtual conference with all Mayors in the province and invited them to contact him with concerns and questions. Mayor Wilson said Premier Ford had called him back after he had left a message but he was unable to take the call. He mentioned the Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee that will be formed soon and thanked the Master Plan Steering Committee for the recommendation to form this committee. He stressed the importance of having a role on the committee is to increase your understanding of this project by learning the positives and negatives of the process.

b. Councillors

Councillor Price said she had been busy attending committee meetings and advised that the Patricia Area Community Endeavor's and Dryden Chamber Annual General Meetings are coming up. She mentioned she was working on meeting goals within the Working Circle Group and Strategic Plan as well as working with the Dryden Police Services Board.

Councillor Carlucci advised he had virtually attended the Dryden Police Services Board meeting and the Kenora District Municipal Association (KDMA) conference, noting staff did an incredible job organizing a fantastic event. He noted the Policy Bylaw Review Committee met recently and a resolution would be coming forward to dissolve this Committee after 2 years of a lot of work. Many thanks to Ms. Euler, Mr. Nesbitt and Councillor McKay. He offered congratulations to Ms. Euler on becoming City Clerk.

Councillor S. MacKinnon advised he had attended a Library Board meeting and encouraged everyone to check out the numerous online resources that the Dryden Public Library offers. He advised he had also attended the Museum Board meeting noting they are looking forward to re-opening at the end of the month. He mentioned the success of the KDMA conference including the fact that such a small association could attract Ministers to the conference and congratulated all who had worked to make it a success. He congratulated Ms. Euler on becoming City Clerk. He also mentioned the amount of shoveling he did and well as enjoying a skate at Milestone Rink.

Councillor M. MacKinnon echoed sentiments about the KDMA Conference and thanked staff for a wonderful job. He mentioned Milestone Rink noting it's good to see it utilized and he congratulated staff for flooding the rink especially in these frigid temperatures. He congratulated Public Works on their great job of snow removal.

Councillor Bush echoed the KDMA Conference sentiments and mentioned the great and important topics that were discussed at the conference noting he hoped some positive changes will come because of it.

24. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law 2022-8.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-8 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 8:34 p.m.

Moved by M. Price

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____

Mayor

Clerk