



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

February 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

Members Present: Mayor G. Wilson
Councillor N. Bush
Councillor J. Carlucci
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor D. McKay
Chair M. Price
February 14, 2022

Members Absent: Councillor S. MacKinnon

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

Others Present: Economic Development Manager Tyler Peacock
Junior Planner Benito Russo
Chief Building Official Pamela Skillen
Acting Cemetery and Licensing Coordinator Lynn Arseneault
Special Projects & Communications Manager, Marshalina Reader
Members of the Public: James Kroeker, Marilyn Bilsbarrow, Sylvia Green-Guenette, Darlene Salter
Representatives from Indigenous Sport and Wellness
Ontario: Marc Laliberte, Stephen Kwinter, Gary Lynch, Clay Melnike

1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof

a. The Agenda for this meeting.

D. McKay declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor McKay declared a conflict with Item 11(a) on the Open Agenda due to business reasons.)

Chair Councillor Price 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 stated he had a conflict with item 11(a) due to business reasons.

a. D. McKay - Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof
Councillor McKay declared a conflict with Item 11(a) on the Open Agenda due to business reasons.

3. Adjournment to Closed Session

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

Moved by J. Carlucci

Seconded by D. McKay

THAT, Committee do hereby adjourn to a Closed Session of Committee of the Whole pursuant to Section 239 of The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons:

CAO Performance Goals and Measurements (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)

Staff Report Administration-2022-009 Community Baseline Studies (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. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof:

c. Closed Agenda Items:

1. CAO Performance Goals and Measurements (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)

2. Community Baseline Studies (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)

d. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

4. Reconvene from Closed Session

At this time, 6:50 p.m. the Closed Meeting of Council adjourned to the Open Meeting.

Moved by D. McKay

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT, the Open Meeting of Committee of the Whole be reconvened.

Carried

5. Resumption of Open Committee of the Whole

Chair Councillor Price called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Councillor Price read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

7. Report from Closed Session

Ms. Euler advised there had been two (2) items on the Closed Agenda. On the first item Committee reviewed the process for the CAO's performance goals and measures and on the second item Committee received a report on Community Baseline Studies on which they provided direction to the CAO.

8. Delegations

- a. J. Kroeker, M. Bilsbarrow, D. Salter and S. Green-Guenette re Support of Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee.

Mr. Kroeker addressed Committee about concerns he has along with other groups in Dryden and surrounding area regarding the risks with storing nuclear waste nearby. Ms. Green-Guenette then spoke on behalf of the Sunset Country Spirit Alliance (SCSA) who study nuclear energy and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) Adaptive Phase Management Plan. She stated the SCSA opposes this project because of the difficulties in managing safe transportation and storage of nuclear waste, noting people in the Northwest, and beyond could be affected due to the deposit site being at the headwaters of two major Canadian watersheds. The SCSA is questioning why Ignace would be given the right to consent to a

proposed \$24 billion project that could affect 2,500 km of our country. Ms. Green-Guenette stated that Dryden and surrounding areas deserve all the facts on what they may face in the future. Mr. Kroeker advised members of this group who had applied to be part of the Dryden Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee would now like to withdraw their applications. Committee thanked the presenters for their comments.

9. Presentations

a. Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario.

Mr. Liberte, began the presentation on Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario and explained their mandate is to provide opportunities to indigenous people, particularly youth, and stated that their organization has had representation at the North American Indigenous Games, as well as many other sporting tournaments and events. He also spoke of the organization's strong belief in the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action and feels that the conversion of the Dryden Golf & Curling Club to a multi-venue sporting facility could address some of these issues as well as benefitting everyone in Dryden and from the North. Mr. Kwinter advised the group is on the verge of securing funding for the project. Mr. Lynch spoke in depth about the organization's sport, wellness and leadership programs for indigenous youth representing the various cultures across the province.

Mr. Melnike emphasized that they want to meet indigenous needs of the north, conduct cultural sharing and engagement, and want to make sure it is done collectively to have central focus by bringing all stakeholders to the table such as City Council, surrounding First Nation communities, the Working Circle, etc. Mr. Melnike advised ISWO would be approaching the provincial government in the coming weeks for funding for the project. Regarding funding the sustainability of the project once it's underway, Mr. Kwinter advised ISWO will be the largest user of the facility and they will be saving money by using their own facility rather than funding others. Committee noted that this was an exciting proposition and would be a win for everyone and good for our community. In response to a question, Mr. Kwinter advised that ISWO would be operating and managing the facility as the government will expect a hands-on role from them but noted it would be a collaborative effort with stakeholders, volunteers, and the City of Dryden.

Committee thanked the ISWO presenters.

10. Public Notices - Clerk

a. Process for Dryden Residents to Obtain Criminal Reference Checks Effective February 14, 2022.

Ms. Euler stated the first public notice is to advise that effective today the Ontario Provincial Police will be processing all criminal reference checks and for more information visit opp.ca.

b. 2022 Municipal Election Notice of Nominations for Office.

Ms. Euler said this notice is to make the public aware that nomination papers for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections may be filed on Monday, May 2nd and to check out this notice on the City's website for more information.

c. Applications for Youth Advisory Council.

Ms. Euler reminded the public that the Youth Advocacy Council is looking for applicants and more information can be obtained in the public notice from the agenda of this meeting.

d. Applications for Dryden's Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee.

Ms. Euler stated the Nuclear Education and Engagement Committee is looking for applicants and details can be seen on the public notice in the agenda and on the City's website.

11. Staff Reports

a. Economic Development-2022-001 276 Duke Street CIP Application - Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Peacock presented his Staff Report requesting Council's direction regarding the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application for 276 Duke Street.

Councillors Bush, Carlucci and Price all stated their concerns with the financial implications of the tax portion of this report. Additionally, Councillor Bush and Price were not in favor of forgiving building permit expenses and Mr. Nesbitt concurred as the city already offers good incentives for developers such as no development fees.

Committee gave direction for Mr. Peacock to proceed with option g) which states no additional incentives.

ACTION: Economic Development Manager

b. Building and Planning-2022-001 Crematoria, City Policy - Junior Planner.

Mr. Russo presented his Staff Report regarding a proposed City of Dryden Policy on Crematoria. Mr. Russo went through the background information, including examination of potentially relevant legislation, agencies and policies, public consideration, land use compatibility, separation distances,

demand for cremation services, application requirements, municipal processes, and discussion as they relate to recommended criteria to consider when granting municipal public interest approvals for crematoria. Committee directed staff to bring a By-law forward to the Council Meeting on February 28th, 2022, to approve City Policy CD-CR-01.

ACTION: Administration

- c. Public Works-2022-005 MTO Letter Re Extension of Highway #502 – Follow Up - Manager of Public Works.

Mr. Poole presented his Staff Report regarding follow-up with Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) presentation last month regarding the extension of Gordon Road (Highway 502). Mr. Poole asked for direction from Committee on how to respond to the January 2022 correspondence from the MTO to proceed with Gordon Road as an extension of Highway 502. Some discussion took place and Committee agreed with bringing this forward to the February 28th, 2022, Council Meeting to approve the MTO's request.

ACTION: Administration

- d. Finance-2022-002 Vesting of Properties – February 2022 - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report regarding the vesting of properties at 149 Third Street and 186 Grand Trunk Avenue also known as the Trans Canada Motel & Restaurant. Discussion ensued and Committee directed that this item be brought forward to the February 28th meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- e. Finance-2022-003 Section 357 – Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report for approval of the Section 357 application for the cancellation, reduction, or refund of taxes due to a fire. Committee agreed with the recommendation and directed this item be brought forward to the February 28th meeting of Council.

ACTION: Administration

- f. Finance-2022-004 Debt Policy - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report and asked for Committee's approval of the proposed Debt Policy FI-DE-01. Committee gave direction to bring this item forward to the next meeting of Council on February 28th, 2022.

ACTION: Administration

- g. Finance-2022-005 Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (Provincial Gas Tax Program) - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report on Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for the Public Transportation Program and asked Committee for approval of a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Letter of Agreement for the provision and use of dedicated gas tax funds under this Program. Council directed that this item be brought forward to the February 28th, 2022, Council meeting.

ACTION: Administration

- h. Finance-2022-006 - 2022 Budget - Treasurer.

Mr. Lansdell-Roll presented his Staff Report asking Committee to approve the 2022 Budget. Committee gave approval to bring forward a by-law to adopt the budget at the next Council Meeting on February 28th, 2022.

ACTION: Administration

- i. Administration-2022-007 Municipal Office and Facility Closures for 2022 and 2023 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her Staff Report asking Committee for approval of Municipal Office and Facility Closures for the 2022 and 2023 holiday period. Committee directed this be brought forward to the next Council Meeting on February 28th, 2022.

ACTION: Administration

- j. Administration-2022-008 Council Meeting Schedule for December 2022 - Clerk.

Ms. Euler presented her Staff Report asking for Committee's direction on moving forward the December 2022 Council Meeting schedule considering Christmas closures. Committee directed this be brought forward to the February 28th, 2022, Council Meeting.

ACTION: Administration

12. Notices of Motion

None.

13. Announcements

- a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson stated that he provided his input with the Ministry of Finance regarding the 2022 Pre-Budget Consultation process discussing many topics including housing, crown land, income tax incentives, the Trans-Canada Highway and social service costs.

b. Councillors

Councillor MacKinnon mentioned he will be busy with upcoming KDSB meetings.

Councillor Carlucci thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Councillor McKay said it was a great meeting.

Councillor Bush wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councillor Price mentioned she will be busy in the next two weeks with numerous meetings and that tonight's meeting had been very productive.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. and Mayor Wilson wished Councillor Bush a Happy Birthday.

Moved by M. MacKinnon

Seconded by J. Carlucci

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

Clerk