



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

**February 28, 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 D. McKay  
Deputy Mayor M. Price

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: Junior Planner B. Russo, Acting Cemetery and Licensing  
Coordinator L. Arseneault, Dan Penner of Urban Systems

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**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof**

Deputy Mayor 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 the response was negative.

Deputy Mayor Price 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** M. MacKinnon  
**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

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 Administration-2022-10 re CAO's Performance Goals and Measurements. (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)

**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 - January 10, 2022.
  - 2. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2022.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
  - 1. Closed Staff Report Administration-2022-10 re CAO's Performance Goals and Measurements. (Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)
- e. Adjournment to Open Meeting:

**4. Reconvene from Closed Session**

At this time, 6:46 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened.

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

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

**Carried**

**5. Resumption of Open Council Meeting**

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

**6. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Deputy Mayor Price 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 had received the CAO's 2021 Performance Goals and Measurements report along with his proposed 2022 Performance Goals and Measurements document.

**8. Delegations**

None.

**9. Presentations**

- a. Dan Penner, Urban Systems re Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan Project Update.

Mr. Belanger introduced Dan Penner of Urban Systems who provided an overview and update on the Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan Project. Mr. Penner reviewed the purpose of the Dryden Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan, noting Dryden has a slightly older population

than national, provincial, and regional averages. He noted one of the goals of this project is to help citizens age in place. He reviewed the roles of the municipality in implementing an Age Friendly Assessment and Action Plan and advised the second round of community engagement sessions is now underway. Mr. Penner reviewed the steps that have been taken to-date as well as the plans scheduled for Phase 2, noting he and his colleagues will be in Dryden March 15-17 for engagement sessions, noting that the dates and times will be advertised once confirmed.

Council asked Mr. Penner about the safety issues that had been identified in the first round of engagement and he advised it seemed to be stemming from social problems that are seen in the region, such as addictions and homelessness, noting that items such as the need for sidewalk improvements were secondary. Mention was also made of the growing number of seniors accessing the Food Bank and Mr. Penner advised he would like to dig into this further when he's in town later in the month.

Council thanked Mr. Penner for his presentation.

**10. Public Notices - Clerk**

- a. Are You on the Voters' List for the October 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections?

Ms. Euler reviewed the Public Notice to remind voters to visit [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca) to ensure they're on the list to vote in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections. She advised voters should log on using their property address or roll number and their full name and date of birth to ensure their information is correct and to update anything that isn't correct. Ms. Euler advised updating this information will help ensure the Voters' List is accurate in preparation for the elections being held in October.

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

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

THAT Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of February 28, 2022, as read and adopted:

- 12. a, b, c
- 13. a, b, c, d, e

**Carried**

**12. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2022. (Adopt)

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held January 24, 2022, be adopted.

**Carried**

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2022. (Adopt)

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** D. McKay

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 10, 2022, be adopted.

**Carried**

- c. Policy and By-law Review Committee Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2022. (Adopt)

**Moved by** J. Carlucci

**Seconded by** D. McKay

THAT the Minutes of the Policy and By-law Review Committee Meeting held January 18, 2022, be adopted.

**Carried**

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

- a. Extension of Highway 502.

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden approves of the Ministry of Transportation's proposal to proceed with assuming Gordon Road and Marguerite Street so as to establish the new route for Highway 502 along the corridor that was selected as part of the 2006 Dryden Area Highway Planning Study.

**Carried**

- b. Vesting of Properties.

**Moved by** D. McKay

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT Council authorize staff to register on title a Notice of Vesting on the properties with Roll # 60 26 260 001 16600 0000 (149 Third Street) and Roll # 60 26 260 001 16700 0000 (186 Grand Trunk Avenue),

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to write off taxes in the amount of \$326,448.36 on the lands vested by the municipality in accordance with Section 354 (2) and (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

**Carried**

- c. Section 357 - Cancellation, Reduction, Refund of Taxes.

**Moved by** S. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT as per Section 357 of the Municipal Act, S.O., c.25, as amended, Council approves the following application for the cancellation, reduction,

or refund of taxes:

Roll Number: 280.002.22700  
Period: 2021 (November 15 - December 31)  
2022 (January 1 - December 31)  
Reason: Damaged by fire.

**Carried**

- d. Municipal Office and Facility Closures for 2022 and 2023.

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

THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report Administration-2022-007, Council authorize the additional closure of Municipal Offices and Facilities during the 2022 Christmas period as per the conditions outlined in the Staff Report for the following dates:

December 28, December 29, and December 30.

**Carried**

- e. Council Meeting Schedule for December 2022.

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

THAT as per the recommendation in Staff Report Administration-2022-008, Council approve cancelling the December 12, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting and moving the Council Meeting from December 26, 2022, to December 12, 2022.

**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. MacKinnon

THAT Council consider Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws, under date of February 28, 2022, which includes the following by-laws, as read a first, second and third time:

By-law 2022-9  
By-law 2022-11  
By-law 2022-12

**Carried**

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

- a. By-law 2022-9 re Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program Agreement.

**Moved by** D. McKay

**Seconded by** S. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-9 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the provision of funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Program be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- b. By-law 2022-10 re Adopt 2022 Budget.

This item was severed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Price and Councillor S. MacKinnon.

- c. By-law 2022-11 re Amend 3529-2007 to Adopt Crematoria Municipal Approval Policy.

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

THAT By-law 2022-11 being a by-law to amend By-law 3529-2007, a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual, by adding the following under section Community Development:

(a) CD-CR-01 - Crematoria Municipal Approval Policy

be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

- d. By-law 2022-12 re Amend 3529-2007 to Adopt Debt Policy.

**Moved by** D. McKay

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

THAT By-law 2022-12 being a by-law to amend By-law 3529-2007, a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual, by adding the following under section Finance:

(a) FI-DE-01 - Debt Policy

be read a first, second and third time.

**Carried**

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

This item was severed from the Consent Agenda by Deputy Mayor Price and Councillor S. MacKinnon for discussion and a separate vote.

- a. By-law 2022-10 re Adopt 2022 Budget.

Deputy Mayor Price advised the annual budget by-law is important and deserves its own separate vote. Councillor S. MacKinnon spoke to his concerns about the budget and the increased costs surrounding policing and the use of legacy funds to pay for the transition from the Dryden Police Service (DPS) to the OPP. He spoke to the budgeted 4% increase in taxes and the 10% increase in sewer and water rates and listed a number of projects that won't be happening this year because of the transition. Councillor Bush advised that the city would have seen an 18% increase to policing costs in 2022, the equivalent of a 5% tax increase, noting that the transition to the OPP brings with it an increased police presence in the municipality. A recorded vote was requested.

**Moved by M. MacKinnon**

**Seconded by J. Carlucci**

THAT By-law 2022-10 being a by-law to adopt the 2022 Municipal Budget Estimates for the City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

For (5): N. Bush, J. Carlucci, M. MacKinnon, D. McKay, and M. Price

Against (1): S. MacKinnon

**Carried (5 to 1)**

**19. Staff Reports**

None.

**20. Notices of Motion**

None.

**21. Motions**

None.

**22. Reports of Municipal Officers**

- a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt advised he'd worked with the Dryden Police Service (DPS) members throughout his career with the City of Dryden and was privileged to have been part of that organization in his IT capacity. He noted all former DPS employees will be extremely valued employees in their future endeavors and wished them all the best. He stated they should be proud of the DPS legacy and what they've done for the community. Mr. Nesbitt advised he was looking forward to continuing to build a relationship with the Ontario Provincial Police.

- b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll advised that now that the 2022 budget has been adopted that he'll be presenting the annual Ontario Regulation 284/09 report at the March Committee of the Whole Meeting. He noted that the City's Auditors would be on site in April and that he has begun work on the 2023 budget will be adopted in January.

- c. Clerk

Ms. Euler advised work is underway reviewing and updating City policies and that changes to some by-laws are being considered which will be coming before Council in the future. She also advised preparations for the Municipal and School Board Elections are ongoing and that the election pages on the City's website had been published earlier in the day. Ms. Euler thanked Ms. Brosseau and Mr. Peacock on their work on that project.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole advised Public Works employees are trying to keep up with the snow, as they can't seem to stop it.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised today was the last day of Recreation Centre patrons having to show their QR codes although masks are still a requirement as COVID remains prevalent in the community. He noted Joel Allen has returned to the employ of the City of Dryden as the Supervisor of Community Recreation Programs. Mr. Belanger advised that from March 25 to April 10 there will be 16 days of hockey and broomball tournaments at the Arena with a couple of Ice Dogs and Eagles games added in. He noted the Recreation Department had recently been awarded \$185,000 from the Trillium Foundation for the resurfacing of Milestone Rink and painting for tennis and pickleball and \$25,000 from the New Horizons for Seniors' Fund for seniors' programming in the City.

## **23. Announcements**

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson thanked staff for creating, and Council for adopting, the 2022 budget. He welcomed Ms. Brosseau back to the City of Dryden as the Special Projects Coordinator and other returning employees too.

b. Councillors

Chair Councillor Price offered her thanks and appreciation to all members of the former Dryden Police Service (DPS) and wished them success in the next phases of their lives.

Councillor Bush acknowledged the transition from DPS to the OPP that had taken place on February 24, noting the disbandment decision had been a difficult one. He thanked all who had served with the DPS for their service and contribution to the community and wished them the best in the future. Councillor Bush welcomed the OPP, advising he was looking forward to working with them in the future.

Councillor S. MacKinnon noted he'd attended a tribute to former DPS employees on February 24 which had been hosted by the Police Services Board. He advised area fire services had been in attendance and school children had lined the path the DPS employees had taken into The Centre. Councillor S. MacKinnon noted retired Sgt. George Hughes and Inspector Ann Tkachyk had been unable to attend. He thanked all former DPS members, civilian and uniformed, for their service.

Councillor Carlucci welcomed Ms. Brosseau back to the City of Dryden. He thanked the former DPS members, noting they had worked hard and had done a great job. He then welcomed the OPP to Dryden, advising he's



looking forward to working with them.

Councillor M. MacKinnon also welcomed Ms. Brosseau back. He advised the Kenora District Services Board is working on a new Strategic Plan including Truth and Reconciliation. He noted the Board continues to press the government on housing strategies and housing for the region. Councillor M. MacKinnon stated it had been a very difficult decision to move Dryden's policing to the OPP.

**24. Confirmatory By-law**

a. By-law 2022-13

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

THAT By-law 2022-13 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 8:15 p.m.

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

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

**Carried**

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Mayor

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Clerk