



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

**April 25, 2022, 5:45 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  
Clerk A. Euler  
Manager of Public Works B. Poole  
Manager of Community Services S. Belanger

Others Present: Glenn Manning - HTFC Planning and Design, Fire Chief C. Wood, Communications Coordinator S. Tocholke

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 McKay declared a conflict with Closed Agenda item d 1 due to a business relationship. Councillor McKay did not attend the Closed meeting.

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, 5:47 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council adjourned to the Closed Meeting.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

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 Proposed Lease of Municipal Property. (A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board)

Presentation re Distribution Centre Feasibility Study. (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 - March 14, 2022.
  - 2. Closed Council Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2022.
- d. Closed Agenda Items:
  - 1. Presentation re Proposed Lease of Municipal Property. (A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board)
  - 2. Presentation re Distribution Centre Feasibility Study. (A position, plan, 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, 6:51 p.m., the Open Meeting of Council reconvened.

**Moved by** M. Price

**Seconded by** J. Carlucci

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 there had been two (2) items on the Closed Agenda. On the first, Council received a proposal regarding the lease of municipal property. Ms. Euler advised that due to time constraints, the second presentation would be postponed to a later date.

**8. Delegations**

None.

**9. Presentations**

- a. Mr. G. Manning and Ms. L. Reimer of HTFC Planning and Design re Trails Feasibility Study Final Report.

Mr. G. Manning of HTFC Planning and Design presented their Trails Feasibility Study Final Report. Councillor S. MacKinnon asked about who the City of Dryden would need permission from in order to build a boardwalk on, and near, the waters edge. Mr. Manning advised it would require input from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Transport Canada. Councillor MacKinnon also asked if connecting the trail from Ross Street to River Heights Drive was considered. Mr. Manning advised that the plan follows the existing path due to some of the waterfront properties that would connect the trail are owned privately. Mayor Wilson asked if the pricing in the report was put together before the COVID-19 pandemic or during/after. Mr. Manning advised that the prices were determined during the COVID-19 pandemic but don't take in recent inflation.

**10. Public Notices - Clerk**

- a. Poop and Scoop and Posting of Signs and on Utility Poles and Traffic Signals.

Ms. Euler advised that dog owners must immediately remove any excrement left on City of Dryden property by their dog immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary and lawful manner. She also advised that no signs are to be posted on any public utility poles or any traffic lights or signs.

- b. Planting of Flowers and Shrubs at Dryden Cemetery.

Ms. Euler advised that the public should remove any worn, broken and out of season decorations, and artificial flowers be removed by May 8th, 2022. After that date they will be removed and disposed of by the City.

**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 April 25, 2022 as read and adopted:

12. a, b

13. a

**Carried**

**12. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2022. (Adopt)

**Moved by M. Price**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held March 28, 2022 be adopted.

**Carried**

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2022. (Adopt)

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

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 14, 2022 be adopted.

**Carried**

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

- a. Declare Surplus - 149 Third Street and 186 Grand Trunk Avenue.

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

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 379 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c 25, as amended, and in accordance with By-law 4543-2018, the "Land Acquisition and Disposition By-law" and Chapter 133, Notices, of the City of Dryden Municipal Code, Council declares the real property described as:

PLAN M209 LOTS 42 & 43 PCLS 13643 & 17505 and PLAN M209 LOT 44 PCL 14694, and known as the former Trans Canada Motel & Restaurant as surplus to the requirements of the municipality.

**Carried**

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

None.

**15. Information Items**

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

**19. Staff Reports**

None.

**20. Notices of Motion**

None.

**21. Motions**

None.

**22. Reports of Municipal Officers**

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt advised that there were some funds in the capital budget for maintenance and rehabilitation work in the sections covered in Segments 1 and 2 in the Trails Feasibility Study report. He also noted that the Dryden Trailblazer Association is interested in making some investments in the Van Horne Landing area. Mr. Nesbitt stated that some of these funds were used as seed money to apply for Provincial Funding. He advised that the Community Capacity Study and Business Gap Analysis are in their final review and will be presented to Council in the near future. He also noted that the Official Plan Update is nearing completion and will be presented to Council soon. He stated that the Safety Program Audit interim report has been delivered to staff for review and will be shared in the near future as well. He gave an update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative and the Corporate Communications Strategy. Lastly, Mr. Nesbitt cautioned the public to drive safely around town due to the large number of potholes.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll was not in attendance.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler gave an update on the upcoming election and information sessions. She advised that more information can be found on the City of Dryden website.

d. Public Works Manager

Mr. Poole gave an update on road conditions brought on by the weather in the area and how it affects our roads. He also gave an update on projects that are being worked on by the Public Works department such as new vehicle purchases, the Traffic Light Project, Water Treatment Plant upgrades and more.

e. Manager of Community Services

Mr. Belanger advised that the ice has been removed from both sides of the arena and thanked all volunteers who make ice sports happen. He also mentioned that player benches and penalty boxes are being updated. Mr. Belanger also advised that the work on the roof at the Recreation Centre will begin soon. He noted that the Aaron Park manager has begun work.

**23. Announcements**

a. Mayor

Mayor Wilson advised that he was invited to attend a Dryden Water Walk and thanked the Dryden Friendship Centre for the use of their facilities. He noted that he wrote a "thank you" letter to Chief Randy Fobister and read a portion of it. Mayor Wilson also mentioned that he recently participated in a survey from Dryden Regional Health Centre along with other community leaders to give input on their Strategic Plan. Lastly, he shared the Dryden Go-Getters will be doing their groundbreaking on April 29th, 2022 for their expansion project.

b. Councillors

Councillor Carlucci advised that the first Police Service Board meeting since the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) transition is April 26, 2022. He also stated that he attended the Kenora District Service Board presentation for their upcoming housing project.

Councillor Price also mentioned the Police Service Board meeting is April 26th. She stated that the Patricia Area Community Endeavours (PACE) Board and the Dryden Chamber of Commerce are hosting a job fair on April 27th, 2022. She also noted that the Chamber of Commerce and Dryden Conservation Club have their Dryden Home and Leisure Show on May 13th and 14th, 2022.

Councillor M. MacKinnon stated that he visited Agritech North last week for their open house and is excited about the project. He also noted that he visited the Dryden Regional Airport for a funding announcement from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).

Councillor S. MacKinnon advised that the long winter may cause depression and asked anyone who may be struggling to seek help.

Councillor McKay echoed what Councillor S. MacKinnon said about struggling with depression.

Councillor Bush shared his excitement for the groundbreaking for the new seniors housing complex project. He also stated that he's pleased with the way the Strategic Plan is being actioned by the municipality.

**24. Confirmatory By-law**

a. By-law 2022-22.

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

THAT By-law 2022-22 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 8:12 p.m.

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

THAT this meeting be declared adjourned.

**Carried**

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 2022.

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Mayor

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Clerk