

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016

Minutes

Date:

October 4, 2016

Time:

7:00 p.m. (closed 6:00 p.m.)

Location:

52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, Ontario (entrance off Gibson Street)

Members Present:

Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Clr. Paul Borneman, Clr. Brad Horne, Clr. Bonnie Keith, Clr. Jim Marshall, Clr. Doug McCann, Clr. Keith Saulnier

Staff Present:

Rob Mens, Jackie Boggs, Dave Thompson, Peter Brown

Presentations:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Prior to the Open Meeting of Council, Council adjourned to a Closed Meeting pursuant to the following resolution:

Resolution 2016 - 187

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Saulnier

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That pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound move to a meeting closed to the public in order to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

- b) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; **(Staff Development Plan)**
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations **(Pay Band for Union Employees)**
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. **(William Street Reconstruction)**

Section e) was rescheduled for the October 18, 2016 Council Meeting so this item was not discussed in closed session.

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

9.6.2 Power Outages

9.6.3 Bear Situation in Parry Sound

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Council agenda for October 4, 2016 be approved as amended.

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1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Brad Horne declared a pecuniary interest with Item 10.1.1 - Renewal of Fire Dispatch Agreement as his spouse is the Chief Financial Officer of the West Parry Sound Health Centre. Councillor Horne left the room during discussion and the vote.

Mayor McGarvey declared a pecuniary interest with Item 9.3.3 - Review of New Multi-Residential Tax Class due to his affiliation with Parry Sound Non-Profit Housing. Mayor McGarvey left the room during discussion and the vote.

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the Minutes from the Council meeting held September 20, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

Councillor Keith asked Mr. Brown about the many bears and deer in town and wondered what people can do to prevent collisions, especially with the deer population. Mr. Brown replied that there have been requests in the past to put signage up to warn of bears and deer but we'd have to put them up on all roads because they are so

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numerous. The public should be diligent and drive carefully especially at dusk and at night to avoid collisions with bears and deer.

Councillor Horne referenced Chief Thompson and the fire department regarding the busy weekend that the fire department had and wanted to thank staff and fire fighters for a job well done. Councillor Horne asked Chief Thompson to speak to two of the incidents. Chief Thompson spoke of the fire at Constables Towing out in McDougall and provided kudos to the fire fighters who managed to get it under control as it was a very long and involved fire. Thanks especially to McDougall Township Fire fighters. There were 5 municipal fire departments, along with the OPP, all working in cooperation to get the fire out safely.

Chief Thompson mentioned that the second incident over the weekend was a pick up truck crashing into a hydro pole causing it to sever in the middle of the pole. Wires were downed with this accident. This resulted in a loss of power for parts of Parry Sound. Chief Thompson cautioned the public about approaching downed wires. You must assume they are live and are very dangerous.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Donald Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, WPSHC & Lakeland Long Term Care

Re: Request for Contribution and Deputation before Council

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Director of Finance for follow-up)

4.2 R. James Chapman, 139 William Street

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Re: Concerns about the application for the extension of the current land use on the property owned by Dean and Deborah Adams, 114 Williams Street.

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Principal Planner for follow-up)

4.3 Donald Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, WPSHC & Lakeland Long Term Care

Re: Thank you letter for the recent improvements to Parry Sound Road between Railway Avenue and Ernie Eves Way.

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and Director of Public Works and forwarded to the Clerk for filing)

4.4 AMO Watchfile - September 22, 2016

Re: Municipal Industry News

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and attached to E-Agenda)

4.5 FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) - President's Corner

Re: Canadian Municipal Industry News

(Circulated to Mayor and Council and attached to E-Agenda)

5. Deputations

5.1 Jo Bossart, Item 9.3.3 - Multi-residential tax class

Re: Mr. Bossart provided his opinion regarding the multi-residential tax class (Item 9.3.3) and suggested Council consider the many tax exempt properties/organizations

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that currently reside in the Town of Parry Sound, occupying prime locations, which make up approximately 0-15% out of the Town's total property tax base. These organizations service the Town as well as all the outlying areas and make use of Town services. However, it is Parry Sound taxpayers who are making up for the lost revenue with the highest tax rate in the area. He is requesting during 2017 budget deliberations that Council consider how to strike a reasonable balance between being the go-to resource for district social services while not burdening Parry Sound businesses and residents with the increasingly high cost of the required support.

5.2 Staff Sargent Michael Gordon, new OPP detachment commander

Re: Staff Sargent Gordon introduced himself to Council and to the public.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

Mayor and Councillors gave their reports on meetings attended and matters arising.

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

7.1 Pay Band for Union Employees

Spokesperson: Rebecca Johnson, HR Coordinator

Resolution 2016 - 188

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That upon the recommendation of the Joint Job Evaluation Committee (JJEC), Council approves the attached Schedule "A", being a revised Pay Band for CUPE Local 17

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employees as a result of the Joint Job Evaluation Committee 2016 evaluation of jobs;
and

That Schedule "A" replace the existing pay band in the 2015-2017 Collective Agreement between CUPE Local 17 and the Town of Parry Sound, effective immediately; and

That any retroactive increases as a result of job movement from one pay band to another under this comprehensive review be subject to final agreement between CUPE Local 17 and the Town of Parry Sound with respect to implementation date.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. Raising of the Flag for Michael Cunningham

Resolution 2016 - 189

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor McCann

Whereas Michael Cunningham, who was born at Parry Sound General Hospital on March 10, 1971, will be the first Canadian to be named Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge Harmony #9 in Cranston, Rhode Island on November 15, 2016; and

Whereas Mr. Cunningham has always prided himself on his Canadian roots, specifically Parry Sound;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council for the Town of Parry Sound, in recognition of Mr. Cunningham's distinguished achievement, will raise the Canadian Flag at the municipal office in his honour on November 15, 2016.

Carried

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8.2 16th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day -
October 26, 2016

Resolution 2016 - 190

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas years of research confirm the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas many studies show that trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the key to quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that October 26, 2016 be designated the 16th annual "Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Carried

8.3 Waste Reduction Week - October 17 to October 23, 2016

Resolution 2016 - 191

Moved by Councillor Keith

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Seconded by Councillor Horne

Whereas, as a municipality, we are committed to reducing our waste, conserving resources, and educating the community about sustainable living; and

Whereas Council for the Town of Parry Sound recognizes that the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of resources is a global environmental problem and endeavors to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that we have declared Oct. 17-23, 2016 Waste Reduction Week in the Town of Parry Sound and encourage our citizens to reduce waste.

Carried

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Emergency and Protective Services

9.2 Administration

9.3 Finance and POA Court Services

9.3.1 2017 Audit Services RFP

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That Staff proceed to prepare an RFP for External Audit Services for the Town of Parry Sound's Fiscal Years 2017 to 2021;

And that Staff contact all of the boards and committees consolidated into the Town of Parry Sound's financial statements to get their support for a group RFP.

Carried

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9.3.2 Revision to the Budget and Financial Controls Policy

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Resolution 2016 - 192

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That Council hereby approves the Budget and Financial Controls Policy, attached as Schedule A, for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound; and

Further that Council rescind resolution 2015-139.

Carried

9.3.3 Review of New Multi-Residential Tax Class

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That Staff review the current requirements for admission into the New Multi-Residential Tax Class and bring back a new by-law subject to Option 1 (Open the class to new affordable housing projects) outlined in the Report and Recommendation provided.

Carried

9.3.4 Review of Water and Wastewater Rates

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That Staff review the current water & wastewater rate structure and prepare a report for Council on a recommended rate structure.

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Carried

9.4 Public Works

9.4.1 Clean Water and Wastewater Fund - Waubeek Street Reconstruction

Spokesperson: Peter Brown, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2016 - 193

Moved by Councillor Horne

Seconded by Councillor Saulnier

That Council resolve that the highest priority for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) is the rehabilitation of Waubeek Street from Avenue Road to Wood Street, including roadwork, water main, sanitary, force main and storm sewer replacement, and further;

That Council directs staff to proceed with the funding application submission.

Carried

Resolution 2016 - 194

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council authorize staff to submit a proposal to Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to receive top-up support for the rehabilitation of Waubeek Street.

Carried

9.5 Development and Leisure Services

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9.6 Other Business

9.6.1 Highway Signage

Spokesperson: Councillor Borneman

Resolution 2016 - 195

Moved by Councillor Saulnier

Seconded by Councillor Horne

Whereas small business drives the economy not only in the West Parry Sound area but across the province of Ontario; and

Whereas small business operators and the local economy depend on those travelling to the area and signage is invaluable to provide both advertising and direction particularly on restricted access roadways such as Hwy 400; and

As such, The Town of Parry Sound would ask the Ministry of Transportation to review their highway sign regulations looking to provide reduced costs, greater opportunity and increased stability for small business tourism operators and others with respect to its signage regulations on highway right-of-ways; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premiere, the Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and Ontario Small Urban Municipalities.

Carried

9.6.2 Power Outages

Spokesperson: Councillor Bonnie Keith

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

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That the Mayor be requested to write a letter to Lakeland Power explaining the need for a timely response to power outages; and

That the letter be developed with Chief Thompson's input.

Carried

9.6.3 Bear Situation in Parry Sound

Spokesperson: Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

That the Mayor be requested to write a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources outlining the concerns of Council regarding the over abundance of bears and the danger they represent to our citizens.

Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Emergency and Protective Services

10.1.1 Fire Dispatch Agreement

Spokesperson: Dave Thompson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief

By-law 2016 - 6667

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Town of Parry Sound and West Parry Sound Health Centre for the provision of Fire Department Dispatch Services.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 4th day of October, 2016.

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10.2 Administration

10.3 Finance and POA Court Services

10.3.1 Approval of funding agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund - Formula Based Component

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

By-law 2016 - 6668

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula-Based Component Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario (as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 4th day of October, 2016.

10.4 Public Works

10.5 Development and Leisure Services

10.6 Other Business

10.6.1 Confirming By-law

By-law 2016 - 6669

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 4th day of October, 2016.

11. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Jackie Johnston Boggs, Clerk

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