

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Council Meeting Minutes October 6, 2015

Minutes

Date:

October 6, 2015

Time:

7:00 p.m. (6:45 p.m.)

Location:

52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, Ontario-Gibson Street Entrance

Members Present:

Mayor McGarvey, Clr. P. Borneman, Clr. B. Keith, Clr. J. Marshall, Clr. D. McCann, Clr. K. Saulnier (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Regrets:

Clr. Horne

Staff Present:

R. Mens, J. Boggs, P. Brown, T. Pinn, L. Middaugh, R. Beaumont, C. Ward

Prior to the Open Meeting of Council, Council adjourned to a meeting closed to the public pursuant to the following resolution:

Resolution 2015 - 171

Moved by Councillor Keith

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Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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:

- d) labour relations or employee negotiations (**Corporate Review**)

Carried

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motions

Item 9.1.3 - Treetops Community Forest

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

9.3.2 RFP Award for IT Services

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the Council Agenda for October 6, 2015 be approved as amended.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That the Minutes from the Parry Sound Council Meetings held September 15, September 22 and September 29, 2015 be approved as circulated with the following amendment:

September 15th Minutes, Item 6, second paragraph be corrected to read Councillor Saulnier is Deputy Mayor, not Councillor Keith.

Carried

3.2 Questions of Staff

Councillor Saulnier asked Chief Thompson about the EMS training session this past week. The scenario was notifying residents in case of an emergency. Chief Thompson said it went very well. Residents were very cooperative and staff learned a lot from the exercise. Councillor Borneman asked if it should have been done with roads blocked. Chief Thompson responded that there are a number of blocked roads so they were utilized as well.

Mayor McGarvey asked Chief Thompson about remote health monitoring through EMS. Chief Thompson responded that minor medical devices can be installed in someone's home and patients and caregivers can be trained how to use the devices. Health monitoring is conducted regularly and info is sent to medics and any anomalies are discussed and suggestions are made to the patient. This sees a measurable reduction in hospital visits.

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Councillor Marshall asked Mr. Brown about the tree trimming being conducted in town the last while. Mr. Brown responded that Lakeland had notified him 6 months ago that they would be hiring a contractor to do this. Although there have been some complaints about how the company has been trimming the trees they have been forwarded to Lakeland and they are following up on them.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Mary Anne Gilbert, resident of Parry Sound

Re: Comments in opposition to the fluoridation of Town drinking water.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to Director of Public Works for follow-up)

4.2 Dr. Robert Guthrie, Parry Sound Dentist

Re: Comments in support of fluoridation of Town drinking water.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to Director of Public Works for follow-up)

4.3 Leslie Panipak, resident of Parry Sound

Re: Request to have her garbage bag allotment increased from one/week to two/week.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to Director of Public Works for follow-up)

4.4 Tammy Wylie, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, Municipality of Whitestone

Re: Negative response to participate in the West Parry Sound Recreation Centre Advisory Committee.

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(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the CAO for follow-up)

4.5 Chief Warren Tabobondung, Wasauksing First Nation

Re: Support for the West Parry Sound Recreation Center Advisory Committee. Will appoint a member once other First Nations are invited to join.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the CAO for follow-up)

4.6 James Chirico, H. BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH

Re: Thank you letter for passing the resolution in support of Phase II for the Accommodation Plan for the North Bay District Health Unit in North Bay.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Deputy Clerk for filing.)

4.7 James Chirico, H. BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH

Re: Letter informing Council that a majority of municipalities in the District have passed resolutions in support of Phase II of the Accommodation Plan.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to the Deputy Clerk for filing.)

4.8 Heather Dawkins, resident of Orrville, Seguin Township

Re: Reiteration of her position that fluoride in the Town's drinking water does affect all who visit Parry Sound--shopping, visiting and dining.

(Copied to Mayor and Council and forwarded to Director of Public Works for follow-up)

4.9 AMO Watchfile - September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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Re: Municipal Industry News

(Copied to Mayor and Council and attached to the e-agenda)

5. Deputations

5.1 Dr. Jim Chirico, H. BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH, Medical Officer of Health

Re: Fluoridation in Parry Sound's Drinking Water System. Dr. Chirico presented information and studies regarding the benefits of fluoridation in drinking water systems.

5.2 Andrea McIntyre, Parry Sounders for Progressive Water Management

Re: Fluoridation in Parry Sound's Drinking Water System. Ms. McIntyre asked questions about whether the town could support a program of education and topical application of fluoride, etc. instead of having fluoride in the water system. She also wanted to know if there would be compensation provided to those who would be purchasing bottled water.

5.3 Stephen Burnett Executive Director, Great Lakes Cruising Coalition (GLCC)-10 minutes

Re: The benefits of the GLCC membership and the economic impact of the cruising industry in the Great Lakes. - **Cancelled and rescheduled for October 20, 2015**

5.4 Mr. Joe Moloney, resident

Re: Fluoridation

Mr. Moloney expressed his concern about council's decision to continue with water fluoridation and the hydrofluosilicic acid that is used in the Town's drinking water. He says it is a hazardous waste.

5.5 Jo Bossart, resident

Re: Fluoridation

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Mr. Bossart said he has a Ph.D. in Pharmaceuticals and has been in the medical world for some years. He is reminded of the vaccination scare which many thought caused autism in children, which turned out to be incorrect. People have to look at the body of evidence and not just pick and choose reports that coincide with their views. He suggested that people who don't want to drink fluoridated water should use bottled water.

5.6 Keena Upton, fish biologist in Parry Sound.

Re: Fluoridation

Ms. Upton spoke of a professor she had in school who was against fluoridation in drinking water systems. That professor presented evidence to her that opened her eyes. She reminds people that all fluoridated water going into the Bay is detrimentally affecting all aquatic species.

5.7 Scott Gilson

Re: Fluoridation

Mr. Gilson pointed out that calcium, vitamin D and other nutrients are added to drinks but people have the choice not to buy those items. He feels we don't have a choice when it comes to fluoridation. and we should have choice not to have fluoride in drinking water.

5.8 Doug Graham, resident

Re: World's Largest Hockey Stick - Parry Sound

Mr. Graham is disappointed with staff's recommendation to Council not to support the placement of a giant hockey stick at the Charles W. Stockey Centre. Mr. Graham touched on a number of points staff raised that he disagreed with.

5.9 Martha Martins

Re: Fluoridation

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Ms. Martins read a quotation from Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring" which is a book written in the 1960's about the effects of DDT on the environment.

5.10 Bob Farrow, resident

Re: Fluoridation

Mr. Farrow spoke about all the studies available on the internet that he has read and he didn't feel they shouldn't be read if one wanted to get information about a subject. He wants council to consider a referendum on this issue.

5.11 Shelley Green

Re: Fluoridation

Ms. Green stated that it is the that is what we're against. Studies done show tests on dental grade fluoride not hydrofluosilicic acid.

5.12 Joe Moloney, resident

Re: Fluoridation

Mr. Moloney stated that consensus is not science.

5.13 Rob Mens, CAO/Clerk

Re: Draft Strategic Plan

Mr. Mens provided an overview of the draft strategic plan which was developed by the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee, as appointed by Council. Five strategic priorities have been identified: Active Living, Growth and Development, Organizational Excellence, Our Community and West Parry Sound (WPS) Area Cooperation.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

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

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7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

7.1 Corporate Review

Spokesperson: Rob Mens, CAO/Clerk

By-law 2015-6568

Being a By-law to appoint a Town Clerk/Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk, under the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 6th day of October, 2015.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 New Appointment to Belvedere Heights Board of Management

Resolution 2015 - 172

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Councillor Doug McCann be appointed as the Town's representative on the Belvedere Heights Board of Management; and

That Councillor Jim Marshall's appointment be rescinded.

Carried

8.2 International Walk to School Day - October 7, 2015

Resolution 2015 - 173

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Marshall

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Whereas Wednesday, October 7, 2015, is International Walk To School Day. On this day, millions of children, parents, and community leaders around the world will walk to school together to promote safety, health, physical activity and concern for the environment; and

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound wishes to participate in the International Walk To School Day. The countries participating in this event include, Canada, United States, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Italy, India, Australia, and New Zealand, and other countries around the globe (20 countries in total); and

Whereas International Walk To School Day helps promote an increase in physical activity. It can also help to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and helps children to learn safe pedestrian and cycling skills;

Be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound Mayor and Council extends a friendly challenge to all students to participate in the International Walk To School Day on October 7, 2015 and walk to school.

Carried

8.3 Local Government Week - October 18 to October 24, 2015

Resolution 2015 - 174

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Marshall

Whereas Local Government Week aims to increase youth and public awareness about the important role local government plays in our communities:

Be it resolved that October 18th to 24th, 2015 be proclaimed as Local Government Week in the Town of Parry Sound.

Carried

8.4 Reinstatement of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit Program (OSEB)

Resolution 2015 - 175

Moved by Councillor Borneman

Seconded by Councillor Marshall

Whereas the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced in May that it is ending the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program;

And whereas the OSEB program was designed to provide unemployed individuals who are or recently have been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while learning to operate a small business;

And whereas the program has a 94% completion rate in Muskoka over the past 5 years and 76% of the businesses launched five years ago remain open, well above Industry Canada's reported 5-year survival rate for small businesses;

And whereas the 110 new businesses launched by OSEB graduates in Muskoka in the past 5 years sustain 142 jobs, demonstrating it is successful in giving participants a pathway to self-employment and is also an important rural economic development tool;

And whereas OSEB programs from rural regions across Ontario have reported similar statistics;

And whereas MTCU's position that entrepreneurial support is available from other service providers overlooks the fact it has not replaced the essential income support component;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound recognizes the value of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program to rural communities and requests the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities immediately reinstate the program until a

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formal evaluation – which must include input from delivery agencies and participants – is completed;

And further that the Ministry ensure any changes to the OSEB program retain both the entrepreneurial and income-support components that have made it successful.

Carried

8.5 Waste Reduction Week - October 19 to October 25, 2015

Resolution 2015 - 176

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources are recognized as global environmental problems; and

Whereas municipal and provincial governments have an important role to play in promoting waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and other conservation measures; and

Whereas communities, businesses and organizations across Canada have committed to working together to raise awareness of these issues during Waste Reduction Week in Canada;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor and Council declare that October 19-25, 2015 inclusive shall be known as Waste Reduction Week.

Carried

8.6 AMO Support for the Syrian Refugees

Resolution 2015 -

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Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) is challenging all its member municipalities to donate at least \$100.00 to aid in the international effort to resettle the Syrian refugees in safe countries; and

Whereas AMO hopes to raise at least \$40,000.00 to help save two families;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound contribute \$100.00 to Lifeline Syria to assist with this effort.

The following amendment to the resolution was proposed:

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the amount to donate be changed to \$1,000.00 and that all other Ontario municipalities be challenged to donate more than the requested \$100.00.

Carried

The amended resolution was read:

Resolution 2015 - 177

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

Whereas AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) is challenging all its member municipalities to donate at least \$100.00 to aid in the international effort to resettle the Syrian refugees in safe countries; and

Whereas AMO hopes to raise at least \$40,000.00 to help save two families;

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Parry Sound contribute \$1,000.00 to Lifeline Syria to assist with this effort; and

Further that all other municipalities in Ontario be challenged to donate more than the requested \$100.00.

Carried

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 Development and Leisure Services

9.1.1 World's Largest Hockey Stick proposal

Spokesperson: Cheryl Ward, General Manager, Stockey Centre and Bobby Orr Hall of Fame

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That Council direct staff to respond to Doug Graham that his request to erect the World's Largest Hockey Stick at the Charles W. Stockey Centre and the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame cannot be accommodated.

Carried

The following direction was proposed:

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-up)

That staff be directed to meet with Mr. Graham to look for another location to erect a giant hockey stick.

Carried

9.1.2 Stockey Centre Dishwasher Purchase

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Spokesperson: Cheryl Ward, General Manager, Stockey Centre and Bobby Orr Hall of Fame

Resolution 2015 - 179

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council approves the purchase of a new Hobart Canada SD-3 Dishwasher for the Stockey Centre in the amount of \$7,994.44 plus HST, this being the lower of two quotes received; and

That the purchase of the dishwasher be funded from the 2015 capital budget- Performance Hall Lighting Systems upgrade - given the recent approval of funding to assist with the upgrade of the lighting systems.

Carried

9.1.3 Treetops Community Forest

Lynn Middaugh, Director of Development and Leisure Services

Resolution 2015 - 180

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports the CN EcoConnexions grant application for the Treetops Community Forest project.

Carried

9.2 Emergency and Protective Services

9.2.1 Railway Emergency Exercise - Out of Province

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

Resolution 2015 - 181

Moved by Councillor Marshall

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That Council authorizes Dave Thompson and Peter Brown to attend a Railway Emergency Exercise in Calgary, Alberta, further to By-law No: 2002-4549 which requires prior Council approval for attendance at seminars, conferences, and conventions outside of the Province of Ontario.

Carried

9.2.2 EMS Service Provider Contract

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

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That upon the recommendation of the EMS Advisory Committee, Council directs staff to award ApexPro Consulting Inc. the contract for the creation of an RFP process including the development and release of an RFP and the review of submissions with Staff to determine a recommendation for future Land Ambulance service provision in the District of Parry Sound.

Carried

9.2.3 EMS Ambulance Replacements for 2016

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

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Resolution 2015 - 182

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor McCann

That upon the recommendation of the EMS Advisory Committee, Council for the Town of Parry Sound approves the pre-budget submission for the replacement of two ambulances to be delivered in early 2016 and further that the supplier of record, Crestline, be awarded the contract for the supply of these two ambulances in the amount of \$115,107.84 +HST each. The ambulances shall be funded from the EMS reserve fund in 2016.

Carried

9.3 Administration

9.3.1 2015-2018 Strategic Plan Update

Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That the Strategic Planning Ad-hoc Committee advance the draft Strategic Plan based on the outline presented at the October 6th Council meeting.

Carried

9.3.2 RFP Award for IT Services

Spokespersons: Forrest Pengra, Corporate Information Systems Coordinator, Trevor Pinn, Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Resolution 2015 -

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

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That the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound approves the award of Part 1 of RFP IT2015-01 for infrastructure hardware, software and implementation in the amount \$118,296.25 plus tax.

And Further that this purchase be funded from the IT Replacement Reserve (\$32,000), existing capital IT budget (\$11,000) and the Emergency Capital Asset Replacement Reserve (\$77,400).

The following amendment to the resolution was proposed:

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Keith

That "to Eleven Consulting" be added after the word tax in the first paragraph.

Carried

The amended resolution was read:

Resolution 2015 - 178

Moved by Councillor McCann

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound approves the award of Part 1 of RFP IT2015-01 for infrastructure hardware, software and implementation in the amount \$118,296.25 plus tax to Eleven Consulting.

And Further that this purchase be funded from the IT Replacement Reserve (\$32,000), existing capital IT budget (\$11,000) and the Emergency Capital Asset Replacement Reserve (\$77,400).

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Direction Approved (For Direct Staff Follow-Up):

That Staff are directed to negotiate a contract, as stipulated in Part 2/ 3 of RFP IT2015-01 for the provision of technical support and strategic advice with Eleven Consulting.

Carried

9.4 Finance and POA Court Services

9.5 Public Works

9.5.1 Tender - Digester Roof - Wastewater Plant

Spokesperson: Peter Brown, Director of Public Works

Resolution 2015 - 183

Moved by Councillor Keith

Seconded by Councillor Borneman

That upon the recommendation of mitchellarchitects, Council award the tender for repairs to the Wastewater Plant Digester Roof to Designed Roofing in the amount of \$36,800, HST extra, this tender being the lowest tender of three (3) tenders received, the cost to be funded from the Wastewater Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

9.6 Other Business

10. By-laws

10.1 Development and Leisure Services

10.1.1 Department of Canadian Heritage - Canada Arts Presentation Fund Agreement

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Spokesperson: Lynn Middaugh, Director of Community Development and Leisure Services

By-law 2015 - 6569

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a funding agreement with the Department of Canadian Heritage - Canada Arts Presentation Fund (CAPF) for Stockey Centre programming.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 6th day of October, 2015.

10.2 Emergency and Protective Services

10.3 Administration

10.4 Finance and POA Court Services

10.5 Public Works

10.5.1 Incon Construction Agreement - Parry Sound Public Library

Spokesperson: Peter Brown, Director of Public Works

By-law - 2015 - 6570

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Stipulated Price Contract Agreement between the Town of Parry Sound and Incon Construction Ltd. for building renovations to the Parry Sound Public Library.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 6th day of October, 2015.

10.6 Other Business

10.6.1 Confirming By-law

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By-law 2015 - 6571

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

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 6th day of October, 2015.

11. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Jamie McGarvey, Mayor

Jackie Johnston Boggs, Clerk

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