

**City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Member(s) Absent: E. Beauregard, Councillor

Staff Present: A. LaPointe, Acting Director of Planning and Development/City Clerk
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Madden, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
C. Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works
S. Lawson, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem

3. Proclamations

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the agenda dated August 23, 2021 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosures of Interest

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of Council - August 9, 2021

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on August 9, 2021, be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Staff Reports

8. Correspondence Items

9. Presentations

9.1 Jill Croteau, Niagara Region Physician Recruitment & Retention Coordinator - Physician Recruitment Update

Jill Croteau, Niagara Region Physician Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, provided Council with a physician recruitment update and introduced Dr. Matthew Vandenberg who is taking over Dr. Alan Daniel's practice effective September 7, 2021. Council welcomed Dr. Vandenberg.

10. Delegations

10.1 Jane Hozian, McKeil Marine Limited - Request to receive exemption from By-law 89-2000 and receive a pass to park on West Street

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Council approve granting McKeil Marine Limited a parking permit for the Port Colborne City Hall staff parking lot.

Carried

11. Mayor's Report

12. Regional Councillor's Report

13. Staff Remarks

13.1 Niagara Region Open House (LaPointe)

The Acting Director of Planning and Development/City Clerk informed Council that the Niagara Region will be hosting a virtual Open House on September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the expansion application of Port Colborne Quarries.

13.2 Road End Study (Luey)

This Chief Administrative Officer provided Council with an update on the Road End Study.

13.3 COVID-19 Update (Luey)

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a COVID-19 operational update and responded to questions received from Council.

13.4 Parking on Firelanes not owned by the City (Lawson)

The Fire Chief informed Council that 'No Parking' Fire Route signs will be installed on Firelanes that are not owned by the City in a few weeks and that after installation, the City will have authority to enforce parking on those Firelanes.

14. Councillors' Remarks

14.1 Pleasant Beach Road Allowance Gate (Wells)

Councillor Wells stated concerns regarding golf carts and inquired as to whether a new process could be established for the road end gates.

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Director of Public Works be directed to obtain security locks with numbered keys and limited duplication and install at all road end gates.

Lost

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Director of Public Works be directed to investigate methods of securing the road ends and bring a report forward to Council with a recommendation.

Carried

14.2 Parking Ticket on Hillcrest Road (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's inquiry with respect to a resident receiving a parking ticket on Hillcrest Road, the Fire Chief informed Council that he would investigate this matter.

14.3 Vacant Lot on Main Street (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's inquiry regarding a vacant lot on Main Street that has long grass, the Fire Chief informed Council that staff are in the process of enforcing the Lot Maintenance By-law on this property.

14.4 Parking on Erie Street (Danch)

Councillor Danch reported that there is a resident on Erie Street having issues exiting their driveway as it is blocked by other residents who are parking in front of it. The Fire Chief informed Council that he would investigate this matter.

14.5 Trucks on Barrick Road (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed gratitude towards the Director of Public Works for coordinating with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in installing signs at the entrance of Loyalist Park and at the end of Barrick Road notifying truck drivers to not drive on Barrick Road.

14.6 Killaly Street West (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed gratitude towards the Fire Chief for his response to the issues that occurred on Killaly Street West.

14.7 Crews Quarters Moving (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed appreciated towards the business owners of Crews Quarters for their gift given to the City of Port Colborne. The Councillor further expressed well wishes to them as they move to their new location in Crystal Beach.

14.8 Canada Community Revitalization Funding (Steele)

Mayor Steele requested that the Manager of Strategic Initiatives provide a summary of staff's work on the Canada Community Revitalization Funding application to clarify misinformation. The Mayor further expressed gratitude towards staff for their work on this application.

15. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

15.1 Erie Street Watermain – Funding and Construction Approval, 2021-205

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Public Works Department Report 2021-205 be received;

That Council approve funding for the construction of watermain on Erie Street in the amount of \$1.88 million; and

That Council delegate the authority to the Director of Public Works to award the construction contract to the lowest bid proposal through the City's tender process.

Carried

15.2 Green Infrastructure Stream Funding for Watermain Replacements, 2021-224

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Public Works Department Report 2021-224 be received; and

That Council direct the Manager of Water and Wastewater to apply for Green Infrastructure Stream funding for watermain replacement projects.

Carried

15.3 Niagara Transit Governance Update, 2021-206

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-206 be received for information.

Carried

15.4 Lockview Park – Concepts Plans, 2021-223

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-223 be received for information.

Carried

15.5 Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre CIP Expansion, 2021-220

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-220 be received;

That Council approve expanding the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan (CIP) area as outlined in Appendix A to Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-220; and

That the Economic Development Officer be directed to contact the Niagara Region's Council to request that they match the new boundaries.

Amendment: Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-220 be received;

That Council approve expanding the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan (CIP) area **to be the southern limit of Lake Erie, the northern City limit, and 350 metres on the east and west sides of the Welland Canal;** and

That the Economic Development Officer be directed to contact the Niagara Region's Council to request that they match the new boundaries.

Carried

15.6 2021 Beach Operations Update, 2021-219

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-219, 2021 Beach Operations Update, be received as information.

Carried

15.7 Signage Renewal Strategy, 2021-215

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-215 be received for information.

Carried

15.8 City of Welland - Request Niagara Region to Maintain Existing Grants and Incentive Programs

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That correspondence from the City of Welland regarding the Request to the Niagara Region to Maintain Existing Grants and Incentive Programs, be supported.

Carried

15.9 City of Stratford - Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding the Phase Out of Ontario's Gas Plants, be supported.

Carried

16. Motions

17. Notice of Motions

18. Minutes of Boards & Committees

19. By-laws

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That items 19.1 to 19.3 be enacted and passed.

Carried

**19.1 By-law to Appoint Whitney Gilliland as a Deputy Clerk
(Commissioner for Taking Affidavits)**

**19.2 By-law to Appoint Christopher Roome as a Deputy Clerk
(Commissioner for Taking Affidavits)**

**19.3 By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council
of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

20. Confidential Items

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address items 20.1 to 20.5.

Carried

20.1 Minutes of the closed session portion of the July 12, 2021 Council Meeting

20.2 Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-225, Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land

20.3 Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-217, Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land and Solicitor-Client Privilege

20.4 Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-218, Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land

20.5 Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-222, Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land

21. Procedural Motions

22. Information items

23. Adjournment

Council moved into Closed Session at approximately 9:41 p.m.

Council reconvened into Open Session at approximately 10:34 p.m.

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:35 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Amber LaPointe, City Clerk