

## **City of Port Colborne**

### **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Bagu, Councillor  
E. Beauregard, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
D. Kalailieff, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)  
H. Wells, Councillor

**Member(s) Absent:** F. Danch, Councillor  
A. Desmarais, 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. Land Acknowledgment**
- 4. Proclamations**
- 5. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the agenda dated February 8, 2022 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

**6. Disclosures of Interest**

**7. Approval of Minutes**

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

1. That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 25, 2022, be approved as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the Public Meeting held on January 18, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

**7.1 Regular Meeting of Council - January 25, 2022**

**7.2 Public Meeting - January 18, 2022**

**8. Staff Reports**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 8.1 to 8.4 be approved, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Carried

**8.1 Sale of 235-241 Welland Street, 2022-18**

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2022-18 be received;

That Council approve entering into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with 1703217 Ontario Inc. for \$325,000 regarding 235-241 Welland Street;

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute any and all documents

respecting the sale of these lands; and

That a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with 1703217 Ontario Inc. regarding 235-241 Welland Street be brought forward.

**8.2 2021 Audit Plan, 2022-26**

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-26, be received for information.

**8.3 Clarke Area Inflow and Infiltration Investigation and Reduction Program, 2022-29**

That Public Works Department Report 2022-29 be received;

That Council approve the estimated increased price of \$640,000 for the Clarke Area Inflow and Infiltration Investigation and Reduction Program; and

That the additional program costs be funded from the Wastewater Reserve.

**8.4 Recommendation Report for a Proposed Communication Tower at 650 Lorraine Road, File D27-11, 2022-24**

That Planning and Development Department Report 2022-24 be received;

That Council resolves that it has no adverse comments to the proposed communication tower at 650 Lorraine Road; and

That Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and Canacre Ltd. be notified of Council's decision.

**9. Correspondence Items**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 9.1 to 9.5 be received for information.

Carried

**9.1 Niagara Region - Every Other Week Garbage Collection Diversion Impact - Full Year Analysis**

**9.2 Niagara Region - Niagara Official Plan - Proposed Draft for Consultation**

- 9.3 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Motion Against Quebec's Bill 21**
- 9.4 City of Brantford - Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice - Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice**
- 9.5 Township of North Dumfries - Resolution Related to Regional Governance Review Report**
- 10. Presentations**
- 11. Delegations**
  - 11.1 Ron Baarda and Heather MacDougald - Request for Relief From Minor Variance Fees**

Ron Baarda and Heather MacDougald appeared before Council to request a Relief from Minor Variance Fees.

As a result of this delegation no action was taken by Council.
- 12. Mayor's Report**

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.
- 13. Regional Councillor's Report**

Regional Councillor Butters provided an update to City Council.
- 14. Staff Remarks**
  - 14.1 Port Colborne Quarries Inc. (LaPointe)**

The Director of Planning and Development/City Clerk informed Council that Port Colborne Quarries Inc. has formally withdrawn their 2018 application for a Site Alteration Permit.
- 15. Councillors' Remarks**
  - 15.1 Tax Bills (Bodner)**

In response to Councillor Bodner's inquiry on whether tax bills could be paid by cheque, the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer informed Council that residents could make payment by cheque, made payable to City of Port Colborne. Residents are encouraged to visit the Virtual City Hall website for all tax payment options.

### **15.2 Vale Health & Wellness Centre (Bagu)**

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for an update on the roof water leaks at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, the Director of Public Works and Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided an update of all work completed to date on the roof and advised that a report will come before Council at a future meeting outlining a repair and funding strategy to remediate the water leaks.

### **15.3 Snow Removal on Sidewalks (Bruno)**

Councillor Bruno expressed appreciation towards staff for their continued efforts of snow removal. In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry on who is responsible to clear pushed snow off sidewalks located along regional roads, the Director of Public Works stated that City staff is clearing these sidewalks and there is ongoing discussion with the Region on this issue.

### **15.4 Niagara Official Plan Correspondence (Bruno)**

Councillor Bruno inquired about letters that were sent to residents regarding the Niagara Region Official Plan's environmentally sensitive lands. Senior Planner, David Schulz provided information to Council and indicated that residents should contact the Region for more information.

## **16. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

### **16.1 Omer Area Private Property Inflow Inspections, Education and Remediation Services, 2022-23**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Public Works Department Report 2022-23 be received;

That Council approve awarding RFP 2021-39 Omer Area Private Property Inflow Inspections, Education and Remediation Services to GM BluePlan;

That the additional program costs be funded from the wastewater reserve;  
and

That a by-law to enter into an agreement with GM BluePlan be brought forward.

Carried

**17. Motions**

**18. Notice of Motions**

**19. Minutes of Boards & Committees**

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That item 19.1 be approved, as presented.

Carried

**19.1 Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum Board Minutes,  
November 21, 2021**

**20. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 20.1 to 20.4 be enacted and passed.

Carried

**20.1 By-law to Authorize Entering into an Agreement of Purchase and  
Sale with 1703217 Ontario Inc. Regarding 235-241 Welland Street**

**20.2 By-law to Authorize Entering into a Contract Agreement with GM  
BluePlan Engineering Limited regarding Project 2021-39, Omer Area  
Private Property Inflow Inspections, Education and Remediation  
Services**

**20.3 By-law to Appoint Nicole Rubli as a Deputy Clerk**

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

**21. Confidential Items**

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address items 21.2  
and 21.2.

**21.1 Minutes of the closed session portion of the January 25, 2022  
Council Meeting**

**21.2 Corporate Services Department Report 2022-32, Performance Review  
and Goals of the Chief Administrative Officer**

**22. Procedural Motions**

**23. Information items**

**24. Adjournment**

Council moved into Closed Session at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Council reconvened into Open Session at approximately 9:27 p.m.

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:28 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Amber LaPointe, City Clerk