

City of Port Colborne
Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 16, 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
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Staff Present: S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works
S. Tufail, Acting Deputy Clerk
N. Rubli, Acting City Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

That the agenda dated May 16, 2022 be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

4. Special Public Meeting-Road Ends

4.1 Final Road Ends Report, 2022-99

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was for the Corporate Services Department Report 2022-99 to be received; and Sierra Planning and Management - Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Accesses (Road Ends Report) to be received for information; and for staff to report back to Council on specific implementation plans from the recommendations within the Road Ends Report and/or bring forward Capital Projects for approval through future capital budget requests.

Method of Notice

The Notice of Public Meeting was circulated to required agencies, and Meeting details were provided on the City's Website, Newspaper ads and Social Media posts.

Presentation of Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Accesses (Road Ends Report)

Mr. Jon Hack, Consultant, Sierra Planning and Management presented the following:

A review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Access and the issues involving Road Ends. He further explained the impacts that are faced by the neighboring property owners and provided a wide range of relevant workable solutions.

Questions and Comments from Council of Clarification to planning Staff/Consultant

In response to Councillor Bruno's request for clarification on the use of technology and the controlled access for the different gates, Mr. Hack specified that there is an opportunity for fob key access to be established for all gates.

In response to Councillor Bruno's concern for an increased tourist attraction to the existing Public Parks and creating new level of service expectation to the road ends, Mr. Hack advised that this concern will be taken in to consideration.

In response to Councillor Desmarais' inquiry regarding the timeline for the final recommendations and whether these will be provided by the Consultant or City Staff, The Director of Public Works informed Council

that additional Community Outreach will take place and that based on the direction of Council the reports will come forward for Capital Projects.

Councillor Desmarais requested to address parking issues around Road Ends. She favoured the implementation of recommended amenities. She further stated that the access to Road Ends should be barrier free and accessible however, the vehicle access to the Beach should be limited.

In response to Councillor Kalailieff's inquiry in respect to usage of golf carts for access to the beach, Mr. Hack responded that the issue needs to be addressed further and all limitations need to be explored.

Councillor Bagu inquired whether the Road Ends enforcement will persist for 2022. The Director of Public Works informed Council that City Staff will continue to enforce the area similar to those previous couple years.

In response to Councillor Wells' request for clarification, Mr. Hack confirmed that the characteristics of Silver Bay Road allowance contribute to its narrow appearance in comparison to other Road Allowances. Councillor Wells further questioned whether request for consideration of naturalized setting were received. Mr. Hack confirmed that no such requests have been received.

Councillor Wells requested that the consultant provide recommendations for the implementation for policies.

Councillor Bodner inquired the ownership status of the parcels at the end of Cedar Bay Road. He requested that an option for accessible parking areas be explored.

In response to Councillor Wells' inquiry regarding the timeline for the implementation of the recommendations, The CAO stated that the implementation will take place in various stages. The Director of Public Works stated that the plan for implementation is scheduled for 2023.

Explanation for Future Meetings

Staff will report back to Council on specific implementation plans from the recommendations within the Road Ends Report and/or bring forward Capital Projects for approval through future capital budget requests.

Moved By Councillor F. Danch

Seconded By Councillor G. Bruno

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-99 be received; and

That Sierra Planning and Management - Review of Road Allowances as Informal Beach Accesses (Road Ends Report), be received for information; and

That staff report back to Council on specific implementation plans from the recommendations within the Road Ends Report and/or bring forward Capital Projects for approval through future capital budget requests.

Carried

a. Delegation from Brendon Bulger, Resident

Mr. Bulger raised concerns that paid parking and locked gates do not contribute to a welcoming and inclusive public space. He further reiterated that there are no drastic changes needed at this time.

b. Delegation from Carlie Winger, Resident

Ms. Winger did not attend the meeting.

c. Delegation from Betsy Brady, Resident

Ms. Brady did not present any questions or comments during the meeting.

d. Delegation from Ingrid Copland, Resident

Mrs. Copland did not attend the meeting.

e. Delegation from Jay Cardwell, Resident

Mr. Cardwell did not attend the meeting.

f. Delegation from Rick Froese, Chair-Lorraine Bay Association

Mr. Froese reiterated his written comments. He requested to be included in the development of any policies and plans pertaining to Road Ends specifically parking policies, safety issues, signage as well as the installation of garbage cans.

g. Delegation from Carey Benvenuti, Resident

Ms. Benvenuti did not attend the meeting.

h. Delegation from Chris Comfort, Resident

Mr. Comfort reiterated his written statements including his concerns regarding parking. He stated that a few designated, well marked, well patrolled and enforced spots are required.

i. Delegation from the McCreadie family, Residents

Mrs. McCreadie raised concerns regarding accessibility. She stated that proposed changes will create barriers and will contribute to a less accessible space for the community.

j. Written Delegation material from Carol Domenicucci, Resident

k. Written Delegation material from Dean Cutting, Resident

l. Written Delegation material from Jennifer Repec, Resident

m. Written Delegation material from John Lynn

5. Procedural Motions

6. Information Items

7. Adjournment

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:37 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk