

City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 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: G. Long, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
C. Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works
S. Tufail, Acting Deputy Clerk (minutes)
N. Rubli, Acting City Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. National Anthem

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Proclamations

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the agenda dated May 24, 2022 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

6. Disclosures of Interest

6.1 Councillor E. Beauregard - Meadow Heights Subdivision Amending Agreement – Phase 2, Stage 2, 2022-115

The Councillor has declared an indirect pecuniary interest as he is employed by Upper Canada Consultants which are the agents for the applicant.

6.2 Councillor E. Beauregard - By-law to authorize subdivision agreement between The City of Port Colborne and 1399908 Ontario Inc.

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7. Approval of Minutes

7.1 Regular Meeting of Council-May 10, 2022

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on May 10 2022, be approved **with an amendment to Section 6 and Section 13 to reflect Councillor R. Bodner's conflict of interest due to the ownership of a business inside of Sherkston Shores Resort only.**

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022, 2022-94

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

That Development and Legislative Services Department Report 2022-94 be received for information.

Carried

9. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor F. Danch

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That items 9.1 to 9.5 be received for information

Carried

9.1 City of Thorold - Bill 109 Response to Province's Housing Affordability Task Force

9.2 Township of Cramahe - Bill 109 Response to Province's Housing Affordability Task Force

9.3 Town of Rainy River - Connecting Link Program

9.4 Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association - Proposed Development charges for Agriculture, Regional Municipality of Niagara

9.5 Bluebelt and Grand River - A Treaty Restoration Project

10. Presentations

11. Delegations

11.1 Anton Plitko- Request to receive exemption from By-law# 5383/137/09 and relief from Recharge to Tax Account

Tim Pyne, property manager appeared before Council on behalf of the owner of 344 Fares Street for a Request to receive an exemption from By-Law# 5383/137/09 and relief from Recharge to Tax Account.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the delegation by Tim Pyne, on behalf of Anton Plitko, owner of 344 Fares Street, be received.

Carried

12. Mayor's Report

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

13. Regional Councillor's Report

14. Staff Remarks

15. Councillors' Remarks

15.1 Grass Cutting on Main Street West (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed his appreciation towards Regional Councillor Barbara Butters and staff for addressing his request for the maintenance of the Traffic Island on Main Street West.

15.2 Pavement of Forkes Road East (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner inquired if staff have considered paving Forkes Road East in its entirety. The Director of Public Works stated that staff can be directed to complete the project if given direction by Council. The following motion was brought forward and was approved:

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That staff be directed to complete the remainder of the pavement project for Forkes Road from Snider Road West to the end of Forkes Road.

Carried

15.3 Museum Week (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff informed Council that she attended a special event to celebrate Museum Week. Councillor Kalailieff further stated that William J. Thomas was awarded the key to the City for his contributions to the Roselawn Centre.

15.4 Friendship Trail (Danch)

Councillor Danch expressed appreciation towards staff for all their efforts in maintaining the Friendship Trail as he had received compliments from the public.

15.5 Parking on Main Street (Danch)

In response to Councillor Danch's request to monitor parking on Main Street West, the Fire Chief informed Council that he would investigate this matter.

15.6 Signage of Commercial Businesses (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu expressed gratitude towards staff for a quick turn around on his request to address signage within Ward 4.

15.7 Cruise Night (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu informed Council that the Downtown Cruise night was well received.

15.8 Grass Cutting (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding whether an agreement for more frequent grass cutting and property maintenance by other government entities can be established, the Director of Public Works informed Council that he will explore possible solutions.

15.9 A Socially Progressive City (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais informed Council that she has received numerous compliments from the public on the City of Port Colborne being a socially progressive City.

15.10 Fireworks (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais expressed concerns and reminded residents to be mindful of others and practice safe handling of fireworks.

15.11 Pop-up Pools and Hot Tubs (Desmarais)

In response to Councillor Desmarais' inquiry regarding whether there is a policy in place to address pop-up pools and hot tubs, the Fire Chief advised Council and residents to lodge any complaints through CityWide and staff will address them appropriately.

15.12 Road Work on Snider Road (Wells)

Councillor Wells reported that he has received concerns with regards to road repair work on Snider Road. The Director of Public Works notified Council that it is an active construction zone and will ensure that concerns are rectified before the end of project.

16. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

16.1 Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum 2021 Annual Report, Department Update, 2022-114

The Director of Museum and Culture provided a presentation with respect to Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum and Department Update and responded to questions received from Council.

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

That Department of Museum and Culture Report 2022-114 be received for information.

Carried

16.2 Meadow Heights Subdivision Amending Agreement – Phase 2, Stage 2, 2022-115

Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item. (The Councillor has declared an indirect pecuniary interest as he is employed by Upper Canada Consultants which are the agents for the applicant.)

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

That Development and Legislative Services Department Report 2022-115 be received;

That Council approve the amending subdivision agreement to the Meadow Heights Subdivision attached as Appendix A;

That the By-law to authorize entering into the Subdivision agreement for the Meadow Heights Subdivision be approved; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the amending agreement and have the agreement registered on the title of the lands.

Carried

16.3 Hybrid Attendance Model at Meetings, 2022-116

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That Development and Legislative Services Report 2022-116 be received;

That Council approve a hybrid attendance model at Council, Board, and Committee meetings; and

That Staff be directed to bring the amended Procedural By-law for approval at a future meeting of Council

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That recommendation number three of Report 2022-116, a proposed amendment to the Procedural By-law to include a protocol to stand when addressing Council during Council meetings be removed.

Carried

16.4 Holloway Bay Road Ownership Status, 2022-95

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2022-95 be received for information.

Carried

16.5 United Way Niagara - Period Promise Campaign

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the City Staff be directed to provide a staff report regarding the cost and ways of implementation of providing City facilities including recreational spaces and libraries, working with the homeless, street involved, low income, vulnerable girls, transgender and non-binary people access to free menstrual products in a manner that reduces menstrual stigma; and

That the City endorse the United Way-Period Promise Campaign as a locally built solution that promotes equality, inclusivity, health and well being, security and dignity in Niagara Region.

Carried

17. Motions

18. Notice of Motions

19. Minutes of Boards & Committees

19.1 Port Colborne Museum Board Minutes, April 20, 2022

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the minutes of the Port Colborne Museum Board meeting held on April 20, 2022, be approved as presented.

Carried

20. By-laws

20.1 By-law to authorize subdivision agreement between The City of Port Colborne and 1399908 Ontario Inc.

Councillor E. Beauregard declared a conflict on this item. (The Councillor has declared an indirect pecuniary interest as he is employed by Upper Canada Consultants which are the agents for the applicant.)

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That item 20.1 be enacted and passed.

Carried

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

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That item 20.2 be enacted and passed.

Carried

21. Confidential Items

Moved by Councillor F. Danch

Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address the following matter(s):

Carried

21.1 Chief Administrative Office Report 2022-107, A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by The Municipality or Local Board

22. Procedural Motions

23. Information items

24. Adjournment

Council moved into Closed Session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Council reconvened into Open Session at approximately 9:26 p.m.

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:27 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk