

City of Port Colborne Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Aquilina, Councillor
M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
D. Elliott, Councillor
T. Hoyle, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

Staff Present: B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
S. Lawson, Fire Chief
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
N. Rubli, Acting City Clerk
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works
S. Tufail, Acting Deputy Clerk (minutes)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. National Anthem

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Proclamations

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the agenda dated January 24, 2023 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

6. Disclosures of Interest

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

- a. That the minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 01, 2022, be approved as circulated.
- b. That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

7.1 Public Meeting - November 01, 2022

7.2 Regular Meeting of Council- December 13, 2022

8. Recommendations Arising from Committees

8.1 Memorandum from J. Peyton, Staff Liaison, Environmental Advisory Committee regarding the EAC's Annual 2022 Report to Council

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the memorandum from J. Peyton, staff liaison Environmental Advisory Committee's Annual 2022 Report be received.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 9.1 and 9.2 be approved, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Carried

9.1 Expropriation of One Foot Reserve - Christmas, Bell and Johnston Streets, 2023-01

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2023-01 be received; and

That the expropriation of the one-foot reserve running parallel with Christmas, Bell, and Johnston Streets legally described in PIN 64164-0451 be approved; and

That the Mayor and Acting City Clerk be directed to sign the Certificate of Approval pursuant to the *Expropriations Act*, and all other documents necessary to carry out the expropriation of the lands subject to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

9.2 Expropriation of PIN 64164-0405 – End of Johnston Street, 2023-02

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2023-02 be received; and

That the expropriation of PIN 64164-0405 which is located at the end of Johnston Street and runs south towards the Niagara Region pumping station and legally described as Reserve A PI 871 Port Colborne, be approved; and

That the Mayor and Acting City Clerk be directed to sign the Certificate of Approval pursuant to the *Expropriations Act*, and all other documents necessary to affect the expropriation of the lands subject to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

10. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 10.1 to 10.7 be received for information.

Carried

10.1 Fortis Ontario - Thank you Letter to Mayor Steele during Recent Blizzard

10.2 Niagara Region - Vision Zero Update (Implementation and Next Steps)

10.3 Niagara Regional Housing - Media Release - NRH Board of Directors Elects Officers

- 10.4 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority - Enhanced Watershed Restoration and Stewardship Program**
- 10.5 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority - Status Update RE: CA Programs and Services Further to Royal Assent of Bill 23**
- 10.6 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and Municipal Building Inspectors**
- 10.7 City of Kingston - Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 - Request Provincial Government to pass Administration Penalties**
- 11. Presentations**
- 12. Delegations**
- 13. Mayor's Report**

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

Regional Councillor Davies provided an update to City Council
- 15. Staff Remarks**
 - 15.1 Winter Storm (Luey)**

The Chief Administrative Officer expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm.
 - 15.2 Canal Days (Luey)**

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a report on the 2022 Canal Days event will be presented to Council at a future meeting.
 - 15.3 Winter Storm (Shypowskyj)**

The director of Public Works provided a brief overview of the events and challenges surrounding the recent winter storm and staff's response to it. He further expressed appreciation towards surrounding municipalities and others for their assistance in responding to the storm.
 - 15.4 Plowing of Roads (Shypowskyj)**

The director of Public Works provided a brief overview of the timing for snow plowing of various class of roads during a winter event.
 - 15.5 Snow Event (Shypowskyj)**

The Director of Public Works advised residents to be cautious while driving during the expected upcoming snow storm and stated that staff are scheduled to work after-hours to ensure a diligent response.

15.6 Short Term Rentals (Lawson)

The Fire Chief provided an update on the progress of short term rental by-laws and advised that a report will be brought to Council at a future meeting.

15.7 SportsFest (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer advised that the SportsFest event to celebrate Vale Health and Wellness Centre will be on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 3 p.m.

15.8 Canal Days (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided a brief overview of 2022 Canal Days event debrief which will be presented to Council in March 2023.

15.9 Water and Wastewater Budget (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer explained the blended increase for water and wastewater budget and stated that homeowners will receive an insert with the February billing that will provide more details about the process.

15.10 Accessibility Report (Rubli)

The Acting City Clerk advised that the 2022 accessibility report in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act* has been made available on the City's website.

16. Councillors' Remarks

16.1 Sherkston Community Centre (Aquilina)

Councillor Aquilina provided a brief summary of the Sherkston Community Centre's annual report.

16.2 Miller Road (Aquilina)

In response to Councillor Aquilina's inquiries regarding increase of patrol by Niagara Regional Police and traffic signs on Miller Road, Mayor Steele informed that the matters are being addressed by Niagara Regional Police.

16.3 Empire Road and Highway 3 (Aquilina)

In response to Councillor Aquilina's request for traffic calming measures at the Empire Road and Highway 3 intersection, the Director of Public Works informed that staff are working with the Ministry of Transportation to explore all possible options.

16.4 Sherkston Shores (Aquilina)

In response to Councillor Aquilina's inquiry regarding volume of traffic on Empire Road as a result of Sherkston Shores, the Chief Administrative Officer informed that a meeting with Sherkston Shores management will be scheduled in February 2023 to discuss various issues.

16.5 Thank you (Aquilina)

Councillor Aquilina expressed gratitude towards staff and fellow Council members for their continuous support.

16.6 Winter Storm (Beauregard)

Councillor Beauregard expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm.

16.7 Sugarloaf Harbour Marina (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for the acquisition of an accessibility lift at the Sugarloaf Harbour Marina, the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer advised that he will explore all possible options.

16.8 Winter Storm Response (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm.

16.9 Warming Centres (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding the warming centers, the Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief summary on the operations of the centres.

16.10 Storm Sewer Network (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry, the Director of Public Works provided an overview of various wastewater projects and details regarding a more in depth asset plan for storm sewers. The Director of Public Works further informed that a report outlining the Storm Sewer masterplan will be brought to Council in March 2023.

16.11 Snow Plowing Routes (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's request for the plowing of streets in a timely manner, the Director of Public Works advised that he will explore all possible strategies.

16.12 Advisory Committees (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's inquiry regarding City of Port Colborne Advisory Committees, the Acting City Clerk informed that the Clerk's division is meeting with the staff liaisons to discuss various elements of the committees. She further stated all committees will receive correspondence outlining the new process.

16.13 Winter Storm (Elliott)

Councillor Elliott expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm. He further requested that staff explore various strategies to be fully equipped in responding to severe winter storms.

16.14 Snow Plowing (Elliott)

In response to Councillor Elliott's inquiry, the Director of Public Works informed that the roads are plowed as soon as 80 ml of snow is accumulated.

16.15 Winter Snow Storm (Danch)

Councillor Danch expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm.

16.16 Ward 3 (Danch)

Councillor Danch advised residents that he will be meeting with City Staff to discuss various issues within Ward 3.

16.17 Winter Storm (Hoyle)

Councillor Hoyle expressed appreciation towards staff for their hard work in responding to the recent winter storm.

16.18 Thank you (Hoyle)

Councillor Hoyle expressed gratitude towards Public Works staff for addressing various issues in a timely manner.

16.19 Bethel Community Centre (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner provided a brief summary of the Bethel Community Centre's annual report.

16.20 Flooding (Bodner)

In response to Councillor Bodner's inquiry, the Director of Public Works advised that the Drainage Superintendent has been in contact with the property owners impacted by flooding as a result of the Burst drain.

16.21 Snow Plowing in Ward 4 (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner informed that the inquiries received from residents regarding snow plowing in Ward 4 are currently being addressed with Staff.

16.22 Snow Mobiles (Bodner)

In response to Councillor Bodner's inquiry regarding a call-out for snow mobiles to assist with the recent snow storm, the Fire Chief and Mayor Steele informed that an overwhelming response was received and expressed gratitude towards everyone involved.

17. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

17.1 Vale Health and Wellness Centre-Roof Repairs, 2023-06

Gerry Caplette, Senior Roofing Representative at Tremco provided a presentation and responded to questions received from Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Public Works Department Report 2023-06 be received; and

That Weatherproofing Technologies Canada be retained to complete the recommended roof repairs at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre; and

That Council approve the total estimated cost of the project of \$1,991,764.18 excluding applicable taxes.

Carried

17.2 2023-2026 Strategic Plan – Process and Next Steps, 2023-08

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2023-08 be received for information; and

That a new strategic planning process be initiated to guide the development of the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan in alignment with the new term of Council; and

That the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan remain in place at the beginning of this term of Council and until a new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is approved and implemented in the spring of 2023; and

That the recommendations outlined in Report 2023-08 regarding the process for the development of a 2023-2026 Strategic Plan be approved.

Carried

17.3 Request Support - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives - Regarding the \$1 Billion Booster for Freshwater Health Campaign

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the correspondence from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative regarding securing Canada's \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan be supported.

Carried

18. Motions

19. Notice of Motions

20. Minutes of Boards & Committees

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 20.1 to 20.4 be approved, as presented.

Carried

20.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2022

20.2 Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2022

20.3 Port Colborne Downtown BIA Board Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2022

20.4 Port Colborne Mainstreet BIA Board Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022

21. By-laws

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That item 21.1 be enacted and passed.

Carried

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

22. Procedural Motions

23. Information items

24. Adjournment

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:36 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk