

City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 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: C. Madden, Acting City Clerk
S. Lawson, Fire Chief
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works
S. Tufail, Acting Deputy Clerk (minutes)

1. Call to Order

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

2. National Anthem

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Proclamations

4.1 March is Kidney Health Month

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

That the month of March, 2023 be proclaimed as “Kidney Health Month” in the City of Port Colborne.

Carried

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the agenda dated March 14, 2023 be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

6. Disclosures of Interest

7. Approval of Minutes

7.1 Regular Meeting of Council-February 28, 2023

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on February 28, 2023, be approved as presented.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 8.1 to 8.3 be approved, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Carried

8.1 2023 Drinking Water Operational Plan, 2023-44

That Public Works Department Report 2023-44 be received; and

That Council endorse the Port Colborne Water Distribution System Quality Management System Operational Plan attached as Appendix A to Public Works Department Work 2023-44.

8.2 Port Colborne Distribution System 2022 Annual Summary Report, 2023-43

That Public Works Department Report 2023-43, including the attached 2022 Annual Summary Report, be received.

8.3 H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Pedestrian Bridge, 2023-47

That Public Works Department Report 2023-47 be received; and

That the Director of Public Works be authorized to fund the H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Pedestrian Bridge repair from the infrastructure reserve for a design cost of \$14,930.00, and estimated construction cost of \$75,000.00.

9. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 9.1 to 9.5 be received for information.

Carried

9.1 Niagara Region - Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

9.2 Niagara Region - Climate Change Projections

9.3 Town of Grimsby - Barriers for Women in Politics

9.4 Township of Moonbeam - Moratorium on Most Pupil Accommodation

9.5 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority - NPCA 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

10. Presentations

11. Delegations

12. Mayor's Report

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

13. Regional Councillor's Report

Regional Councillor Davies provided an update to City Council.

14. Staff Remarks

14.1 Appointment of Acting Chief Building Official and Building Inspectors (Lawson)

The Fire Chief advised Council that in order to backfill a leave and to ensure continuous service for residents, an Acting Chief Building Official and Building Inspectors are being appointed.

14.2 Camp Molly (Lawson)

The Fire Chief informed Council that Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services is part of Camp Molly Niagara that will be hosted in Niagara Falls on May 11-14, 2023. He further stated that teen girls interested in firefighting are encouraged to apply.

15. Councillors' Remarks

15.1 Main Street Mastermind and Web Session (Hoyle)

Councillor Hoyle informed Council that My Main Street is hosting monthly mastermind and webinar sessions on March 16, 21, and 23, 2023.

15.2 Residential Units (Elliott)

In response to Councillor Elliott's request for changes to the zoning by-law regarding residential units within Downtown BIA and Main Street BIA, the CAO provided an update on the Niagara Official Plan and advised that a report will be brought to Council with updates regarding the Official Plan process.

15.3 Markings and Locates on Main Street (Elliott)

In response to Councillor Elliott's inquiry regarding the markings on Main Street, the Director of Public Works informed Council that he would investigate.

15.4 Construction Traffic (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno requested that the barricades be erected once again at the Meadow Heights construction project site to direct construction vehicles.

15.5 Power Outage (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno stated that he has received complaints regarding power outage as a result of construction and requested the homeowners in the area be advised of such power interruptions.

15.6 Water Flow (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's inquiry, the Director of Public Works provided a brief overview of the investigation being completed to identify the source of the influx of water in the Homewood Avenue and Clare Avenue area.

15.7 Dolphin Street and Chippawa Road (Beauregard)

Councillor Beauregard expressed appreciation towards the Director of Public Works for addressing a concern on Dolphin Street and Chippawa Road.

15.8 Sherkston Community Centre (Aquilina)

Councillor Aquilina advised Council that a new member has joined the Sherkston Community Centre Board of Directors. She further stated that numerous activities are being scheduled and encouraged interested residents to view their social media channels for more information.

15.9 Speed and Patrol of Miller Road (Aquilina)

In response to Councillor Aquilina's request to replace a speed sign and to have an increased Niagara Regional Police presence on Miller Road to address reported issues of speeding, the Mayor confirmed that the request would be relayed to Port Colborne's Staff Sergeant.

16. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

16.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream – Transfer Payment Agreement, 2023-38

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That Public Works Department Report 2023-38 be received;

That the Mayor and Acting City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Green Stream program; and

That the By-law to authorize entering into the agreement, attached as Appendix B, be approved.

Carried

16.2 Town of Grimsby - Changes to the Municipal Heritage Properties Register

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That correspondence from the Town of Grimsby regarding Changes to the Municipal Heritage Properties Register be supported and be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Planner and Director of Museum and Culture to investigate and bring an update forward at a future Council Meeting.

Carried

16.3 Municipality of Trent Lakes - Oath of Office

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That correspondence from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding Oath of Office be supported.

Carried

16.4 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 161/17 under the Public Lands Act regarding floating accommodations and other changes

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposed amendments to O. Reg. 161/17 under the Public Lands Act regarding floating accommodations and other changes be referred to Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Strategic Initiatives to investigate and bring a report forward with further information at a future Council Meeting.

Carried

17. Motions

18. Notice of Motions

19. Minutes of Boards & Committees

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 19.1 and 19.2 be approved, as presented.

Carried

19.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes - January 11, 2023

19.2 Downtown Business Improvement Area - AGM Minutes - January 17, 2022

20. By-laws

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor M. Aquilina

That items 20.1, 20.3 and 20.4 be enacted and passed.

Carried

20.1 By-law to Authorize Entering into an Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Green Stream

20.3 By-law to Appoint a Building Inspector - Jacob Roy

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

20.2 By-law to Appoint an Acting Chief Building Official and Building Inspector

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That item 20.2, as amended in 20.2 a, be enacted and passed

Carried

a. By-law to Appoint an Acting Chief Building Official, Deputy Chief Building Official, and Building Inspectors

21. Procedural Motions

22. Information items

23. Adjournment

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately at 8:06 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk