

City of Port Colborne
Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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

Member(s) Absent: E. Beauregard, Councillor

Staff Present: S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Tufail, Acting City Clerk
D. Landry, Chief Planner
G. Long, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
M. Murray, Chief Human Resources Officer
D. Schulz, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded By Councillor T. Hoyle

That the agenda dated September 26, 2023, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

4. Statutory Public Meetings

4.1 Draft Comprehensive Community Improvement Plan, 2023-191

Moved By Councillor F. Danch

Seconded By Councillor D. Elliott

That Development and Legislative Services Department 2023-191 be received.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded By Councillor D. Elliott

That the outer boundary of all Community Improvement Plan zones extend to include both sides of the street when an opportunity to further achieve the guiding principles of the proposed Community Improvement Plan can be identified.

Carried

a. Delegation from Luciano Piccioni, Consultant/President, RCI Consulting

Luciano Piccioni, the President of RCI Consulting (“the consultant”), provided a presentation outlining the draft Community Improvement Plan (“CIP”), which currently proposes to combine the six existing CIPs into one, with varying incentive programs, and make minor adjustments to the Community Improvement Project Area (“CIPA”).

Councillor Bruno asked whether the CIPA could be expanded to allow anyone in the Urban Area to benefit from the Tax Increment Grant (“TIG”).

The consultant advised that CIPAs are meant to focus on smaller areas which could benefit from extra financial support, adding that this more focused approach is consistent with CIPs offered by other municipalities.

Councillor Bagu asked if there is a limit on how many CIP applications can get approved.

The consultant stated that, with respect to TIG applications, there is no limit to how many can be approved by Council because the City would not be directly paying for these projects; rather, funding would only be provided to a successful TIG applicant after the work is complete.

Councillor Bagu asked whether any future amendments to a CIPA would incur a cost to the City.

The Senior Planner responded that there would not be any cost to the City as a result of such an amendment.

b. Delegation from Leslie Malloy, resident

Noted that she owns a business on Killaly Street and asked whether her business would be included in one of the CIPAs.

The Senior Planner responded that one of the CIPAs includes one side of Killaly Street, but not the other side of the street.

The consultant added that if Council wanted to amend the boundary of any of the proposed CIPAs, they would need to recommend the amendment during this meeting.

5. Procedural Motions

6. Information Items

7. Adjournment

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Saima Tufail, Acting City Clerk