



**The Corporation of The City of Dryden**  
**Minutes of the Open Meeting of Council**

**May 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**

Members Present: Mayor Harrison  
Councillor Price  
Councillor Latham  
Councillor Tardiff  
Councillor MacKinnon  
Councillor Kiewning  
Councillor Noel

Staff Present: Clerk A. Euler  
Communications Coordinator L. Smith  
CAO R. Nesbitt  
Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll  
Director of Public Works B. Poole  
Director of Community Services J. Boyer  
Fire Chief C. Wood

Others Present: Museum & Heritage Coordinator M. Walter, Projects & Assets  
Manager M. Raithatha, one member of the public.

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**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof**

Deputy Mayor Price called for declarations of Pecuniary Interest, and the general nature thereof, under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to the Agenda for this meeting and the response was negative.

Deputy Mayor Price called for declarations of Pecuniary Interest, and the general nature thereof, under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to

Minutes of a meeting at which a member was not in attendance and had not previously declared and the response was negative.

**3. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Deputy Mayor Price read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**4. Delegations**

None.

**5. Presentations**

None.

**6. Public Notices - Clerk**

None.

**7. Committee and Board Reports - Council**

None.

**8. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General**

**# 1**

**Moved by C. Kiewning**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of May 13, 2024 as read and adopted:

9. a, b

10. a, b

**Carried**

**9. Adopt/Receive Minutes**

a. Council Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2024. (Adopt)

**# 2**

**Moved by B. Tardiff**

**Seconded by C. Kiewning**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held April 22, 2024 be adopted.

**Carried**

- b. Public Planning Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2024. (Adopt)

**# 3**

**Moved by C. Kiewning**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

That the Minutes of the Public Planning Meeting held April 22, 2024 be adopted.

**Carried**

## **10. Motions arising from previous Council Meetings**

- a. Citizen Appointment to Museum Board.

**# 4**

**Moved by C. Kiewning**

**Seconded by B. Tardiff**

That Kiirstyn Wessel be appointed to the Dryden and District Museum Advisory Board for the remainder of this term of Council.

**Carried**

- b. 587 Government Street - Consent (Easement) Application.

**# 5**

**Moved by M. MacKinnon**

**Seconded by R. Noel**

That as per the recommendation in Staff Report Building & Planning-2024-012, Council direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Committee of Adjustment Decision File Number B-01/24 pertaining to the proposed Consent (Easement) application to create an easement, approximately 9.5 metres wide extending from the south portion of the subject property abutting Government Street to the north portion of the subject property to reflect and accommodate existing stormwater servicing.

**Carried**

**11. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals**

None.

**12. Information Items**

None.

**13. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws**

**# 6**

**Moved by** B. Latham

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws under date of May 13, 2024 as read and adopted:

By-law 2024-29

By-law 2024-30

By-law 2024-31

**Carried**

**14. By-laws - First, Second and Third Reading**

a. By-law 2024-29 Amend Social Media Policy.

**# 7**

**Moved by** R. Noel

**Seconded by** B. Latham

That By-law 2024-29 being a by-law to amend By-law 3529-2007, a by-law to adopt the City of Dryden Corporate Policy and Procedure Manual, by deleting and replacing the following document under section Municipal Government:

(a) MU-IN-07 Social Media Policy

be adopted.

**Carried**

- b. By-law 2024-30 Zoning By-law Amendment re: 289 Grand Trunk Avenue.

**# 8**

**Moved by B. Tardiff**

**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

That By-law 2024-30 being a by-law to amend By-law 2740-2000, the Zoning By-law of The Corporation of The City of Dryden, by amending Schedule A1 by rezoning the property located at 289 Grand Trunk Avenue from the Highway Commercial (CH) Zone to the Highway Commercial Exception One (CH-1) Zone be adopted.

**Carried**

- c. By-law 2024-31 Deeming By-law re: 585 and 587 Government Street.

**# 9**

**Moved by B. Tardiff**

**Seconded by C. Kiewning**

That By-law 2024-31 being a by-law to deem part of a Registered Plan, namely, CON 6 PT LOT 2 RP 23R10152 PT 5 PCL 41923 and CON 6 PT LOT 2 RP 23R10152 PT 6 PCL 42490 not to be lots on a registered Plan of Subdivision in accordance with Subsection 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P.13, as amended be adopted.

**Carried**

**15. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items**

None.

**16. Staff Reports**

- a. Museum-2024-02 Museum Advisory Board Funds for Digitization - Museum & Heritage Coordinator.

Ms. Walter read her staff report, explaining to Council why the Museum is requesting \$1,000 be transferred from the Museum Advisory Board Reserve Fund to fulfill the Board's contribution to the digitization project of

the Dryden Observer. Council concurred with the recommendation and directed a motion be brought forward to the May 27 meeting of Council.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

- b. Museum-2024-03 Structure of Museum Board - Museum & Heritage Coordinator.

Ms. Walter read her report and spoke to Council on the Museum's difficulty to fill board positions. She explained why opening eligibility on board member positions would help the Museum function better. Ms. Walter informed Councillor Kiewning that the original by-law for the Advisory Board stated the number of board members would be nine. Mayor Harrison commented the report was reasonable and rational, and that he is fully supportive of the request. Councillor Latham commented his support for the initiatives. Deputy Mayor Price clarified with Ms. Walter that indeed these two positions wouldn't exclude City residents if they wanted to fill them. Councillor Noel questioned if we should expand the 45km radius. Council agreed to amend the by-law when it is moved forward to the next meeting.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION/MUSEUM & HERITAGE COORDINATOR**

- c. Public Works-2024-007 NOHFC Funding Resolution – Dryden HVAC and Roof Repairs (Updated) - Director of Public Works.

Mr. Poole reviewed his report and explained why it is amended due to NOHFC advising they are not able to provide funding for facility updates to parts of the City Hall complex. Councillor Tardiff was concerned about the considerable increase to come from reserves and asked when staff were notified of this change. Mr. Poole advised that he and the Treasurer were made aware of the funding change from NOHFC last week. Councillor Tardiff requested it be brought to the Finance Committee. Mr. Lansdell-Roll reiterated that staff want to continue the replacement as scheduled, that this request would not affect the capital budget or the reserve, and that we would get a better price than to mobilize the contractor twice. Mr. Nesbitt confirmed it is more economical to do the job once than break it into multiple jobs and recommended Council move forward with the NOHFC motion. Mr. Poole explained NOHFC does not like to fund city administration work, preferring public gathering places instead. Councillor Kiewning asked about the reserve fund to which Mr. Lansdell-Roll answered that even after withdrawing this amount, the fund would still be at a healthy balance.

The motion for by-law 2024-33 is deferred, with more information on the budget amendment to be brought forward to a future meeting.

**ACTION: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**# 10**

**Moved by** M. MacKinnon

**Seconded by** R. Noel

THAT Council authorize staff to submit a complete application for Stage #2 of a grant opportunity from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program - Rural Enhancement Stream for financial support and facility updates for Dryden Library & City Hall HVAC Replacement and Roof Repairs;

FURTHER THAT the City of Dryden commits to using Capital Funds of \$44,384.00 for the municipal contribution component and covering any cost overruns;

FURTHER THAT if the application is successful, the City of Dryden will proceed with the project in accordance with the timelines specified in the application;

FURTHER THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to these matters;

AND THAT the necessary By-Laws are presented to City Council for ratification.

**Carried**

- d. Community Services 2024-03 NOHFC Application, Dryden Golf Course Enhancement - Director of Community Services.

Mr. Boyer read his report, explaining this resolution is required for the NOHFC application, but it is amended from a renovation to tear down and rebuild, as it has been determined the existing buildings are not sound. He reiterated the cost of the project is believed to stay the same. Councillor Latham asked if part of the scope is for the public bathrooms which Mr. Boyer assured they would be. Councillor Kiewning asked if the new demolition cost is included in the budget, to which Mr. Boyer said "no" but that we could potentially demo it in-house to save money. Councillor Tardiff asked if the Municipal Accommodation Tax fund was still

contributing to which Mr. Lansdell-Roll said he wasn't sure if this scope change would change the agreements already approved in the budget.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATION**

**# 11**

**Moved by** R. Noel  
**Seconded by** B. Latham

That Council supports the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, project 7510262 Dryden Golf Course Enhancement; and

Further that Council commits to providing 25%, \$170,000, of the \$670,000 project; and

Further that Council commits to covering any cost over-runs on the project.

**Carried**

**17. Notices of Motion**

None.

**18. Motions**

- a. 2024 City of Dryden Scholarships.  
Ms. Euler reviewed the scholarship recipients.

**# 12**

**Moved by** C. Kiewning  
**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

That Council award the 2024 City of Dryden Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Micaela Bange; and

Further that Council award the 2024 City of Dryden Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Madison Ford.

**Carried**

- b. 2024 City of Dryden Willard Scholarships.  
Ms. Euler reviewed the scholarship recipients.



**# 13**

**Moved by** C. Kiewning

**Seconded by** M. MacKinnon

That Council award the 2024 City of Dryden Willard Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Clara Yeboah; and

Further that Council award the 2024 City of Dryden Willard Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Matthew Readman.

**Carried**

**19. Reports of Municipal Officers**

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt noted he was joining the meeting from Toronto to support Mayor Harrison in meetings with provincial ministers.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll is finalizing the 2023 year end financial report and will be presenting it at the next meeting.

c. Clerk

Ms. Euler spoke about her and the Communications Coordinator attending the AMCTO conference in Thunder Bay where they participated in sessions including cyber security, human rights, and updates from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

d. Director of Public Works

Mr. Poole noted construction on Hwy 17 has started and asked the community to be careful and to watch for construction workers and flaggers. Public Works will switch to nighttime paving for convenience of the contractor and the public. The restriction of half-loads is lifted further allowing more construction around the city to begin. The sweeper is working on cleaning up downtown, and eco-bag pick up was completed in one day with the use of the garbage truck. A new employee has started as the Project and Asset Manager to help the department. The Government Dock work is mostly completed and it is safe for the public to use.

e. Director of Community Services

Mr. Boyer notified Council the golf course will be opening this week, with a lot of memberships coming in. The waterslide had its final inspection and will have a grand re-opening on May 24th. Shortly after that, the gym and pool will have an extended closure for the annual maintenance shutdown. The outdoor sports groups have all been cleared to begin activities, and he acknowledged all the work recreation staff have done over the last few busy weeks. The golf course maintenance staff have been learning their new jobs and equipment, working hard to be ready for opening day. Aaron Park has also worked hard to be ready for opening weekend.

## **20. Announcements**

### **a. Mayor**

Mayor Harrison spoke to the good conversations they have had in Toronto with Ministers regarding potential economic opportunities and keeping our community's economic sustainability.

### **b. Councillors**

Councillor Kiewning advised that May 17th the sit-in on the lawn will be hosted by Fierce Canada Pride. Starting May 25th the Dryden Area Young Professionals Network is hosting a Meet and Greet at the library the last Saturday of every month of the summer. June is Pride Month as well as Indigenous History Month.

Councillor Latham reminded the public that the Dryden and District Museum is partnering with the Legion to host the Indigenous Ingenuity Exhibit May 14 - June 17.

Councillor MacKinnon sat in on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee meeting last week which was educational and he wanted to highlight the OPP Pathway Program which is in conjunction with the Teen Challenge, helping those in our community with substance abuse. Another good presentation was the Dryden Food Bank's report detailing they provided 11,000 food baskets in the last year, which almost doubled from the previous year. A major contributing factor are our seniors whose pensions aren't enough to cover groceries so they are resorting to the Food Bank.

Councillor Noel acknowledged this upcoming weekend is fishing opener and wished everyone to be safe while fishing. He also acknowledged June is Seniors Month and the Ontario theme is Working for Seniors, which he feels deserves recognition and support.

Councillor Price brought up the questions coming to her regarding the golf course and Mr. Boyer advised they can be directed to himself or to Mr. Lappage. In response to a question, Mr. Poole reiterated that Government Dock is open to the public. Councillor Price advised volunteers will be planting flowers around the community starting June 6th. If any students are looking for volunteer hours, they are welcome to reach out to her to get involved. She expressed her condolences to the Hammond Family.

**21. Confirmatory By-law.**

a. By-law 2024-32.

**# 14**

**Moved by B. Latham**  
**Seconded by C. Kiewning**

That By-law 2024-32 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be adopted.

**Carried**

**22. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

**# 15**

**Moved by B. Tardiff**  
**Seconded by M. MacKinnon**

That this meeting be declared adjourned.

**Carried**

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Mayor

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Clerk