



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

June 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

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

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

Others Present: Special Projects Manager C. Brosseau, Working Circle Co-Chair T. Mitchell, Project and Asset Manager M. Raithatha, Chief Building Official P. Skillen, Director of Human Resources M. Warren, Mrs. M. Kroeker, Hemson Consultants A. Monteith and A. Mirabella, and many members of the public.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor Harrison 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.

Mayor Harrison 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

Mayor Harrison read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. Delegations

- a. Megan Kroeker re: Risks associated with the use of de-icers, bubblers and submersible pumps.

Mrs. Kroeker presented her slideshow and expressed her concern regarding the affect of de-icers on ice formation in the winter. Mayor Harrison asked Mrs. Kroeker if the difference in temperature between two winters ago and last winter could have had an affect on the poor ice formation as well. Mrs. Kroeker said two winters ago it was colder but the de-icer still had a noticeable affect on the ice in front of their property. Councillor Latham commented his bewilderment on why residents would want open water all winter. Councillor Kiewning reflected on her recent research on de-icers, informing Council it is for protection of assets in the water, and also pondered if the impact it had on ice formation last winter was partly due to the unseasonably warm winter we experienced. Councillor Noel commented that experienced snowmobilers know Thunder Lake can be a tricky lake with ice formation being unpredictable in the winter. Mrs. Kroeker replied that she and her neighbours have never experienced open water along their shorelines in past winters. Councillor Tardiff asked why the de-icer was installed, and Mrs. Kroeker answered that the neighbour stated it was to protect a floating dock. Councillor Tardiff then pondered how much jurisdiction the City has on a lake. Councillor Price commented that the abnormally warm winter we had still doesn't negate the safety concerns brought up to Council by Mrs. Kroeker. Mayor Harrison read a current by-law from another municipality provided by Mrs. Kroeker restricting de-icers and asked if she would find it acceptable to place regulations on these kinds of equipment, but not move straight to prohibition. Mrs. Kroeker expressed her desire to see a prohibition on de-icers. Council directed staff to investigate de-icers and to bring a report containing options and recommendations back to Council. Council thanked Mrs. Kroeker for presenting her information.

5. Presentations

- a. Working Circle - 2023 Update Report - Working Circle Co-Chairs Ted Mitchell and Catherine Kiewning.

Working Circle Co-Chairs Mr. Mitchell and Councillor Kiewning reviewed their report for Council. Mayor Harrison commented the committee has very ambitious goals.

- b. Adam Monteith and Andrew Mirabella of Hemson Consulting re: Asset Management Plan Results.

Hemson Consultant A. Mirabella reviewed the plan for Council. Councillor Tardiff commented that the news on the current condition of the City's infrastructure is nothing new and adds to the need to have residents of unorganized areas contribute their fair share towards funding the needed upgrades. Councillor Kiewning asked if the plan has recommendations for what infrastructure upgrades should be prioritized first. Mr. Mirabella stated there will be a list of suggested timelines for upgrades, but reminded Council there is a legal requirement to meet a level of service for residents. Mr. Mirabella said staff will have access to the full the report, where the details on which assets need urgent help can be found. Mayor Harrison asked where our level of assets sit compared to our population against the rest of the province. Mr. Hemson replied that Dryden sits quite high compared to the rest of Ontario for assets per capita. Mayor Harrison asked for clarification on what the Land Improvements category included. Mr. Mirabella stated the category include elements like parks, playgrounds, and municipal parking lots. Mr. Nesbitt commented staff will be working on levels of asset prioritization. Mr. Landsdell-Roll reminded Council they are legally required to accept the updated asset management plan through a resolution at the next Council meeting so the City may move forward in the Asset Management Plan process. Councillor Kiewning asked if it's foreseen that the City will have to lower levels of service significantly to get the City to where we need to be financially. Mr. Lansdell-Roll informed Council it will be up to them to decide how low the levels of services will be set to achieve the goals set out in the plan.

ACTION: Finance

6. Public Notices - Clerk

None.

7. Committee and Board Reports - Council

None.

8. Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 1 - General under date of June 10, 2024 as read and adopted:

- 9. a, b, c, d, e
- 12. a, b

Carried

9. Adopt/Receive Minutes

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2024. (Adopt)

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Latham

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 27, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

- b. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2024. (Receive)

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by B. Tardiff

That the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting held March 1, 2024 be received.

Carried

- c. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2024. (Receive)

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Moved by M. Price
Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board Meeting held March 28, 2024 be received.

Carried

- d. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Special Board of Health Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2024. (Receive)

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Moved by B. Latham
Seconded by R. Noel

That the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Special Board of Health Meeting held April 15, 2024 be received.

Carried

- e. Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2024. (Receive)

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Moved by B. Tardiff
Seconded by M. Price

That the Minutes of the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit Regular Board of Health Meeting held May 3, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

10. Motions Arising from Previous Council Meetings

None.

11. Award of Tenders/Request for Proposals

None.

12. Information Items

- a. NOMA April 24, 2024 Board Meeting Report to Membership.

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Moved by M. Price
Seconded by C. Kiewning

That the NOMA April 24, 2024 Board Meeting Report to Membership be received for information.

Carried

- b. NOMA June 3, 2024 Board Meeting Report to Membership.

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Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That the NOMA June 3, 2024 Board Meeting Report to Membership be received for information.

Carried

13. Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws

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Moved by M. MacKinnon
Seconded by B. Latham

That Council hereby consider the following items of the Consent Agenda - Part 2 - By-laws under date of June 10, 2024 as read and adopted:

By-law 2024-33

By-law 2024-36

Carried

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

- a. By-law 2024-33 re: Amendment to the 2024 Budget.

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Moved by B. Tardiff
Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That By-law 2024-33 being a by-law to amend By-law 2024-4, a by-law to adopt the 2024 municipal budget estimates for The Corporation of The City of Dryden be read a first, second and third time.

Carried

- b. By-law 2024-36 re: Site Plan Control -119 Boozhoo Avenue.

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Moved by B. Latham

Seconded by R. Noel

That By-law 2024-36 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Development Agreement between TCB Investments Ltd. and The Corporation of The City of Dryden for the land legally described as PIN 42083-011; PCL 20921 SEC DKF; PT OF THE S ½ LT 2 CON 6 VAN HORNE AS IN LT58814 EXCEPT PT 5, AS IN LT77357; DRYDEN; commonly known as 119 Boozhoo Avenue be adopted.

Carried

15. Items Severed from Consent Agenda or Deferred Items

None.

16. Staff Reports

- a. Economic Development-2024-001 Sandy Beach Mews – Surplus Property - Economic Development Manager.

Mayor Harrison advised that after the agenda was issued, legacy information indicated these properties had been declared surplus years ago so Mr. Peacock would not be presenting his Staff Report.

ACTION: Nil

- b. Community Services-2024-005 Increased Usership at the Pool & Fitness Centre - Director of Community Services.

Mr. Boyer read his report to Council. Councillor Tardiff asked if staff was seeing the Community Services revenue increase along with the higher attendance numbers. Mr. Boyer informed him that is the case and profits are increasing, but the expenses are climbing as well with extended

opening hours. Mayor Harrison echoed Mr. Boyer's comments that the arena staff are doing a great job.

ACTION: Nil

- c. Community Services-2024-006 RFP R-2024-3 Architectural and Engineering Design Results - Director of Community Services.

Mr. Boyer read his report to Council. Councillor Latham asked where the location of the clubhouse would be and Mr. Boyer informed Council that decision is part of the project scope in the RFP. Councillor Kiewning questioned why the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) funding is being used, if the chosen company is local, and if there will be public consultation during the project. Mr. Boyer informed Council the chosen company is local in Kenora, the architect is in Winnipeg, the City has a long-standing rapport with them from multiple previously successful jobs, and there will be public consultation in some form. Mr. Nesbitt informed Council it is appropriate to use the NWMO fund and reiterated his confidence in the chosen company. Councillor Tardiff wondered when the timeline to start the process would be. Mr. Boyer stated the process would start immediately so the final costing report on a potential new building could be factored into the 2025 budgeting process.

ACTION: Administration

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Moved by M. Price

Seconded by C. Kiewning

That Council award RFP R-2024-3 for the Architectural and Engineering Design and complete Construction Documents Service for the new Sandy Beach Golf Club Clubhouse to Boreal Architecture Studio Inc. at a cost of \$146,464.75, plus HST; and

Further that Council authorize the transfer of those funds from the NWMO Community Well-Being fund to cover the cost of the project.

Carried

17. Notices of Motion

None.

18. Motions

None.

19. Reports of Municipal Officers

a. CAO

Mr. Nesbitt reminded residents that June is Pride month and there are many events and activities to enjoy, and apologized for not being able to make the flag raising as he was out of town. He also reminded residents to keep their grass cut.

b. Treasurer

Mr. Lansdell-Roll reminded Council they will have the complete package and resolution for the asset management plan at the next meeting. The successful Connecting Links application for Highway 594 will bring forward another budget amendment soon, and budget by-laws will be brought to the next council meeting so the City can send out the final tax bills.

c. Clerk

None.

d. Director of Public Works

None.

e. Director of Community Services

Mr. Boyer recognized the Max Lift Meet and read a statement from the organizers outlining what the competition entails and how it improves tourism to the City.

20. Announcements

a. Mayor

Mayor Harrison acknowledged the 80th anniversary of D-Day and reflected on the heroic effort of our seniors during that time, and their investment in our community infrastructure for their whole life. He also recognized Roy Napish Sr. on his Leonard Sky "Building Bridges" award and his life as an outstanding citizen.

b. Councillors

Councillor Noel gave further recognition to seniors and veterans.

Councillor Price thanked the Dryden Trailblazer Tourism Association for the funding for the downtown planters and recognized all the people and

organizations who helped plant. She also expressed appreciation for the OPP for continuing to keep our community safe.

21. Confirmatory By-law.

a. By-law 2024-40.

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Moved by R. Noel
Seconded by M. Price

That By-law 2024-40 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be adopted.

Carried

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

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Moved by C. Kiewning
Seconded by M. MacKinnon

That this meeting be declared adjourned.

Carried

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk