



## **Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES**

Meeting #: 4719th  
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Briscoe, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa

Staff Present: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Anne Kircos - Director of Human Resources, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk, Sadaf Ghalib - Climate Change Program Manager, Mike Beitz - Corporate Communications Specialist

Also Present: Members of the public and media

### **1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Singing of O Canada

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Hunter declared a pecuniary interest on matter 4.2 under Item 5.1 "April 24, 2023, Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session".

**3. Adoption of the Minutes:**

R2023-184

**Motion by** Councillor Hunter

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated March 20, 2023 and the Regular Meetings dated March 27 and 30, 2023 and April 11, 2023 of Council of The Corporation be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:**

There was no addendum to the April 24, 2023, Regular Council agenda.

**5. Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session:**

**5.1 At the April 24, 2023, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:**

4.1 Proposed Disposition and Transfer of Land in the Wright Business Park - Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(c)) (includes municipal property leased for more than 21 years), and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)).

4.2 Appointment of Directors to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEEDCo./investStratford) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

4.3 Proposed Disposition of Land in the Wright Business Park - Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(c)) (includes municipal property leased for more than 21 years) and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)).

At the In-camera Session, direction was given to the Chief Administrative Officer and City Solicitor and advice subject to solicitor-client privilege was received on Item 4.1. For Item 4.2, a resolution is to be listed on the May 8, 2023, Regular Council agenda. For Item 4.3, direction was given to the Chief Administrative Officer and advice subject to solicitor-client privilege was received.

## **6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:**

### **6.1 Presentation of Green Recognition Award**

The Climate Change Program Manager introduced the Green Recognition Program, championed by the City's Energy and Environment Advisory Committee. The purpose of the program is to serve as a call for action and collective efforts to help meet the City's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 30% by 2030 and net zero by 2050. Areas of recognition within the program include waste reduction and diversion, energy management and electrification, and the green building award. The following applicants were recognized for their substantial impact on reducing emissions:

- Keystone Hospitality and the Stratford District Secondary School Eco Club for waste reduction and diversion;
- John Hotson for energy management and electrification; and
- Tom McKay and Vicwest for the green building award.

Mayor Ritsma thanked the Climate Change Program Manager and all applicants for their participation.

The Climate Change Program Manager advised that information regarding the program, including applicant highlights and contributions, were available on the City's website.

## **6.2 Request for Delegation by the United Way Huron Perth and Huron Perth Public Health**

R2023-185

**Motion by** Councillor Briscoe

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the delegation by Candace Cunningham and Ryan Erb regarding food insecurity in Huron-Perth be heard.**

**Carried**

Candace Cunningham, Dietician at Huron Perth Public Health and Ryan Erb, Executive Director at United Way Huron Perth, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Food Insecurity in Perth-Huron. Highlights of the presentation included:

- a survey having been conducted by the Social Research and Planning Council regarding food insecurity;
- 33% of survey participants facing moderate or severe food insecurity;
- the main source of household income being full time employment for those struggling with food insecurity;
- 37% of participants reporting that income is not meeting their basic needs;
- 88% of household budgets sacrifice paying for food in favor of other bills;
- 3% of households having a child going a full day each month without food;
- 14.6% of Huron-Perth residents being food insecure in 2021;
- emphasis in Canada being on food charities and not on food income;
- there being a significant difference between foodbank users and those experiencing food insecurity;
- almost 50% of participants not having used community food programs;

- significant health implications being associated with those experiencing food insecurity;
- annual reports being conducted by United Way Perth Huron related to food affordability;
- an overview of various family sizes and income scenarios as it relates to cost of food and rent;
- individuals receiving social assistance with no children often having a deficit at the end of each month when considering food costs;
- a living wage being a recommendation for the City to adopt as a way to control food insecurity challenges in the region;
- advocating for federal and provincial financial supports, volunteering at tax clinics, or offering free sports programs;
- an overview of basic income pilots conducted by other municipalities; and
- seeking Council endorsement of a letter to the government of Canada related to providing basic income in Canada.

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

THAT the letter drafted to the federal government related to providing basic income in Canada be endorsed.

Discussion was held with respect to:

- the contents of the letter having been provided with the agenda; and
- other letters being drafted to the provincial government regarding basic income and social assistance.

It was questioned if the motion could be deferred to allow for the drafting of additional letters identified. The City Clerk advised that the initial motion could be withdrawn, and that staff could work with United Way and Huron Perth Public Health to have the letters placed on the next Regular Council agenda for adoption.

R2023-186

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT letters to the federal government regarding basic income and to the provincial government regarding social assistance and basic income be drafted for Council consideration and endorsement at the May 8, 2023, Regular Council meeting.**

**Carried**

### **6.3 Request for Delegation by the Perth County and Ontario Federation of Agriculture**

R2023-187

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT the delegation by Julie Danen, Inge Koskamp and Teresa Van Ray regarding the Perth County and Ontario Federations of Agriculture be heard.**

**Carried**

Julie Danen, Inge Koskamp, and Teresa Van Ray provided an information presentation on the Perth County and Ontario Federations of Agriculture. Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, highlights of the presentation included:

- the Perth County Federation of Agriculture (PCFA) representing and consisting of farmers working for farmers for 79 years;
- farmers becoming members when they reside in Perth County and join the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) as a member;
- OFA lobbying on behalf of over 38,000 farm business members;
- OFA and PCFA collaborating on policy but being independent organizations;
- policies being developed by OFA and PCFA which impact agriculture and members;
- a free farmer wellness program having been established related to mental health of farmers; and
- the Home Grown Campaign to protect and preserve Ontario's farmland and domestic food production being noted.

It was noted that staff could review publicizing the farmer wellness program on the City's website.

## **7. Orders of the Day:**

### **7.1 Resolution - Ontario Pork Congress**

R2023-188

**Motion by** Councillor McCabe

**Seconded by** Councillor Briscoe

**THAT City Council hereby designates the Ontario Pork Congress trade show to be held June 21-22, 2023 at the Stratford Rotary Complex as having municipal significance for the purpose of obtaining liquor licences from the AGCO, subject to the necessary permits being obtained, compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy and the required certificates of insurance being provided.**

**Carried**

### **7.2 Proclamation - Building Safety Month**

R2023-189

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims May 2023 as "Building Safety Month" in the City of Stratford in recognition of the importance of the Ontario Building Code, the safety of infrastructure in municipalities across Ontario and the building industry staff who work hard to ensure the safety of our citizens.**

**Carried**

### **7.3 Resolution - Perth Line 36 Road Widening (COU23-050)**

R2023-190

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor Briscoe

**THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept Parts 2, 3, and 7 Plan 44R-6110 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of Perth Line 36.**

**Carried**

**7.4 Resolution - Part Lot Control Exemption for Block 128, 44M-75 (Bradshaw Drive) (COU23-051)**

R2023-191

**Motion by** Councillor Hunter

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT Council approve Part Lot Control application PLC02-22 to exempt Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on Plan 44R-6047 and Parts 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 on Plan 44R-6047 from Part Lot Control for one year from the date of the passing of the By-law to create seventeen separately conveyable lots and three easements.**

**Carried**

**7.5 Resolution - Calling on the Provincial Government to Commit to Ending Homelessness in Ontario (COU23-052)**

The City Clerk advised of a change to the motion to acknowledge it "is a multi-ministerial approach to address homelessness". Discussion was held with respect to:

- being in agreement with the original statement and resolution previous presented; and
- adding to the resolution that a copy be sent to Associate Minister Tangri under Minister Clark at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, along with Jessica Bell, MPP and Housing Critic, and Lisa Gretzky MPP and Critic Poverty and Homelessness Reduction and Critic, Mental Health and Addictions.

R2023-192

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS we acknowledge that the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities,**

**WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;**

**WHEREAS it is acknowledged that it will take a multi-ministerial approach with strong collaboration to address this complex issue;**

**WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;**

**WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but require a greater investment to have adequate resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge; including a commitment to multi-year allocations so long-term strategies, and multi-year programs can be implemented and,**

**WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford as Consolidated Municipal Service Manager calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:**

- **Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;**
- **Acknowledge this is a multi-ministerial approach to address homelessness which includes but not limited to; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Solicitor General.**
- **All levels of government commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;**
- **Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.**

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Solicitor General, Associate Minister Tangri from**

**the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jessica Bell, MPP and Housing Critic, Lisa Gretzky MPP and Critic Poverty and Homelessness Reduction and Critic, Mental Health and Addictions, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

**Carried**

## **7.6 Proclamation - Human Values Day**

R2023-193

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims April 24, 2023 as "Human Values Day" in the City of Stratford in support of the Walk for Values to raise awareness of the human values of truth, right conduct, peace, love and non-violence and promote individual and collective responsibility for the progress of humanity, one step at a time.**

It was questioned if there was any concern from staff in supporting this motion. The City Clerk advised there was no concerns identified and the belief was that other municipalities have also approved this previously.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

**Carried**

## **7.7 Resolution - St. James Variety Sale Parking Exemption Request**

St. James Anglican Church is holding its annual Variety Sale the week of April 23-28, 2023. Temporary on-street parking was requested.

R2023-194

**Motion by** Councillor Sebben

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT the request from St. James Anglican Church for temporary on-street parking on the west side of Mornington Street, from Charles Street to Caledonia Street, and on the South side of William Street from Mornington Street to Waterloo Street on the following dates and times be approved:**

- **Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and**
- **Friday, April 28, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Carried**

## **7.8 Proclamation - Parental Alienation Day**

R2023-195

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Wordofa

**THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims April 25, 2023 as "International Parental Alienation Awareness Day" in the City of Stratford to promote awareness of parental alienation behaviours and help champion public support for social and system changes.**

Discussion was held with respect to:

- April being child abuse awareness month and signs of parental alienation can include children speaking negatively about a parent and shutting out parents;
- abuse involving the relationship between a child and shunned parent seeming normal and then changing suddenly, and the child being convinced it is their decision but being too young to understand;
- steps to take when identifying potential abuse including reaching out to the rejected parent;
- abuse perpetuating because it thrives in silence;
- the mental health and wellness of children in the community being the responsibility of all adults;
- concerns with the proclamation related to a 2018 news article about child alienation being used as a weapon in custody battles;
- the issues noted in the letter being real and recognized as abuse;
- some instances of abuse being labelled incorrectly but the specifics of the letter speak to real problems;
- the importance of being able to recognize abuse when it is happening and the need to take care of these children;
- this type of abuse often being used by people who are controlling;  
and

- the proclamation giving a clear definition and reason to support it.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

**Carried**

### **7.9 Correspondence - Coronation of King Charles III**

In recognition of the coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla on Saturday, May 6, 2023, the Union Jack will be flown at City Hall from May 5-8, 2023.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign the Congratulatory Book, which will be located at the Stratford Tourism Office at 47 Downie Street. More details will be available following the Council meeting.

The City Clerk advised that details regarding the availability of the book are available on the City's website.

### **7.10 Ontario Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 02-726 - Minutes of Settlement - Remaining Litigation Matters**

Minutes of Settlement have been signed by 1353837 Ontario Inc., and Lawrence Ryan, by his Estate Trustee Wendy Ryan to resolve any and all matters with The Corporation of the City of Stratford relating to the remaining litigation matters. These remaining matters include the 2002 Court Action and Counterclaim, Building Code Act appeals and the Fire Action being dealt with by the City's insurer. There is 1 exception.

The Hearing to determine any costs payable from the 2021 expropriation compensation proceeding is scheduled to be considered by the Ontario Land Tribunal later this year.

1353837 Ontario Inc., and Lawrence Ryan, by his Estate Trustee Wendy Ryan agree and confirm they abandon any claim as identified in the Minutes of Settlement, acknowledge that the City of Stratford was at all material times, the rightful owner and execute all-encompassing full and final releases in respect of all claims, with the 1 exception as noted in the Minutes of Settlement.

### **8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:**

None scheduled.

## **9. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

### **9.1 Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee:**

R2023-196

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated April 24, 2023 be adopted as printed.**

A request was made for Item 9.1.2 to be taken separately.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on Items 9.1.1 and 9.1.3.

**Carried**

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the Item 9.1.2.

**Carried**

#### **9.1.1 Request for an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private backyard event at the property of 38 Kay Street, Stratford (ITS23-010)**

THAT an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79, be approved for the holding of a private event by the homeowners at 38 Kay Street, Stratford from 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, to 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2023 from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8],
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2], and
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16].

#### **9.1.2 Albert Street Reconstruction Phase 1 – Open House and Recommendations (ITS23-012)**

THAT Council receive for information the description of the proposed design for the Albert Street Reconstruction Project Phase 1 as outlined in Management Report ITS23-012;

THAT Council receive for information the comments from the online public engagement,

THAT Council accept the design as presented in the attachment to Management Report ITS23-012;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with construction tendering.

### **9.1.3 Resolution - 2022 Annual Water Summary Report to Council (ITS23-011)**

THAT the 2022 Water Summary Report be received for information to keep within the compliance standards set out in Ontario Regulation 170/03.

## **9.2 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:**

R2023-197

**Motion by** Councillor Hunter

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated April 24, 2023 be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

### **9.2.1 SEEDCo Update July to Dec 2022 (FIN23-023)**

THAT the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEEDCo./investStratford) Update dated March 21, 2023, be received for information.

### **9.2.2 2022 Lottery Licence Activity Update (FIN23-012)**

THAT the report entitled, "2022 Lottery Licence Activity Update" (FIN23-012), be received for information.

## **9.3 Report of the Social Services Committee**

R2023-198

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**THAT the Report of the Social Services Committee dated April 24, 2023 be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**9.3.1 2023-24 Planned Funding Allocations for Provincially Delivered Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs (SOC23-010)**

THAT the report titled, "2023-24 Planned Funding Allocations for Provincially Delivered Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs" (SOC23-010), be received for information.

**9.3.2 Family Services Perth Huron Agreement (SOC23-011)**

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an agreement with Family Services Perth-Huron to deliver the counselling and support services program as detailed in the agreement for 2023;

THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to execute the agreement with Family Services Perth-Huron on behalf of the municipal Corporation;

AND THAT City Council delegates its signing authority to the Director of Social Services or the Chief Administrative Officer to execute future renewal agreements with Family Services Perth-Huron until 2028, subject to satisfactory contract performance or any amendments to funding identified by the City.

**9.3.3 Service System Manager Bi-Monthly Update to Council (SOC23-012)**

THAT the report titled, "February 2023 Service System Manager Bi-Monthly Update to Council" (SOC23-012), be received for information.

**9.4 Report of the Community Services Committee**

R2023-199

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor Sebben

**THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated April 24, 2023 be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

#### **9.4.1 Urban Forestry Plan Update 2023 (COM23-002)**

THAT the proposed 2023 revisions made by the Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Manager to the 2001 Urban Forestry Plan (revised 2007, 2018), be adopted.

#### **9.4.2 Hybrid Transit Service on Saturdays**

THAT options for the implementation of a hybrid transit service on Saturdays consisting of a fixed route and on-demand service be referred to staff for review and preparation of a report as part of the 2024 Budget deliberations.

### **10. Notice of Intent:**

#### **10.1 Notice of Consideration**

Stratford City Council intends to consider the Staff Report and recommendations with respect to the Attainable Housing Project at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 08, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Staff Report will be included in the agenda for the meeting. The agenda will be published to the City's website by May 5, 2023.

It was questioned whether this matter could be deferred to provide members of Council and the public with sufficient time to review the report. The City Clerk advised that a request for deferral was received by the Clerk's Office. The request would be listed on the agenda for consideration by Council following presentation of the report.

### **11. Reading of the By-laws:**

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and were taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present:

R2023-200

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT By-laws 49-2023 to 53-2023 be taken collectively.**

**Carried** unanimously

R2023-201

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**THAT By-laws 49-2023 to 53-2023 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2023-202

**Motion by** Councillor Biehn

**Seconded by** Councillor Briscoe

**THAT By-laws 49-2023 to 53-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

**11.1 Purchase of Service Agreement with Family Services Perth-Huron to Deliver Counselling Services - By-law 49-2023**

To authorize the entering into and execution of a purchase of service agreement with Family Services Perth-Huron to deliver counselling and support services to clients of the Social Services Department, for a one-year term to December 31, 2023, with an option to renew annually to 2027.

**11.2 Amend Delegated Authority By-law 135-2017 for Annual Renewal Agreements with Family Services Perth-Huron - By-law 50-2023**

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Director of Social Services or the Chief Administrative Officer, or their respective delegates, to execute annual renewal agreements with Family Services Perth-Huron to deliver the counselling and support services program.

**11.3 Acceptance of Transfer from Quinlan Road Developments GP Inc. - By-law 51-2023**

To accept the transfer (conveyance) from Quinlan Road Developments GP Inc. of Parts 2, 3 and 7 on Reference Plan 44R-6110.

**11.4 Dedication of Part of Perth Line 36 as Public Highway - By-law 52-2023**

To dedicate Parts 2, 3 and 7 on Reference Plan 44R-6110, as public highway forming part of Perth Line 36 in the City of Stratford.

### **11.5 Part Lot Control Exemption for 294-330 Bradshaw Drive - By-law 53-2023**

To exempt Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on Plan 44R-6047 (294 to 330 Bradshaw Drive) from the provisions of part-lot control for a period of one (1) year for the purpose of conveying townhouse dwelling units to individual owners and Parts 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 on Plan 44R-6047 for the purpose of conveying easements for rear yard access.

### **12. Consent Agenda: CA-2023-040 to CA-2023-044**

Council did not advise of any items to be considered on the Consent Agenda.

### **13. New Business:**

#### **13.1 National Day of Mourning**

A member advised that the National Day of Mourning would be held on April 28, 2023. The Stratford and District Labour Council was hosting an event at the Upper Queens park bandshell, which would be concluding with a memorial at 11:00 a.m.

#### **13.2 Thames River Clean Up**

A member advised that the 24th Annual Thames River Clean Up was re-scheduled to Saturday, April 29, 2023. Clean up would take place at the Waldie Drain behind the House of Blessing, at the Roadhouse Drain between Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger, and at T.J Dolan. It was noted that if it is raining on April 29 then clean up will be rescheduled to May 6.

#### **13.3 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award**

A member congratulated Climate Momentum for their successful Earth Day activities. It was advised that the Stratford District Secondary School Eco Club won the 2023 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award from Pivot Green to recognize work undertaken by young Canadians against climate change. The Eco Club created an intergenerational garden on site at the school.

### **13.4 Stratford Minor Sports Council Awards**

A member congratulated the Stratford Minor Sports Council for their sports wall of fame event held over the weekend for fame inductees with sports legacy in Stratford.

### **13.5 Earthquake Relief in Turkey**

A member advised of their recent relief efforts in Turkey following an earthquake and how grateful they were to be living in this country and in the City of Stratford.

## **14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:**

The next Regular Council meeting is May 8, 2023 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

R2023-203

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT the Council meeting adjourn to convene into Standing Committees as follows:**

- **Social Services Committee [7:05 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [7:15 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**

**and to Committee of the Whole if necessary, and to reconvene into Council.**

**Carried**

## **15. Council Reconvene:**

### **15.1 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committees**

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committee meetings held on April 24, 2023 with respect to the following Items and re-stated at the reconvene portion of the Council meeting:

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the April 24, 2023, Reconvene Council meeting.

**15.2 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):**

The following By-law required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

**By-law 11.6 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 54-2023**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on April 24, 2023.

R2023-204

**Motion by** Councillor Briscoe

**Seconded by** Councillor Wordofa

**THAT By-law 54-2023 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2023-205

**Motion by** Councillor Sebben

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**THAT By-law 54-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) recognized the City's Corporate Initiatives Lead, Stephanie Potter, for her dedication to the City in her position. The CAO advised that Ms. Potter has resigned from her position with the City after starting ten years ago as a municipal intern. Ms. Potter progressed through various roles with the City and is recognized for her research, analytical, and project management skills. Ms. Potter was instrumental in many initiatives including the grand trunk master plan, community transportation pilot project, council strategic initiatives, service delivery review, and government relations. Ms. Potter is taking on a new position with the County of Norfolk and will be greatly missed.

### **15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting**

R2023-206

**Motion by** Councillor McCabe

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the April 24, 2023 Regular Council meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 8:12 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 8:31 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 8:34 P.M.

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Mayor - Martin Ritsma

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Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe