



Stratford City Council Special Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4744th
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024
Time: 6:00 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, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Dave Bush - Director of Human Resources, Shannon Archer – Business Integration Manager, Jeff Wilson – Manager of Housing

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

Respectful Workplace Policy Statement

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 Thereof

Councillor McCabe declared a pecuniary interest on Item 7.11 - 2024 Community Grant Evaluation Committee Recommendations (COU24-056). Councillor McCabe's wife is the artistic director for the Here For Now Theatre Company, which is one of the grant applicants.

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest on Item 7.11 - 2024 Community Grant Evaluation Committee Recommendations (COU24-056). Councillor Burbach is a board member of the Here For Now Theatre Company, which is one of the grant applicants.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2024-179

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated May 13, 2024, be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum/Addenda to the Agenda:

There was no addendum to the June 3, 2024 Special Council agenda.

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

5.1 The May 28, 2024, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session was Cancelled

5.2 At the June 3, 2024, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

4.1 Proposed Disposition of Land (Long-Term Care Home) - 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)), and A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(k));

4.2 Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal of Application A13-23, 173 William Street - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)), and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f));

4.3 Respect in the Workplace – Legal Opinion - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)).

At the In-camera Session, Council received legal advice regarding Item 4.1. The City Clerk advised the Committee of the Whole will reconvene into the In-camera Session following the June 3, 2024 Special Council meeting, to continue discussion on Items 4.1 to 4.3.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Request for Delegation by Jean-Michel Chadillon - Appeal of Committee of Adjustment Decision for A15-24 and B05-24

R2024-180

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT Jean-Michel Chadillon be heard.

Carried

Jean-Michel Chadillon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of their request to Council to consider appealing the Committee of Adjustment decision made at the May 15, 2024 meeting regarding 161 Nelson Street (A15-24 and B05-23). Highlights of the presentation included:

- the intent of the appeal being for a thorough evaluation of the proposed development, to reduce the amount of the units to be in line with the current density of Nelson Street, and to seek an

evaluation on the cultural and historical significance of 161 Nelson Street for potential heritage designation;

- Nelson Street being characterized as a quiet and established heritage neighbourhood;
- two rental properties being currently located in the neighbourhood including the subject property;
- notice having been circulated on April 19th regarding a minor variance and land severance application for the property;
- vague details causing confusion among the neighbours as to what is being done to the property;
- a public hearing of the Committee of Adjustment having been held on May 15th where the minor variance and land severance was approved;
- neighbours having voiced their concerns at the hearing and had sent communications to planning staff regarding their concerns;
- neighbours being informed at the hearing that a six unit rental duplex is proposed contrary to what was circulated on the notice;
- requesting that the Committee of Adjustment decision be appealed based on concerns regarding inadequate time for neighbours to fully understand the application, the scope of the development being unclear in the notice, lack of waste management and pest control plans, and lack of adequate parking for the proposed units; and
- residents requesting that the impacts of the development on the neighbourhood be reviewed, to evaluate the historical significance of the property to preserve the building, and to be involved in the review process.

A question and answer period was held with respect to:

- access to federal funding for Housing Accelerator Fund;
- the cost of the appeal and likelihood of winning the appeal;
- importance of affordable housing and the housing crisis; and,

- how the issue raises a challenge as City is bound by province's priority for increasing housing.

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Wordofa

THAT staff be directed to appeal the Committee of Adjustment decision made at the May 15, 2024 meeting regarding 161 Nelson Street (A15-24 and B05-24).

Further discussion was held with respect to:

- regulations relating to tandem parking;
- the planning analysis completed for the minor variance and land severance application;
- the process for an appeal;
- the Planning Act and how it supersedes the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law;
- the importance of accessing affordable housing funds;
- the need for infill developments; and
- the housing and affordability crisis.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Defeated

R2024-181

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the petition from Jean-Michel Chadillon regarding a request to appeal the Committee of Adjustment decision made at the May 15, 2024 meeting regarding 161 Nelson Street (A15-24 and B05-24), be received.

Carried

6.2 Request for Delegation by Robert Lemon regarding the Request for an exemption to Noise Control By-law 13-79 for the Stratford Live Music and Food event (ITS24-008)

R2024-182

Motion by Councillor Biehn
Seconded by Councillor Hunter
THAT Robert Lemon be heard.

Carried

Robert Lemon presented to Council regarding an opposition to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 exemption request for the Stratford Live Music and Food event. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Mr. Lemon being the owner of two properties directly across the bandshell booked for the event and having witnessed the event in the past two years it has been held;
- being unable to rent the inn during the event dates due to issues relating to traffic disruption, noise, and air pollution;
- the location of the bandshell becoming problematic due to the road closures needed to accommodate events;
- the impact of the event going beyond the noise, and also including traffic disruption, garbage and air pollution resulting from the event, loss of parking revenue for the City; and
- the scope and impact of the event not fitting in the downtown and being more suitable to a location in the outskirts of the City such as the Rotary Complex.

A member questioned whether an alternate location has been discussed with the event organizer. The Director of Community Services commented that this has not been discussed with the organizer.

6.3 Request for Delegation by Crystal Spicer, Stratford Summer Music Executive Director

R2024-183

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT Crystal Spicer on behalf of Stratford Summer Music be heard.

Carried

Crystal Spicer, Executive Director and Jean Ann McLeod, Past Chair from Stratford Summer Music spoke to Council regarding their 2024 Community Grant request. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Stratford Summer Music striving to broaden the artistic strength of the region by supporting local musicians and attracting nationally and internationally renowned artists;
- the organization producing almost 50 events during their 4-week summer season with 50% of the events being free to the community;
- supporting local youth through school programs and their jazz and vocal academies;
- relying on three revenue sources: government funding which includes federal and provincial funding which was reduced in 2023, individual and business donations, and ticket sales which increased by 13% in 2023;
- the organization being fiscally responsible, supported by two staff members and volunteers;
- in 2023, expenses having been reduced by 13% and their \$40,000 CEBA loan having been repaid;
- despite these efforts, the season having completed with a deficit, for the first time in many years, which is directly related to the drop in government support;
- there being an increased focus on marketing all of the programming to raise revenue;

- funds being hard earned and judiciously spent to bring a wide variety and diversity of live music to the community;
- there being an appreciation of the competing demands for tax dollars and the difficult decision on how money is spent; and
- appealing to Council to support Stratford Summer Music's grant request.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - 355 Douro Street Vacant Land Condominium 31CDM 17-001 (COU24-048)

R2024-184

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the request for an extension to the draft approval of Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium 31CDM17-001 be APPROVED for an additional two (2) year term from the date of this Council approval for lands described as Lots 511, 512, 513, 514, 521, 522, 523, 524, 603, 604, 605, 606, 608, 609, 610 and 611 and Part of John Street and Part of Lots 510, 525, 526, 612, 619, 620 and 621 Registered Plan No. 47 to allow additional time to address engineering design and land ownership conflict matters affecting the clearance of all the conditions of draft approval prior to registration.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Brian Sippel Memorial Co-ed Tournament Special Occasion Permit Request

Event Organizers of the 25th Annual Brian Sippel Memorial Co-ed Tournament to be held August 30- September 1, 2024 at the Stratford Packham Road Sports complex have requested a Special Occasion Permit for the event. Huron Perth Public Health, Fire Prevention, the Building Division and the Community Services Department indicated no concerns with the event.

R2024-185

Motion by Councillor Wordofa

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT City Council does not express concern with the issuance of a special occasion permit for The 25th Annual Brian Sippel Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament to be held August 30- September 1, 2024 at the Stratford Packham Road Sports Complex subject to necessary permits being obtained, compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy, and the required certificates of insurance being provided prior to the event.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Stratford Ladies and Men's Slo Pitch League Special Occasion Permit Request

A special occasion permit is being requested for the year end tournament of the Stratford Ladies and Men's Slo Pitch League to be held September 6-8, 2024 at the Packham Road Sports Complex. Huron Perth Public Health, Fire Prevention, the Building Division and the Community Services Division indicated no concerns with the event.

R2024-186

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT City Council does not express concern with the issuance of a special occasion permit for the Stratford Ladies and Men's Slo Pitch League tournament to be held September 6-8, 2024 at the Stratford Packham Road Sports Complex subject to necessary permits being obtained, compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy, and the required certificates of insurance being provided prior to the event.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - T-2024-08 Moderwell Street Reconstruction Tender Award (COU24-049)

R2024-187

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the tender T-2024-08 for the Moderwell Street Reconstruction Project be awarded to Birnam Excavating Ltd., at a total tender price of \$944,290.79 including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk or their respective delegates be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement for construction contract T-2024-08.

A member questioned whether there will be parking restrictions for the street following the construction period. The Director of Infrastructure Services advised that they are not aware of parking restrictions being put in place after the construction period.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - LED Lighting Retrofits for Corporate Facilities (COU24-050)

R2024-188

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the supply of new LED lighting fixtures for the corporate facilities, from City Electric Supply be accepted at a total cost of \$84,148.19, including HST;

THAT the installation of new LED lighting fixtures for the corporate facilities, from BKS Electric Technical Services be accepted at a total cost of \$78,535, including HST;

AND THAT Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (FACI) be used to provide the funding required.

A member questioned whether City staff can complete the replacement of the lighting fixtures in City facilities. The Director of Community Services advised that there is no licensed electrician on staff to complete the work.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Two Hydrostatic Articulating 4-Wheel Drive Sidewalk Tractors and Attachments (COU24-051)

R2024-189

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the Tender (T-2024-06) for the Supply and Delivery of two Hydrostatic Articulating 4-Wheel Drive Sidewalk Tractors and Attachments be awarded to Work Equipment Ltd. at a total tender price of \$400,381.60, including HST.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Administration of Justice Building Roof Replacement – Tender Award (COU24-052)

R2024-190

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the Tender for the supply and installation of the new roofing system for the Administration of Justice Building, be awarded to Proteck Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. at a total cost of \$531,350.86, including HST;

THAT Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (FACI) be used to provide the funding required;

AND THAT if additional work is required, subject to approval by the Director of Community Services, an additional contingency of \$11,502.09 be authorized to fund any potential issues not within the initial scope of work from Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (FACI).

Carried

7.8 Resolution - Amendment to By-law 84-2008 – Appointment of Fire By-law Enforcement Officers (COU24-053)

R2024-191

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT a by-law to amend Schedule "A" to By-law 84-2008, to appoint Fire Department officials, be adopted.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - Tender for the Supply and Delivery One Compact Tractor and Attachments (COU24-054)

R2024-192

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Tender for the Supply and Delivery of One Compact Tractor and Attachments be awarded to Stratford Farm Equipment Ltd. at a total tender price of \$64,887.04, including HST.

Carried

7.10 Resolution - T-2024-10 Erie Street Resurfacing Tender Award (COU24-055)

R2024-193

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the Tender (T-2024-10) for the Erie Street Road Widening project be awarded to Steve Smith Construction Corporation at a total tender price of \$2,773,307.45, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement for the Erie Street Road Widening project (T-2024-10).

A member questioned the number of total trees to be replaced as part of the work. The Director of Infrastructure Services advised that there is a total of four trees being replaced, some of which are due to poor health and some due to infrastructure conflict.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.11 Resolution - 2024 Community Grant Evaluation Committee Recommendations (COU24-056)

A member proposed increasing the 2024 Community Grant for Stratford Summer Music to \$25,000.00.

R2024-194

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the recommended 2024 Community Grant for Stratford Summer Music outlined in Report COU24-056 be increased to \$25,000.00.

Members of Council and staff discussed the community grant request for Stratford Summer Music noting:

- the arts being under pressure;
- there being a \$15,000 community grant request cap and the recommendation being made to bring this grant in line with the policy;
- the review of the grants process for the following year; and
- the uses of the reserve for the program.

A request was made to amend the motion to increase the community grant request to \$30,000.00.

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the motion to increase the 2024 Community Grant for Stratford Summer Music to \$25,000.00 be amended to increase the grant amount to \$30,000.00.

Discussion continued on:

- there being \$80,000 remaining in the reserve; and
- the policy containing several parameters for use of funds and many organizations using community grants for operational costs.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion to amend the main motion.

Defeated

The Mayor called the question on the original motion.

Carried

R2024-195

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the revised 2024 Community Grants and Fee Waivers as outlined in the schedules to Report COU24-056, be approved, with the exception of Item 17 (Here For Now Theatre Company).

Carried

R2024-196

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the 2024 Community Grant for Item 17, Here For Now Theatre Company, as outlined in the schedule to Report COU24-056, be approved.

Carried

Councillor Burbach and Councillor McCabe having declared a pecuniary interest with respect the Here For Now Theatre Company grant allocation, did not vote or participate in the discussion on the matter.

R2024-197

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the Community Grants Evaluation Committee be authorized to proceed with communicating with applicants as outlined in the report;

THAT the Community Grants Evaluation Committee be authorized to proceed with a review of the program and bring a report back to Council with changes for consideration;

AND THAT any appeals received from applicants be considered by the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee.

Carried

7.12 Resolution - Hybrid Remote Work Arrangement Policy Report (HRWA)(COU24-058)

The Director of Human Resources, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the Hybrid Remote Work Arrangement Policy.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- the objective of the policy being to support and encourage flexibility in employee work arrangements that support work/life balance when possible and practical to do so without compromising the efficiency and effectiveness of the Corporation's service to the Community;
- the purpose of the policy being to support the attraction and retention of quality talent, to support the operational effectiveness of the City and foster a community of wellness for its employees, and to identify flexible work options that respect the diverse needs of all employees;
- the scope of the policy applying to all employees and the eligibility being dependent on the nature of the business and service, employee's past performance and attendance, and availability of resources; and,
- an outline of the process for taking part in the hybrid remote work arrangement.

R2024-198

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT Council receives Hybrid Remote Work Arrangement Policy (HRWA) Report (COU24-058) for information.

Members of Council and Staff held a discussion with respect to:

- whether it is appropriate to negotiate it in the collective agreement as they come up, the Director of Human Resources advised that the collective agreement serves as a reference but the hybrid work arrangement will be discussed between the employee and the manager; and
- whether employees have to be called back in during certain situations, the Director of Human Resources advised that while

employees are working remotely, they are still considered to be at work and will have to report in person should the need arise as per their collective agreements.

Members of Council thanked staff for bringing the policy forward. Members commented that the policy is important for attracting and retaining talent and to address the changing nature of the workforce.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None noted.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee:

A discussion was held with respect to the rate of the lease being lower than market rates and a request was made to approve a lease for a one-year term.

R2024-199

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the expression of interest [EOI] from Vanmeurs Farms Ltd., be accepted for the lease of approximately 160 acres of land at the Stratford Municipal Airport for a one-year term;

THAT a one (1) year lease agreement with Vanmeurs Farms Ltd. for the lease of 160 acres of land described as Part of Lots 39, 40, 41, Concession 5 and Parts of Lots 38, 39, 40 and 41 Concession 6, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, be authorized;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement.

It was noted the land had not been planted.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

R2024-200

Motion by Councillor Biehn
Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT Item 9.1.2 and Item 9.1.3 from the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated June 3, 2024, be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2 Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee:

R2024-201

Motion by Councillor Sebben
Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee dated June 3, 2024, be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Zoning By-law Application Fee Waiver and Short Term Accommodation Amendments

THAT the request for the principal residence requirements for short term rental accommodations to be removed and a fee waiver in the amount of \$4,835.00 to apply for a zone change application at 187 Wellington Street be filed.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Intent to Declare Land as Surplus

In accordance with the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy P.3.1, notice was given that at the June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting, Stratford City Council will consider declaring all of PT LT 45 CON 3, N Easthope PT 2, 44R1587 & PT 2, 44R1032 except PT1. 44R1674, Perth E, City of Stratford, Perth County, Province of Ontario, being PIN 53080-0027, municipally described as 3188 Vivian Line 37, City of Stratford, Province of Ontario to be surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

More information was available in the Notice attached to the agenda.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings.

A request was made to take Item 11.4 separately.

R2024-202

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 53-2024, as amended to By-law 61-2024 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2024-203

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-law 53-2024, as amended to By-law 61-2024 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2024-204

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws By-law 53-2024, as amended to By-law 61-2024 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2024-205

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 62-2024 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2024-206

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 62-2024 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Lease of Farmland Municipal Airport – Vanmeurs – By-law 53-2024

To authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with Vanmeurs Farms Ltd. for farmland adjacent to the Stratford Municipal Airport for a five year term to December 31, 2028.

11.2 Moderwell Street Local Improvement - By-law 54-2024

To authorize the construction of certain Works on Moderwell Street from St. Vincent Street South to Monteith Avenue as local improvements under Ontario Regulation 586/06 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

11.3 Moderwell Street Local Improvement Tender Award - By-law 55-2024

To authorize the acceptance of the tender, execution of the contract and the undertaking of the work by Birnam Excavating Ltd. for the Moderwell Street Local Improvement Project (T-2024-08).

11.4 Award Tender for Erie Street Resurfacing – By-law 62-2024

To authorize the acceptance of a tender, execution of a contract and the undertaking of work from Steve Smith Construction Corporation for the Erie Street Road Widening project (T-2024-10).

11.5 Amend Fire By-law Enforcement Officers Appointment – By-law 56-2024

To amend Schedule "A" of By-law 84-2008.

11.6 Award Tender for One Compact Tractor – By-law 57-2024

To authorize the acceptance of a tender from Stratford Farm Equipment Ltd. for the supply and delivery of one compact tractor and attachments.

11.7 Award Tender for Sidewalk Tractors – By-law 58-2024

To authorize the acceptance of a tender from Work Equipment Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two Hydrostatic Articulating 4-Wheel Drive Sidewalk Tractors and Attachments (T-2024-06).

11.8 Award Tender for supply and installation of the new roofing system for the Administration of Justice Building – By-law 59-2024

To authorize the acceptance of a tender from Proteck Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for the supply and installation of the new roofing system for the Administration of Justice Building.

11.9 Appoint Park Patrollers – By-law 60-2024

To amend By-law 60-2003 as amended, to appoint Park Patrollers for 2024.

11.10 Appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer – By-law 61-2024

To amend By-law 60-2003 as amended, to appoint a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing City of Stratford Bylaws.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2024-087 to CA-2024-092

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

13. New Business:

13.1 Review of City-Owned Land Leases

A discussion was held with respect to whether a real estate agent can be hired to negotiate the rates for the leases to bring them closer to true market value. The Director of Corporate Services advised that staff undertake an evaluation process every time a contract comes up and a market check is completed however the leases have different maturity dates, so the review is not done all at once for all properties. The Director of Corporate Services added that there was a significant discussion held with respect to the lease for the farmland adjacent to the Stratford Municipal Airport.

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the matter with respect to the rates of outstanding leases for City-owned farmlands be referred to staff for review.

The motion was withdrawn.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next meeting will be a Regular Council meeting June 10, 2024 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

R2024-207

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

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

- **Social Services Committee [6:05 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Community Services Committee [6:10 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 June 3, 2024 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 June 3, 2024, 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 11.11 Confirmatory By-law 63-2024

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on June 3, 2024.

R2024-208

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 63-2024 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2024-209

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT By-law 63-2024 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.3 Adjournment of Special Council Meeting

R2024-210

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the June 3, 2024, Special Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 6:02 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 7:37 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 7:42 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 7:43 P.M.

"Martin Ritsma "

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

"Tatiana Dafoe"

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe