



**The Corporation of the City of Stratford
Committee of the Whole In-camera Session
Minutes**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in In-camera Session on Monday, January 16, 2025, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 at 3:58 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Hunter

Staff Present: Joan Thomson – Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe – City Clerk, Audrey Pascual – Deputy Clerk, Karmen Krueger – Director of Corporate Services, Taylor Crinklaw – Director of Infrastructure Services, Tim Wolfe – Director of Community Services, Paula Lombardi – City Solicitor

Prior to going to In-camera session, Items 1, 2, and 3 were dealt with in open session.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ritsma called the meeting to order.

Councillor Hunter provided regrets for the meeting.

2. Rules of Procedure

Motion by Councillor Henderson and Councillor McCabe

THAT the Procedure By-law requirement to provide 24 hours notice prior to the calling of the January 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session, be suspended.

Councillor Sebben requested a general explanation as to the reason for the general timeline of the meeting.

Mayor Ritsma advised it is with regards to getting in front of you about legal litigation that Council has to attend to.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

3. Adjournment into In-camera Session

Motion by Councillor Nijjar and Councillor Briscoe

THAT the meeting adjourn to an In-camera Session to discuss:

- 6.1 Confidential Verbal Update of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to a Shared Services Agreement (CM-25-03) - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)); 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)).**

Carried

The meeting then adjourned to an In-camera Session at 4:01 p.m.