



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4631st
Date:	Monday, October 26, 2020
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronically
Council Present in Council Chambers:	Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding
Council Present Electronically:	*Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, *Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Beatty
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk
Staff Present Electronically:	David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Janice Beirness - Director of Corporate Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Naeem Khan - Manager of IT and Business Systems

1. Call to Order:

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

Moment of Silent Reflection

Councillor Beatty provided regrets for this meeting.

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

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the October 26, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2020-590

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 13, 2020 and the Special Meeting dated October 21, 2020 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

*Councillor Ingram present at the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:

R2020-591

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated October 26, 2020 be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the October 19, 2020 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d)), And Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f));
- 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)).

At the In-camera Session, direction was given on both items.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Presentation by Stop Violence Against Women

R2020-592

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT Lisa Wilde, Co-Chair of Stop Violence Against Women, be heard.

Carried

*Councillor Bunting departed the meeting at 3:06 p.m., and returned at 3:07 p.m.

Lisa Wilde and Emily Schurter, Co-Chairs of Stop Violence Against Women, provided a presentation to Council regarding The Stop Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee of Perth County. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the purpose of the Committee being to improve community responses to victims of domestic violence;
- the availability of training and education sessions on how to live a life free of violence;
- launching of a new website to ensure services and communications are continued during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2019 data showing fewer cases of sexual assault but higher cases of overall charges including domestic violence and human trafficking;
- higher waitlist numbers for social, safe and affordable housing, including women and children on the second stage waitlist;

- increased number of cases during the COVID-19 pandemic being attributed to social distancing requirements and being at home more often;
- a snapshot of 2020 data being made available next year;
- the new Survivors Advisory group established to provide advice to the Committee from a more diverse number of survivors across the community;
- asking Council to wear purple on November 25th in recognition of the International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; and,
- asking that flags be flown at half-mast at City Hall and other municipal buildings on December 6th in recognition of the National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

A friendly amendment to the motion asking that Council wear purple at the Regular Council meeting on November 23, 2020, was requested.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion, as amended, as follows:

R2020-593

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council endeavor to wear purple on November 23 and November 25, 2020 to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism;

THAT City Council hereby proclaims December 6, 2020 as the "National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women" in the City of Stratford to express support and dedication to ending violence against women in the community;

AND THAT the flags on City Hall and other municipal building as feasible be lowered to half-mast on December 6, 2020.

Carried

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Correspondence - Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) 2021 Virtual Conference

The ROMA 2021 Annual Virtual Conference, Connecting Rural Ontario, will be held January 25-26, 2021.

Members of Council wishing to attend were asked to make arrangements with the CAO's office.

For the information of Council.

7.2 Notice of Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal - Z11-19, By-law 116-2020

Members were advised the City has received a Notice of Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal of Z11-19, By-law 116-2020, for 173 Huron Street by John Dungey.

For the information of Council.

7.3 Resolution - 2020 Refreshment Vehicle License Fee Prorate Request (COU20-169)

A question was raised as to why prorated fees would apply to other vendors who were not new. The Director of Corporate Services advised that currently one fee is applied to business licenses regardless of when they are processed. If one request for prorating was approved then it would only be fair to provide the same to others.

A question was raised regarding what portion of the license fee could be attributed to the administrative processing required by Staff. The City Clerk advised that the fee is not set to provide the City with revenue and only aims to reach cost recovery of Staff time that goes into reviewing applications.

R2020-594

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the request for refreshment vehicle licence fees to be prorated in 2020 be denied.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - Removal of Textile Collection Bins on City-owned Property (COU20-170)

R2020-595

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT Council approve the removal of the textile collection bins located on City-owned property, not including the three bins at the landfill site.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Parking Sub-Lease Payment Waiver Request (COU20-174)

R2020-596

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the Parking Sub-Lease Payment Waiver Request Report (COU20-174) be received;

THAT Option C - No Fee Waiver, be approved that requires outstanding payments and future invoices from each tenant in accordance with their respective parking sub-lease agreements.

Carried

7.6 ADDED - Subdivision Agreement for Countryside Phase 3

R2020-597

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into a subdivision servicing agreement with Countryside Developments (2014) Inc. for the development of the Countryside Estates Phase 3 subdivision.

Carried

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:

R2020-596

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated October 26, 2020 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Accessible On-Street Parking Spaces on Lakeside Drive (ITS20-015)

THAT Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 be amended by adding as follows:

Schedule 21 – Designated Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities

The pavement immediately adjacent to the curb on the south side of Lakeside Drive measured from a point 272 metres east of the east curb of Queen Street to a point 8 metres easterly therefrom.

9.1.2 Participation in the Perth County Mutual Aid Plan (ITS20-019)

THAT Council receive the report Participation in the Perth County Mutual Aid Plan dated September 16, 2020 prepared by the Fire Chief for information;

THAT Council authorize the Stratford Fire Department to continue to participate in the Perth County Mutual Aid Plan through the passing of a By-law;

AND THAT By-law 65-2014 be repealed upon the new by-law coming into force and effect.

9.1.3 Off Road Vehicle By-law (ITS20-017)

THAT By-law 65-2012 All-Terrain Vehicle By-law, as amended, be repealed;

THAT the new Off-Road Vehicle By-law be adopted;

AND THAT Schedule A to Delegation of Authority By-law 135-2017 as amended, be further amended to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services and the Director of Community Services to grant or refuse a request for exemption to the Off-Road Vehicle By-law made as part of a special event application.

9.1.4 Mutual Aid and Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) for an Ontario Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ITS20-018)

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the OnWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement).

9.1.5 Traffic Concerns on Lakeside Drive

THAT speed of traffic be added to the existing Council decision regarding cycling and active transportation infrastructure around the river.

9.2 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

R2020-598

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated October 26, 2020 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEEDCo./investStratford) - September 2020 Update & 2019 Annual Report (FIN20-014)

THAT the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEED Co./investStratford) report dated September 22, 2020 be received for information.

9.2.2 Stratford Tourism Alliance - September 2020 Update (FIN20-015)

THAT the Stratford Tourism Alliance report dated September 22, 2020 be received for information.

9.2.3 Financial Statements and Commentary for Festival Hydro Inc. (FHI) - Q2 ending June 30, 2020 (FIN20-016)

THAT the Festival Hydro Inc. financial statements and commentary for the period ending June 30, 2020, be received for information.

9.2.4 Financial Statements and Commentary for Rhizome (Festival Hydro Services Inc. - FHSI) - Q2 ending June 30, 2020 (FIN20-017)

THAT the Rhizome (Festival Hydro Services Inc.) financial statements and commentary for the period ending June 30, 2020, be received for information.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting under the Building Code Act

Stratford City Council will hold an electronic Public Meeting on November 16, 2020 beginning at 3:30 p.m. to consider an amendment to By-law 112-2005, a by-law passed pursuant to the *Building Code Act* governing the issuing and charging of permits.

The proposed amendment will establish new increased permit fees for all types of building permits.

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:

R2020-599

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 132-2020 to 137-2020 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2020-600

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 132-2020 to 137-2020 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2020-601

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-laws 132-2020 to 137-2020 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 OnWARN Memorandum of Understanding - By-law 132-2020

To authorize the entering into and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for an Ontario Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (OnWARN).

11.2 Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 - By-law 133-2020

To amend Schedule 21 of the Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 as amended, to add accessible parking spaces on Lakeside Drive.

11.3 Participation in the County of Perth Mutual Aid Plan - By-law 134-2020

To authorize participation by The Corporation of the City of Stratford in the County of Perth Mutual Aid Plan.

11.4 Off Road Vehicle By-law - By-law 135-2020

To permit and control the operation of Off Road Vehicles on certain highways and streets and property under the jurisdiction of The Corporation of the City of Stratford and to repeal By-law 65-2012, as amended.

11.5 Amendment to Delegation of Authority By-law 136-2017 - By-law 136-2020

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services and the Director of Community Services to grant or refuse requests for exemption

to the Off-Road Vehicle By-law made as part of a special event application.

11.6 ADDED - Subdivision Servicing Agreement - By-law 137-2020

To authorize the entering into and execution of a Subdivision Agreement with Countryside Developments (2014) Inc. for the development of Phase 3 of the Countryside Estates Subdivision.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2020-094 to CA-2020-099

R2020-602

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT CA-2020-098, being a Resolution from the Township of North Glengarry requesting that the provincial government allow capital expenditures under the Safe Restart Agreement, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

There were no new business items discussed at the meeting.

14. Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-law 11.6 Confirmatory By-law – By-law 138-2020

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on October 26, 2020.

R2020-603

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 138-2020 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2020-604

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma
THAT By-law 138-2020 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

The next Regular Council meeting is November 9, 2020.

R2020-605

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the October 26, 2020 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:26 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe