



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4648th
Date:	Monday, March 8, 2021
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronic Meeting
Council Present in Council Chambers:	Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding
Council Present Electronically:	Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford*, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, 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, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Jeff Bannon – Planner, Alyssa Bridge – Manager of Planning, Joani Gerber – CEO, investStratford

1. Call to Order:

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

Moment of Silent Reflection

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 March 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-94

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 22, 2021 and the Special Meeting dated February 23, 2021 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

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

There was no addendum to be adopted.

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

5.1 From the February 22, 2021 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

Appointment of SABA Alternate Representative to fill a mid-term vacancy on the Heritage Stratford Committee

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

R2021-95

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Jack M. West be appointed to the Heritage Stratford Committee to fill the vacancy of the alternate SABA

representative for the remainder of the two-year term to November 14, 2022, or until a successor is appointed by Council.

Carried

5.2 At the March 8, 2021 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

- 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);
- 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).
- 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 on the first two items.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Request to waive penalty and interest on 2021 tax installments (COU21-030)

R2021-96

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the presentation by Georgia Steel regarding a request for relief from residential property tax penalties, be heard;

AND THAT the online petition titled "Covid Relief for Stratford Tax Penalties" be received.

Carried

Georgia Steel joined the meeting and advised that she had sent a letter to Council with a petition that was conducted through change.org. She understood that this was not the usually accepted format but that we are not living in usual times. She stated that everyone is hurting and that this has been acknowledged through relief efforts provided by the Government of Canada. We are 1 year into the pandemic and everyone is looking for relief from various financial pressures. Owning a business or a property requires financial responsibility, but it seems to be a conflict of interest

that penalties are in place for being late on property taxes. People are out of work and that is not by choice. Ms. Steel stated she has run her business for 30 years and never been in a position like this. It is humbling to be asking for help and believes that the petitioners would like to think Council would care about how they feel and understand that help is needed. Nothing has been put into effect for property tax late payments and she understands penalties are in place for a reason during normal times. With everything shut down, there is no way to generate income and therefore most will scramble to make their payments. Ms. Steel noted that 181 people have signed the petition, some also providing comments. It is expected that Council as representatives would have compassion for everyday working individuals who are struggling. It was stated that other municipalities have provided relief, but Stratford has only offered 1 month in the past. She suggested 3 months or a break in the interest rates. People want to know they've been heard and be treated fairly without punitive penalties. They are looking for a gesture that Council cares about what they have to say.

A question and answer period ensued with respect to:

- the recently announced Safe Restart funding being only for municipal operating pressures due to COVID-19;
- providing Council with a list of individuals who signed the petition;
- staff reporting back on an assessment of those who are unable to pay total costs and retroactively reviewing relief options; and,
- relief provided in 2020 being waived interest on quarterly payments until August 31 for the April tax installment and stopping monthly payments with no penalty until September.

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

Staff Recommendation: THAT a waiver on tax penalty and interest not be initiated at this time (Option 1); and,

THAT staff report back to Council after the quarterly payment due date denoting the number of properties that were unable to pay their taxes and the interest in penalties to be incurred.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- Consideration of Option 2 in the Management Report as it is similar to relief provided in 2020;
- relief being available for some closed businesses through MPAC assessment and from upper levels of government;
- preferring not to delay any relief for those that need help;
- retroactively waiving interest creating additional work for staff to reverse;
- 91.2% of payments having been collected following the February installment due date not being an unusual amount in any given year;
- reviewing interest charged each year to determine if rates are too high; and,
- Safe Restart funding being available to cover interest revenue if waived for the April tax installment.

The motion on the floor was rescinded by the mover.

R2021-97

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the tax penalty and interest on the April 2021 tax installment be waived until August 31, 2021.

A friendly amendment was brought forward by a member to ask that Staff report back to Council on the impact in reducing interest rates.

A member requested that the motions be taken separately.

R2021-98

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT staff be directed to report back on a review of the current tax interest rate and the impact on adjusting the rate for unpaid tax accounts.

Discussion continued with respect to the motion on the floor only impacting the April tax installment.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the first motion.

Carried

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the second motion.

Carried

6.2 Delegation Request - Patio Request

R2021-99

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the presentation by Jessie Votary regarding patio options for Ramshackle Industries be heard.

Carried

Jessie Votary joined the meeting and advised she had submitted a package including a patio safety plan proposal. She recognized that there was a report from staff that included the same consideration she was seeking. Ms. Votary stated she is representing 5 restaurants located on Wellington Street and has also spoken with the owner of AO Pasta who is interested in the same proposal. Three different options have been included in the submitted proposal depending on the level of safety that is preferred. She stated that the option with the smallest footprint was their preference. This idea was also presented to Council last year when the boardwalks were being considered and that the boardwalks are not a one size fits all solution. She stated that due to the difference in parking spaces between linear and angled parking, the proposed costs in the staff report are not feasible. Ms. Votary requested that Council consider approving the placement of patios in parking spaces.

A question and answer period ensued with respect to:

- the use of ramps to ensure patios in parking spaces are accessible; and,
- the ability to temporarily make Wellington Street one-way being a benefit to businesses with patios.

6.3 Delegation Request - Ministerial Zoning Order

Mike Sullivan joined the meeting and advised he was speaking on behalf of Get Concerned Stratford. He stated that the MZO is a highly contentious and politically charged issue. He believes that the Minister was acting at the request of Council. Mr. Sullivan noted that citizens have expressed their concerns about many aspects of the project and he is concerned about the company's hidden corporate structure, ties to China,

and greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Sullivan stated that the decision to withdraw from this project means that the MZO is now of no use and it is appropriate that Council rescind the MZO request. Mr. Sullivan stated that moving forward, the use of these lands can be discussed in an open and transparent process to restore public confidence. He further stated that residents will be able to breathe easier if Council asks to rescind the MZO.

R2021-100

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Mike Sullivan, on behalf of Get Concerned Stratford, be heard regarding the Notice of Motion requesting that Council adopt a motion to ask the Minister to rescind the Ministerial Zoning Order on the annexed lands.

Carried

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Task Force Update

A member thanked the current volunteers on the Task Force and stated that it may be time for a change to get some fresh eyes contributing and to include those that have not been previously involved.

R2021-101

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Task Force update and Long-Term Recovery Planning Report be received for information.

Discussion ensued with respect to applications coming back to Council for review of position turnover.

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the Clerk's Office for the City of Stratford complete the recruitment for Task Force volunteers serving as Task Force committee members and that a report be presented at the March 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting regarding this process and any additional amendments to be required.

Discussed continued with respect to:

- bringing in staff from different organizations to provide continuity and stability to the committee; and,
- concerns related to the term limits for serving on the committee.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the first motion.

Carried

Discussion continued with respect to:

- the steering committee of the Task Force being maintained;
- the importance of engaging the Stratford Arts and Culture Collective for inclusion in the Task Force;
- establishing a Municipal Cultural Plan;
- creating terms of reference to guide the Task Force;
- the value in having a Task Force that is not City led as it relates to funding eligibility;
- use of the feedback button on InvestStratford's website to gather information from the community; and,
- not disrupting operations of the committee during COVID-19.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the second motion.

Defeated

R2021-102

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT InvestStratford take a call for new Task Force volunteers and to expand opportunities for new Task Force Committee members.

Carried

Discussion ensued with respect to the importance of a Municipal Cultural Plan and looking to the example implemented in St. Marys.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT staff investigate the development of a Municipal Cultural Plan and what that would entail.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- the need for a cultural planning specialist in order to proceed with developing a Plan;
- referring a Municipal Cultural Plan to the 2022 budget;
- Combining public consultation of the Official Plan update with the development of a Municipal Cultural Plan; and,
- bringing in a specialist to consult on next steps for consultation with interested parties and members of the public.

A member requested an amendment to the motion to refer investigation and development of a Municipal Cultural Plan to the 2022 budget.

R2021-103

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the investigation and development of a Municipal Cultural Plan be referred to the 2022 budget.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Patio Boardwalk Project

R2021-104

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT City-Owned picnic tables be provided free of charge to restaurants outside the core from May 1st-October 31st, 2021;

THAT the 2021 Patio Permit & License fees be waived in 2021;

THAT the businesses using Patio Boardwalks be assessed a fee of \$196/month/parking space for a period of 6 months (May 1st-October 31st) and a flat fee for delivery, installation, disassembly and pick up (not to exceed \$800/boardwalk), be approved in principle; and

THAT the 2021 Patio Season applications open March 22nd, 2021 to ensure all businesses are able to prepare for patios to open May 1, 2021.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- proposed costs being prohibitive and unequitable when comparing patio types and parking space sizes;
- setting a graduated fee for different patio types;
- the impact of patio extensions on retail businesses and window displays;
- determining if the concerns outweigh the benefits of patio extensions;
- setting rates for each type of parking space;
- funds having been set aside during budget deliberations to support this project;
- options to assist retailers with having extra space similar to patios; and,
- having staff review weekend road closures in the downtown core to increase pedestrian access.

A member requested a friendly amendment for staff to review a graduated pricing system for patios in different kinds of parking spaces.

Mayor Mathieson advised that the fees could be approved in principle so that businesses can still apply and staff can report back on fee models.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- retaining the financial component to the motion so that businesses are aware of what the cost may be;
- finalizing patio fees in parking spaces once staff have had time to review and report back; and,
- only paragraph 3 of the motion being approved in principle.

The City Clerk advised that should the motion be approved, staff would provide a number of communications to local businesses including information on the guidelines. Staff would then be available to respond to any questions as businesses begin planning and indicate that the fees are still subject to approval by Council.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion, as amended.

Carried

R2021-105

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the fees for patios occupying parking spaces be referred to staff to investigate a graduated pricing system based on the type of parking space to be occupied.

Carried

R2021-106

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the patio plans be reviewed in terms of their effect on neighboring businesses, including a review of lineups and potential direction and communication to be provided to businesses;

AND THAT a review of the existing policy P.3.3 - Use of Municipal Property, Boulevards and Sidewalks, be completed in relation to patio planning and retail lineups during COVID-19.

Clarification was sought to confirm that both patios and boardwalks should be considered when reviewing blockage and impact on neighboring businesses.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- patios also impacting neighboring window displays and lines outside of stores; and,
- staff conducting a review of the existing policy on use of municipal property, boulevards and sidewalks.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - 2021 Patio Applications – Pop-up Patio Alternative (COU21-031)

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- the report specifically addressing patios in parking spaces and being within the scope of the City's current Business License By-law;

- the use of fencing and wheel stops around patios in parking spaces to create a patio barrier;
- businesses being responsible for the setup of pop-up patios in accordance with the guidelines;
- reducing costs associated with the design of new pop-up patios;
- being fair and equitable when reviewing costs in consideration of payment being waived for boardwalks last year;
- money from FedDev not being guaranteed for this year; and,
- engineering reports not being required for pop-up patios.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

R2021-107

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the report titled "2021 Patio Applications – Pop-up Patio Alternative" (COU21-031) be received for information.

Carried

7.4 Correspondence - AMO 2021 Annual General Meeting and Conference

The 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual General Meeting and Conference is being held virtually on August 15-18, 2021.

Councillors interested in attending are asked to make arrangements with the CAO's office.

For the information of Council.

7.5 Resolution - Vivian Street Line 37 Road Widening (COU21-025)

R2021-108

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the City of Stratford accept Part 4 Plan 44R-5803 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of Vivian Street Line 37.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Ontario Street Road Widening (COU21-026)

R2021-109

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT the City of Stratford accept Part 1 Plan 44R-5820 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of Ontario Street.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - 2020 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses (COU21-027)

R2021-110

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the report of the Director of Corporate Services dated March 8, 2021 regarding 2020 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses (COU21-027) be received for information.

Carried

7.8 Resolution - 2020 Status Update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (COU21-028)

R2021-111

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the 2020 Status Update on the City of Stratford 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received and uploaded to the City's website.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- the removal of the City's TTY phone number due to new technologies and the preference of individuals to call in on the regular line using their preferred adaptive technology;
- winter mobility and accessibility concerns being addressed through parent shoveling groups or memos in Fall tax bills; and,
- Stratford Snow Angels and working on a communications campaign to improve accessibility on sidewalks and tips for shoveling.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - Amendments to Schedule 1 Prohibited Stopping on Specified Streets and Schedule 2 Prohibited Parking on Specified Streets of By-law 159-2008 (COU21-029)

R2021-112

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the Traffic and Parking By-law No. 159-2008, Schedule 1 Prohibited Stopping on Specified Streets be amended to extend no stopping restrictions to 10:00 am as follows:

Street	Direction	Restriction Area	Restriction Times
Bedford Drive	East	From a point 49 metres North of the North curb line of Park Lane Drive to a point 165 metres North of the North curb line of Park Lane Drive	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Bedford Drive	West	From the North curb line of Glendon Road to a point 322 metres North of the North curb line of Glendon Road	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Bedford Drive	East and West sides	From the north-east cul-de-sac to Graff Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Bruce Street	North	From the westerly curb line of Essex Street to a point 56 metres east of the easterly curb line of Taylor Street	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Bruce Street	South	From 35 metres West of the West curb line of Essex Street to a point 128 metres Westerly therefrom	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

			Monday to Friday inclusive
Cawston Street	North	From Huntingdon Avenue to 17m westerly	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Cawston Street	South	From Huntingdon Avenue to 100m westerly	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Huntingdon Avenue	East	From Avon School property boundary to Avon Street	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Huntingdon Avenue	West	From Avon School property boundary to 58m northerly of Cawston Street	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Louise Street	West	From a point 51 metres North of the North curb of Whitelock Street to a point 64 metres Northerly	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Mowat Street	West	From a point 72.5 metres South of the South curb line of West Gore Street to a point 134.5 metres further South	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive

Mowat Street	East	From a point 65 metres South of the South curb line of West Gore Street to a point 106.5 metres further South	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Rebecca Street	South	From a point 138 metres east of the east curb line of Waterloo Street South to a point 36 metres easterly therefrom	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Strachan Street	East	From a point 30 metres South of the South curb line of West Gore Street to a point 87 metres further South	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Strachan Street	West	From the South curb line of West Gore Street to a point Southerly therefrom 124.7 metres	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive

THAT Schedule 2 Prohibited Parking on Specified Streets be amended to extend no parking restrictions to 10:00 am as follows:

Street	Direction	Restriction Area	Restriction Times
Avondale Avenue	East	From Hibernia St. to Charles St.	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive

AND THAT the restrictions in Traffic and Parking By-law No. 159-2008, Schedule 1 Prohibited Stopping on Specified Streets be deleted:

Street	Direction	Restriction Area	Restriction Times
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Caledonia Street	North	No Standing from 50 metres East of the East curb line of John Street to a point 33.5 metres Easterly therefrom	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Charles Street	North	From the Easterly curb line of John Street to a point 119.6 metres Easterly therefrom	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
Bedford Drive	West	From a point 49 metres North of the North curb line of Park Lane Drive to a point 136.5 metres North of the North curb line of Park Lane Drive	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive
St. Vincent St. S.	West	From a point 21.2 metres north of the north curb line of Patricia Road (north loop) to a point 110.1 metres southerly therefrom	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive

A question and answer period ensued with respect to:

- older signage at some schools for no stopping or no parking times around lunch hours being reviewed in more detail at a later date; and,
- incorporating 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. times being the most expedient through the application of stickers on existing signs.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

8.1 Notice of Motion from Councillor Sebben

R2021-113

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council formally requests the Minister to revoke/repeal the MZO that was issued.

A member requested an amendment to the motion as follows:

THAT staff submit a request on behalf of Stratford City Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request the revocation or repealing of the Ministerial Zoning Order, Ontario Regulation 356-20.

A request was made for a recorded vote to be taken.

A member advised that the motion was brought forward after the public announcement made by Xinyi to suspend their proposal. The member did not support the development. With the MZO not in place then the lands would no longer be exclusively for a glass manufacturing facility. The member stated that any development would then be subject to the public planning process that has gotten Stratford to where it is today.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- the amount of industrial lands available dwindling in the City;
- an estimated 35.5 available acres of City owned land that are serviced and available for sale and being approximately an 18 to 36 month supply;
- a review being required of the annexed lands and going through the regular zoning process to apply industrial zoning;
- clarification that the request is to revoke the entirety of the MZO;
- the original intent of MZOs being for rural areas without a regular planning process;
- only revoking the float glass facility component of the MZO and retain as industrial;
- staff to review process and technical components as it relates to a zoning change from agricultural to industrial;

A member suggested a friendly amendment that the MZO be amended for industrial purposes and not revoked in its entirety.

The mover and seconder of the original motion were not supportive of the amendment.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- a request to have general industrial zoning applied to the lands having already been rejected by the Minister;
- rezoning lands first that are more contiguous with existing industrial lands.

A member suggested a friendly amendment that the MZO be revoked and that staff, with InvestStratford, review the industrial land needs of the City and complete a public process to zone the land.

The mover of the original motion requested that the friendly amendment be a separate motion.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- work having already been completed in support for annexation of the lands related to the City's industrial land supply;
- Not asking the Minister to change the zoning to industrial being a missed opportunity;
- an MZO not being warranted for changing the zoning to industrial;
- waiting to start the public process until it is confirmed that the MZO is revoked; and,
- the importance of economic development as it relates to labour and housing supply when considering new industrial developments.

A recorded vote was undertaken

In Support (9): Councillor Sebben, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Vassilakos, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Burbach, Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Henderson, and Councillor Ritsma

Opposed (2): Councillor Beatty and Councillor Clifford

Carried

*Councillor Clifford left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT staff report back on the industrial land needs of the City of Stratford and that a public process for rezoning of the land take place as soon as possible.

A member requested that the motion be split.

R2021-114

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT staff review the industrial land needs of the City of Stratford and report back to Stratford City Council at a later date.

R2021-115

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the public rezoning process for the identified lands be deferred until a staging of industrial land report is prepared by staff and presented to Council.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- receiving servicing options for the lands involved as a result of the staff review;
- having a plan to move forward including next steps to bring industrial land online, staging of servicing, costs involved, and issues around ownership; and,
- the staging of industrial land report being what Council needs to see.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the first motion.

Carried

A member requested that the second motion be deferred until after Council receives the staging of industrial land report.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee:

R2021-116

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee dated March 8, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Update on Proposed Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STRA) Regulations (PLA21-006)

THAT the report regarding consultation with Destination Stratford on proposed Short Term Rental Accommodation regulations in the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law (PLA21-006) be received for information.

9.2 Report of the Community Services Committee

R2021-117

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated March 8, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Agreement with The Local Community Food Centre (COM21-001)

THAT the City enter into a ten-year agreement with The Local Community Food Centre for their use of the lands at Dufferin Park for a community garden;

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

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting - Intent to Permanently Close a Portion of T.J. Dolan Drive

City of Stratford Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm to hear all interested persons with respect to the permanent closure of T.J. Dolan Drive from St. David Street to Centre Street.

Further details can be found on the attached Notice.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

Draft By-laws 11.1 to 11.8 required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and were taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present.

Draft By-law 11.9 received First and Second Readings at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting and required Third and Final Readings.

R2021-118

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-law 25-2021 to 32-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-119

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-laws 25-2021 to 32-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-120

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-laws 25-2021 to 32-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2021-121

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 33-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- the applicant having the right to appeal to LPAT due to timelines being exceeded;
- a solicitor and planner likely needing to be retained to represent the City for any appeal as the City's Planner has recommended approval to Council; and,
- if Council approves then the staff Planner can attend any appeal hearing.

It was requested that a recorded vote be taken.

A recorded vote was undertaken.

In Support (6): Councillor Bunting, Councillor Vassilakos, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, and Councillor Beatty.

Opposed (4): Councillor Sebben, Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Ritsma, and Councillor Gaffney.

Carried

11.1 Lease Agreement with The Local Community Food Centre - By-law 25-2021

To authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with The Local Community Food Centre for the lease of certain lands at 55 Oak Street, more specifically the area behind the Dufferin Arena, for a community garden for a period of ten (10) years to December 31, 2031.

11.2 Appointment of an alternate SABA representative to the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee - By-law 26-2021

To amend By-law 178-2018, as amended, to appoint an alternate SABA representative to the Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee.

11.3 Conveyance from 2598852 of Part 1 on Plan 44R-5820 - By-law 27-2021

To authorize acceptance of a conveyance from 2598852 Ontario Inc. of certain lands described as Part of Lot 44, Registered Plan 47, being part of P.I.N 53099-0008, now designated as Part 1 on Plan 44R-5820.

11.4 Dedication of Part 1, Plan 44R-5820 as public highway forming part of Ontario Street - By-law 28-2021

To dedicate Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-5820, as a public highway forming part of Ontario Street in the City of Stratford.

11.5 Conveyance from POL Quality Homes of Part 4 on Plan 44R-5803 - By-law 29-2021

To authorize acceptance of a conveyance from POL Quality Homes Inc. of certain lands described as Part of Lot 45, Concession 3, P.I.N 53080-0088, now designated as Part 4 on Plan 44R-5803.

11.6 Dedication of Part 4, Plan 44R-5803 as public highway forming part of Vivian Street Line 37- By-law 30-2021

To dedicate Part 4 on Reference Plan 44R-5803 as a public highway forming part of Vivian Street Line 37 in the City of Stratford.

11.7 Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area 2021 Levy - By-law 31-2021

To levy a special charge upon the rateable property in the business improvement area for Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) for 2021.

11.8 Amend Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 to amend no stopping and prohibited parking restrictions - By-law 32-2021

To amend Schedule 1, Prohibited Stopping on Specified Streets, and Schedule 2, Prohibited Parking on Specified Streets, of the Traffic and Parking by-law 159-2008, as amended, to extend certain restrictions and to delete certain no stopping restrictions.

11.9 Amend Zoning By-law with respect to Zone Change Application Z09-19 for 236 Britannia Street - By-law 33-2021

To amend Zoning By-law 201-2000 as amended, with respect to Zone Change Application Z09-19 to rezone 236 Britannia Street, Part of Lot 3 Concession 1 and Part 2, 3, 4, 14-18 on 44R-5543 for a Subdivision Development in the City of Stratford.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-029 to CA-2021-034

12.1 CA-2021-031

The City Clerk responded to a question regarding bars inside variety stores and advised that a number of convenience stores have requested to serve at their establishments and that many applications are going to the AGCO at this time.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- passing a motion to oppose and advising of specific concerns that would be relayed to the AGCO;
- turning down the application due to not wanting bars in variety stores;

- the conflict of use created between providing a gas bar with a drinking bar, in addition to drinking and driving; and,
- more parking being required in order to serve alcohol.

R2021-122

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Municipal Information Form for Liquor Licence Application for an indoor area at 327 Erie Street (7-Eleven) be referred to staff to review any identified land use planning issues and report back to the March 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

12.2 CA-2021-029

R2021-123

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT CA-2021-029, being a Resolution from the City of St. Catharines calling on the Provincial government to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

13.1 Highway Realignment Project

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services responded to a question regarding an update on the Highway 7/8 realignment project and advised that no response had been received from the Ministry and was hopeful an update on the status would be provided soon.

13.2 Grand Trunk Advisory Group

The City Clerk responded to a question regarding the striking of a Grand Trunk Community Advisory Group and advised that the City had submitted a funding application to ensure funding was available before compiling a committee and that should funding be secured then creation of a committee would proceed.

13.3 Heritage District Funding Opportunities

The City Clerk responded to a question regarding funding for the Heritage Stratford Project and advised that staff are actively looking for funding opportunities.

13.4 Fundraising Committee

The City Clerk responded to a question regarding the creation of a Fundraising Committee and advised that it is on a list of projects to be completed but there is not timeline and information will be forthcoming.

The Chief Administrative Officer responded to a question regarding taking applications for a Fundraising Committee and advised that a structure needed to be put in place including terms of reference and seeking of volunteers in order to be successful. It was asked that Council consider the workload of staff during the pandemic and allow time to take back with resources available and will ensure a report is brought to Council to follow up.

13.5 Temporarily Making Wellington Street One-way

R2021-124

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT staff investigate making Wellington Street temporarily a one-way street and to expand pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in that area.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- staff reporting back on the feasibility of this request;
- the requirement for speed mitigation practices;
- reviewing emergency response issues associated with creating a temporary one-way street.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is March 22, 2021.

R2021-125

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

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

- **Planning and Heritage Committee [3:10 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee [3:15 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**

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

Carried

It was the consensus of Council to recess for 5 minutes. Council recessed at 5:53 p.m.

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 March 8, 2021 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 March 8, 2021 Reconvene Council meeting.

15.2 Committee Reports

15.2.1 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee

R2021-126

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Item 6.1 of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting dated March 8, 2021 be adopted as follows:

6.1 Argyle and McKenzie Street Reconstruction (St. David Street to Cambria Street) – Public Engagement and Recommendations (ITS21-005)

THAT the description of the proposed design for the Argyle and McKenzie Streets Reconstruction, be received for information;

THAT the comments from the online public engagement session, be received for information;

AND THAT the proposed design for the project be accepted and authorization given to proceed to tender for construction.

Carried

15.3 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):

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

By-law 11.10 - Confirmatory By-law 34-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on March 8, 2021.

R2021-127

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-law 34-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-128

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-law 34-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-129

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the March 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 5:53 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 6:28 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 6:30 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe