



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4650th
Date:	Monday, March 22, 2021
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronic Meeting
Council Present in 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 Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary
Staff Present Electronically:	Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, 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, Allison Jordan - Events Coordinator, Alyssa Bridge – Manager of Planning, Jeff Bannon – Planner, Greg Skinner – Chief of Stratford Police Services, Joani Gerber – CEO of investStratford, Zac Gribble – CEO of Destination Stratford, Mike Mousley – Manager of Transit, Stephen Nally – Transit Driver

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

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest on Item 4.1, "Report of the 2021 Community Grants Evaluation Committee (FIN21-005), on the March 22, 2021 Finance and Labour Relations Committee agenda. Councillor Burbach has business and board relations with the following organizations that applied for community grants from the City:

- Stratford Symphony Orchestra
- INNERchamber
- Here For Now Theatre Company

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-138

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 8, 2021 and the Special Minutes of March 15, 2021 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

There was no addendum to be adopted.

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

5.1 At the March 15, 2021 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

- 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 this item.

5.2 At the March 22, 2021 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them (section 239.(2)(h)), A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization (section 239.(2)(i)); 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));
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b));
- 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);
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

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

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Stephen Nally, Transit Driver, Recognition

Mayor Mathieson recognized City of Stratford Transit Driver, Stephen Nally, for his actions on February 23, 2021. On this day, Mr. Nally, while operating a transit bus, saw smoke pouring from a house on Borden Street and went door to door letting neighbours know. He allowed the occupants to keep warm on the bus until emergency services arrived.

Mr. Nally was thanked for his quick thinking, courageous efforts and his responsiveness. He helped avoid the loss of life, supported the families in the tragedy and was an ambassador of the City.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Al Fresco and Outdoor Dining for 2021

R2021-139

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT Al Fresco picnic tables be reinstalled in Market Square (25 total with 5 accessible) and the Boathouse Area (10 total with 3 accessible) socially distanced, on or about May 1, 2021 through to the end of the patio season (on or about October 31, 2021).

A member expressed support for the Al Fresco and Dining program for 2021 but wanted to ensure consideration had been given to the Slow Food Market operating either on Wellington Street or Market Place. The issues experienced in 2020 when the market was re-located to the York Street parking lot were highlighted.

The City Clerk advised staff are working on a report investigating the turning of Wellington Street into a temporary one-way road. She confirmed consideration had been given to locating the Slow Food Market on Wellington Street or Market Place and that it would be accommodated.

It was questioned whether the joint liability insurance coverage required is separate from the insurance requirements for outdoor patios on municipal property. The Deputy Clerk advised they are separate and the requirement was discussed with the City's Solicitor and Insurer.

Discussion was held on the insurance required previously and why the insurance is required for both the al fresco and the patio programs. The City Clerk further advised this requirement has been included to reduce the risk and liability to the City.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Consumption of Liquor in Al Fresco Dining Locations 2021

R2021-140

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT a By-Law authorizing the consumption of liquor with food in Al Fresco locations, specifically Market Square, Tom Patterson

Island and designated areas within the Avon River Park System from May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 be adopted;

AND THAT By-laws 106-2020 and 118-2020 be repealed.

It was questioned why By-laws 106-2020 and 118-2020 were being repealed. The Deputy Clerk advised they were for the 2020 program.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Community Safety and Well-being Plan - Interim Report (COU21-033)

R2021-141

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council receive the Community Safety and Well-being Plan - Interim report (COU21-033) for information purposes.

Staff were thanked for preparing the report and support was expressed with the plan. A member expressed appreciation that the plan also included an implementation plan.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - 2021 Patio Pricing Options (COU21-034)

A request was made to approve Option #4, Flat Rate Model, as it will be easier for staff to administer and because there is not a significant difference between the options.

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT Option #4 be approved to set the 2021 fees for Outdoor Patios occupying parking spaces;

AND THAT a flat fee, not to exceed \$800, be approved for each delivery, installation, disassembly and pick up of Patio Boardwalks.

It was questioned whether members would be willing to waive the patio fees for businesses that were unable to participate in the 2020 temporary patio and boardwalk program. Clarification on the intent was requested. It

was clarified it would be for both patio programs as a number of businesses were unable to participate in 2020.

A member expressed support for the motion on the floor.

Support was expressed with amending the motion to waive patio fees for businesses that could not participate in the 2020 patio program. A member advised businesses that could not participate in the 2020 program will have fees in 2021 related to engineering drawings which were covered for participants last year. By offering a fee waiver, it will provide these businesses with relief.

It was questioned how many businesses were unable to participate in the patio program in 2020. The City Clerk advised there were two businesses that expressed an interest in the program that were unable to participate.

A request was made to amend the motion to require fees be paid for businesses that participated in the 2020 program and to waive the fees for those that could not.

R2021-142

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the main motion be amended to approve Option #4 to set the 2021 fees for Outdoor Patios occupying parking spaces for businesses that participated in the 2020 Temporary Patio and Boardwalk program and to waive the 2021 fees for Outdoor Patios occupying parking spaces for businesses that did not participate in the 2020 Temporary Patio and Boardwalk program.

Carried

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

R2021-143

THAT Option #4, Flat Rate Model, be approved to set the 2021 fees for Outdoor Patios occupying parking spaces for businesses that participated in the 2020 Temporary Patio and Boardwalk program;

THAT the 2021 fees for Outdoor Patios occupying parking spaces be waived for businesses that did not participate in the 2020 Temporary Patio and Boardwalk program;

AND THAT a flat fee, not to exceed \$800, be approved for each delivery, installation, disassembly and pick up of Patio Boardwalks.

Carried

7.5 Proclamation Request - Raise the Flag Campaign

R2021-144

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT City Council hereby proclaims April 6, 2021 as "World Autism Awareness Day" in the City of Stratford and authorizes the flying of Autism Ontario's Flag at Stratford City Hall on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Festival Hydro Inc. 2020 and 2021 Dividends

R2021-145

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Stratford (the City) is the holder of 6,995 Common shares of Festival Hydro Inc. (the Corporation) being all of the issued and outstanding Common shares of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Directors of the said Corporation have indicated their desire to declare and pay dividends on the Common shares aggregating \$118,915.00, during the 2021 calendar year; such dividends to be declared and paid on a semi-annual basis;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a Declaration of Sole Shareholder of the Corporation dated January 22, 2001, the prior written consent of the City as the sole shareholder to the declaration and payment of such dividend is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City hereby consents to the declaration and payment of dividends on the Common shares of the Corporation in addition to those previously declared and/or paid, in the total amount of \$17.00 per share (aggregate amount \$118,915.00), such dividends to be declared payable to

the shareholder of record with respect to such shares as of 30th day of June and December 2021.

AND WHEREAS, The Corporation of the City of Stratford (the City) is the holder of 6,100 Class A Special shares of Festival Hydro Inc., (the Corporation) being all of the issued and outstanding Class A Special shares of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Directors of the said Corporation have indicated their desire to declare and pay dividends on the Class A Special shares aggregating \$76,250.00 during the 2021 calendar year, such dividends to be declared and paid on a semi-annual basis;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a Declaration of Sole Shareholder of the Corporation dated January 22, 2001, the prior written consent of the City as the sole shareholder to the declaration and payments of such dividends is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby consents to the declaration and payment of dividends on the Class A Special shares of the Corporation in the total amount of \$12.50 per share (aggregate amount \$76,250.00, such dividends to be declared payable to the shareholder of record with respect to such shares as of the 30th day of each of June and December 2021. The results in total special and common share dividends paid in the year equal \$390,330.00

AND MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Directors of the said Corporation resolve to reconsider and amend Resolution R2020-007 such that dividends to be declared and paid on a "quarterly basis" be amended to be paid "semi-annually" ; and further amended such that the "30th day of each of March, June, September, and December 2020" be amended to read "30th day of each of March and December 2020" and that "This results in total special and common share dividends paid in the year equal \$780,660" be amended to read "This results in total special and common share dividends paid in the year equal \$390,330".

The reason for the reduction was questioned. The Chief Administrative Officer advised the Festival Hydro Board of Directors notified the City that they would like to amend the amount paid in dividends. This decision was

based on the impacts of the pandemic and the reduced electricity use in the City which resulted in this recommendation being made. This amount was included in the 2021 budget.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - 7-Eleven Canada's Liquor Sales Licence Application (COU21-035)

R2021-146

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT Stratford City Council opposes the Liquor Licence Application for an indoor area at 327 Erie Street (7-Eleven) for the following reasons:

- **Number of police calls to this location to date;**
- **Not wanting bars in convenience stores;**
- **The conflict between the sale of gasoline and alcohol in the same location;**
- **Safety of pedestrians leaving the establishment; and**
- **Potential insufficient parking pending further information.**

Carried

7.8 Correspondence - Upper Thames River Conservation Authority 2021 Budget

The UTRCA 2021 draft budget was reviewed and approved by the UTRCA's Board of Directors. There is a thirty (30) day appeal period from receipt of the levy notice should the City wish to appeal its apportionment of the 2021 levy. The City's 2021 Levy is \$404,946.00.

R2021-147

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the correspondence dated March 8, 2021 from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority with respect to the 2021 Levy for the City of Stratford be received by City Council.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - Fee Waiver Request – Memorial Gardens Hot Dog Cart Refreshment Vehicle (COU21-036)

R2021-148

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the request to waive half of the 2021 lease payment fee for the Hot Dog Cart Refreshment Vehicle vendor, adjacent to Memorial Gardens, be approved.

A member expressed concern with the length of the term for these licences. It was suggested the term should be reduced from 5 years to 2 or 3. A member noted a five year limit was set in order to secure a vendor and to make it a worthwhile venture.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

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:

R2021-149

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated March 22, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Drinking Water Quality Management Standard 2020 Infrastructure Review (ITS21-003)

THAT the DWQMS 2020 Infrastructure Review and associated documents, be received to fulfil the requirement of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

9.1.2 Drinking Water Quality Management Standard 2019 Management Review (ITS21-004)

THAT the summary report entitled QMS Report to Council 2020 – Top Management Review, be received to fulfil the requirement of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

9.1.3 Drop-off Location at Landfill for Organic Materials and Cooking Oil

THAT staff investigate the potential for a drop-off location at the landfill for organic materials and cooking oil, and the number of residents that would need to participate to ensure the program was economically viable.

9.1.4 Council's Role in Environmental Initiatives

THAT the installation of solar panels on the roofs of the Rotary Complex, Agriplex and Dufferin Arena be referred to staff for a report.

9.2 Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee:

R2021-150

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee dated March 22, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Zone Change Application Z04-20, 3797 Downie Rd 112 (PLA21-007)

THAT the zone change application for 3797 Downie Rd 112 to change the zoning from a General Industrial (I2-16-H) Zone TO a General Industrial Special (I2-37) Zone which allows a gas bar, a neighbourhood store with a maximum gross floor area of 210m² that is accessory to a gas bar, an automatic car wash with a minimum of 1 parking space and 10 stacking spaces before the car wash bay, parking spaces with a minimum width of 2.8m and a length of 5.6m BE APPROVED for the following reasons:

- I. the conditions outlined in the Holding Provision when the "H" can be removed have been satisfied;
- II. the request is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
- III. the request is in conformity with the goals, objectives and policies of the Official Plan;
- IV. the zone change will provide for a development that is appropriate for the lands;

V. the public was consulted during the zone change circulation and comments that have been received in writing or at the public meeting have been reviewed, considered and analyzed within the Planning report.

AND THAT Council pass a resolution that no further notice is required under Section 34(17) of the Planning Act.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Stratford City Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hear all interested persons with respect to the following planning application:

- Zone Change Application Z02-21 for 55-65 Lorne Ave. E.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and could have been taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present.

A request was made to take Item 11.2 separately.

R2021-151

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-laws 37-2021 to 39-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-152

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 37-2021 to 39-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-153

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT By-laws 37-2021 to 39-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2021-154

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 40-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-155

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-laws 40-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Consumption of Liquor with Food By-law - By-law 37-2021

To establish consumption of liquor with food in designated public spaces and at permitted times and to repeal By-laws 106-2020 and 118-2020.

11.2 Amend Zoning By-law 201-2002 with respect to Zone Change Application Z04-20 for 3797 Downie Road 112 - By-law 40-2021

To amend Zoning By-law 201-2000 as amended, with respect to zone change Z04-20 to rezone a portion of the lands known municipally as 3797 Downie Road 112, located on the south-east corner of the intersection of Lorne Avenue E and Downie Road 112 to allow for a site specific General Industrial I2 Zone.

11.3 Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Parts 1 and 2, Plan 44R-5566 - By-law 38-2021

to authorize the execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Anthony and Pauline Merkel for Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 44R-5566.

11.4 Accept Transfer of Parts 1 and 2, Plan 44R-5566 - By-law 39-2021

To authorize the transfer (conveyance) from Anthony George Merkel and Pauline Teresa Merkel of Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 44R-5566.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-035 to CA-2021-043

12.1 CA-2021-041

R2021-156

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT CA-2021-041, being a Resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers requesting support for Delivering Community Power, a Canada Post program, be endorsed.

Carried

12.2 CA-2021-043

R2021-157

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT CA-2021-043, being a Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed regarding advocacy for reform of the joint and several liability system, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

There were no new business items discussed at the meeting.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is April 12, 2021.

R2021-158

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];**
- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [3:15 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Social Services Committee [3:20 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Community Services Committee [3:25 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 March 22, 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

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest on Item 15.2.1 on the Reconvene Portion as she has business and board relations with the following organizations that applied for community grants from the City:

- Stratford Symphony Orchestra
- INNERchamber
- Here For Now Theatre Company

15.2 Committee Reports

15.2.1 Finance and Labour Relations Committee

R2021-159

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT Item 4.1 of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee meeting dated March 22, 2021 be adopted as follows:

4.1 Report of the 2021 Community Grants Evaluation Committee (FIN21-005)

THAT the management report entitled "Report of the 2021 Community Grants Evaluation Committee" (FIN21-005) be received;

THAT Council approve the following 2021 one-time grant recommendations of the Community Grants Evaluation Committee in the amount of up to \$116,315:

- 1. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$7,000 be provided to the Local Community Food Centre for maintenance and expansion of the Dufferin Community Garden and Edible Forest.**
- 2. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$350 be provided to the Poppy Trust Fund of Branch 8 Royal**

Canadian Legion for support of veterans and related community activities.

- 3. That a 2021 grant request of \$5,200 from Junior Achievement South Western Ontario for delivery of financial literacy programs be denied.**
- 4. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$9,000 be provided to the Kinsmen Club of Stratford to support the Canada Day Celebration parade and fireworks.**
- 5. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$2,000 be provided to the Stratford Concert Band to provide funds for equipment storage, purchase of music and payment for the Conductor.**
- 6. That a 2021 grant request of \$3,750 from the Kiwanis Club of Stratford for 50% of its rental cost for use of meeting space at the Army-Navy Hall be denied.**
- 7. That a 2021 grant in the amount of up to \$4,000 be provided to the Stratford Live Music & Food to assist with event costs such as cost of tent and washroom rentals, electrician services, security, licencing and permits.**
- 8. That a 2021 grant in the amount of up to \$1,500 be provided to the Kiwanis Festival of the Performing Arts Stratford for scholarships to Stratford residents participating in the Ontario Music Festival Association provincial competition, and for technology requirements to make a livestreaming event.**
- 9. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$1,000 be provided to Playmakers! Theatre School to assist with event costs such as lantern building supplies, artist-instructors and entertainers, refreshments, and help with socially-distancing the Stratford Lantern Festival & Procession.**
- 10. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$9,000 be provided to the Stratford & District Horticultural**

Society to fund maintenance of annual flower beds and public gardens.

- 11. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 be provided to the Stratford Lawn Bowling Club to offset costs of green maintenance.**
- 13. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$800 be provided to Music & Opera Appreciation Inc. to assist with costs of a special event concert, such as advertising, equipment, transportation, salaries and rental fees.**
- 15. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$2,000 be provided to Off the Wall Stratford Artists Alliance to assist with funding a Health & Safety Coordinator for the summer program.**
- 16. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 be provided to ONE CARE Home & Community Support Services for support of accessible transportation provided to Stratford residents outside of City of Stratford service hours, and to enhance infection prevention and control measures.**
- 17. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$31,465 be provided to the United Way Perth Huron to support its ongoing programs in Stratford, representing up to \$1.00 for every Stratford resident.**
- 18. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$2,000 be provided to Stratford Arts & Culture Collective to continue with its development, and to assist with infrastructure related expenses, workshops and consultations with members and others.**
- 19. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 be provided to Stratford Winterfest to support its 2022 annual event.**
- 20. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$9,500 be provided to Hermione Presents SpringWorks Festivals to offset expenses, such as administration and**

marketing support, City rentals and permits, and artist/ animator fees for free and pay what you choose programs.

21. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$2,200 be provided to the Stratford Dog Park Association to purchase liability insurance.

22. That a 2021 City grant in the amount up to \$4,500 be provided to Feline Friends Network of Stratford for support of its Trap Neuter Return/Trap Neuter Adoption Programs, and Low Income Assistance Program.

24. That a 2021 grant request of \$925 from Blank Stage for funding of a Stratford Pride event be denied.

THAT Council approve the following 2021 multi-year grant recommendations of the Community Grants Evaluation Committee in the amount of up to \$257,300:

1. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$175,000 be provided to the Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation.

2. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$700 be provided to the Civic Beautification & Environmental Awareness Committee to assist with insurance costs.

3. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$52,600 be provided to the Gallery Stratford.

4. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 be provided to Stratford Summer Music.

5. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$4,000 be provided toward operation of the Razzamajazz, conditional on matching dollars being raised by the group.

THAT an amount of \$16,255 be identified for contingency in the 2021 community grants budget;

THAT prior to release of any approved 2021 grants, each recipient be asked to confirm that events are being held

and monies will be used as outlined in their original applications, with no substitutions or changes;

THAT prior to release of any approved 2021 grants, the Community Grants Evaluation Committee review requests for substitutions or changes for individual grants, and report its recommendations back to Council for approval of any 2021 grant reductions;

AND THAT any appeals received from 2021 grant applicants be considered by the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee.

Carried

R2021-160

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT Council approve the following 2021 one-time grant recommendations of the Community Grants Evaluation Committee in the amount of up to \$12,000:

12. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$7,000 be provided to Stratford Symphony Orchestra to fund program development, increase artist payments, seek partnerships and expand community outreach and communication.

14. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$1,000 be provided to INNERchamber Inc. to assist with funding for its outreach program to allow lower cost tickets to students and arts workers;

23. That a 2021 City grant in the amount of up to \$4,000 be provided to the Here For Now Theatre Company for funding of Front of House/Box Office Manager and Technician Salaries.

Carried

Councillor Burbach, having declared a pecuniary interest, did not participate in the discussion or vote on this motion.

15.3 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):

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

By-law 11.5 Confirmatory By-law

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on March 22, 2021.

R2021-161

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 41-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-162

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-law 41-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-163

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the March 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:49 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 4:09 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 4:12 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Deputy Clerk – Chris Bantock