



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4654th
Date:	Monday, May 10, 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 Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Ingram
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk
Staff Present Electronically:	Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Anne Kircos - Acting Director of Human Resources, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Ed Dujlovic – IDS Consultant, Marilyn Pickering – Manager of Tax Revenue, Michael Mousley – Manager of Transit

1. Call to Order:

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

Councillor Ingram provided regrets for this meeting.

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 May 10, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-204

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated April 19, 2021 and the Regular Meeting dated April 26, 2021 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

R2021-205

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated May 10, 2021, to add receipt of correspondence and a delegation to Item 5.1 on the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda, be added.

Carried

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

5.1 At the May 10, 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);
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- 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 all items.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

None scheduled.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Cancellation of T2021-08 Argyle and McKenzie Reconstruction (COU21-047)

R2021-206

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the report entitled "Cancellation of T2021-08 Argyle and McKenzie Reconstruction" (COU21-047) be received for information.

A question and answer period ensued between members and staff with respect to:

- the price being higher than anticipated due to issuing of the tender later in the year, receiving fewer submissions, and a majority of line items being twenty to sixty percent more in cost compared to non-COVID years; and,
- adding the retention of trees later in the process having an unknown impact on the cost.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.2 Proclamation - The Canadian Personal Support Worker Network

R2021-207

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT City Council hereby proclaims May 19, 2021 as "Personal Support Worker Day" in the City of Stratford in recognition and respect for their tireless efforts during the pandemic and every day.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Transit Accessible Bus Shelter Tender (COU21-048)

R2021-208

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Tender [T2021-14] for the supply and installation of 12 5'x10' and two 4'x8' accessible bus shelters and concrete pads, as required, be awarded to Daytech Limited in the amount of \$153,018.95 including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary contract agreement.

It was questioned where the bus shelter would be located on Waterloo Street. The Manager of Transit advised it would be placed near the same spot as the existing bus stop at Waterloo Street and Ontario Street.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - 3211 Vivian Line 37 Road Widening (COU21-049)

R2021-209

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept Part 1 Plan 44R-5845 as public highway and dedicate as forming part of Vivian Street Line 37.

Carried

7.5 Proclamation - Infinite Pride Stratford

R2021-210

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT City Council hereby proclaims June 2021 as "Pride Month" in the City of Stratford and authorizes the flying of the Pride Flag at Stratford City Hall for the month of June.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Lease of 150 McCarthy Road West for Farming Purposes (COU21-050)

R2021-211

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT an Agreement with Sunova Farm Incorporated for the lease of 15.38 acres of farmland located at 150 McCarthy Road West for a period of two years to December 31, 2022 be approved;

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

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Consideration of Temporarily Making Wellington Street One Way (COU21-051)

R2021-212

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT the existing lane configuration and direction of travel on Wellington Street from St. Patrick Street to Downie Street be maintained.

A member thanked staff for preparing the report as the information would be valuable if a decision is made to proceed with the conversion in the future. The member advised they were not in support of the recommendation as they would prefer to proceed with the option that created a one-way street with a pedestrian access path close to Market Square.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.8 Resolution - Appoint Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer (COU21-052)

R2021-213

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council amend By-law 60-2003, as amended, to appoint Kelton Frey as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer for The Corporation of the City of Stratford commencing May 10, 2021;

AND THAT the appointment of Rob Reinecker as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer for the City of Stratford be rescinded.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None scheduled.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Community Services Committee:

R2021-214

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated May 10, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Orr Insurance Allman Arena Score Clock Advertising – Agreement Renewal (COM21-002)

THAT the agreement between the City of Stratford and Orr Insurance Brokers Inc. for advertising on the Allman Arena Score Clock be renewed for a further five-year term to June 30, 2026;

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

9.1.2 Free Transit During Pandemic (COM21-003)

THAT the management report titled Free Transit During Pandemic (COM21-003) be received for information and filed.

9.2 Report of the Social Services Committee

R2021-215

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Report of the Social Services Committee dated May 10, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Social Services Relief Fund; Phase 3 Allocation (SOC21-003)

THAT the report titled "Social Services Relief Fund; Phase 3 Allocation" (SOC21-003) be received for information.

9.2.2 Alternative Housing Pilot – Federal and Provincial Funding Update (SOC21-002)

THAT Council repeal the By-law authorizing the signing of the Contribution Agreement for the Social Service Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 2 Holdback with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for the construction of eight modular supportive housing units at 398 Erie Street, Stratford, in light of the City's application being denied.

9.2.3 Alternative Housing Pilot - Federal and Provincial Funding Update (SOC21-002)

THAT a letter be sent on behalf of Stratford City Council to the Province of Ontario requesting that funding programs provided to municipalities be predictable, stable and flexible both in project scope and timelines;

AND THAT a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities Ontario for support.

9.2.4 Update on Social Services Relief Funding (SOC21-004)

THAT the report entitled "Update on Social Service Relief Funding" (SOC21-004) be received for information.

10. Notice of Intent:

None scheduled.

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:

R2021-216

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 63-2021 to 68-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-217

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT By-laws 63-2021 to 68-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-218

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 63-2021 to 68-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Repeal of By-law 7-2021, Authorizing the Signing of the Contribution Agreement for the Social Service Relief Fund Phase 2 Holdback for the Construction of Eight Modular Supportive Housing Units - By-law 63-2021

To repeal By-law 7-2021 of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

11.2 Agreement for Use of Advertisement Space on Score Clock at William Allman Memorial Arena - By-law 64-2021

To authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with Orr Insurance Brokers Inc. for use of advertisement space on the score clock at the William Allman Memorial Arena from 2021 to 2026.

11.3 Accept Transfer of Part 1, Plan 44R-5845 - By-law 65-2021

To accept the transfer (conveyance) from Alma Alles of Part 1, Reference Plan 44R-5845 as a condition of consent applications B05-20 and B06-20 for 3211 Vivian Line 37.

11.4 Dedication of Public Highway Forming Part of Vivian Line 37 - By-law 66-2021

To dedicate Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-5845, as a public highway forming part of Vivian Line 37 in the City of Stratford.

11.5 Lease Agreement for 150 McCarthy Road West - By-law 67-2021

To authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with Sunova Farm Incorporated for farmland at 150 McCarthy Road West for a two year term to December 31, 2022.

11.6 Appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer - By-law 68-2021

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

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-058 to CA-2021-068

R2021-219

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT CA2021-062, being a Resolution from the Town of Fort Erie regarding the province investigating and updating source water protection legislation, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

13.1 Reconsideration of 2021 Patio Fees

A member expressed an interest in reconsidering the fees for 2021 patios and boardwalks. The member stated that he had heard from a few businesses regarding this year's fees and asked if staff could bring a report back on the cost to waive all patio fees for 2021.

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT staff be directed to report back on the costs to waive all fees related to the 2021 patio extension program.

A question and answer period ensued between members and staff with respect to:

- an overview of the fees currently in place for the 2021 patio extension program related to the flat rate model based on patio and parking space type, in addition to the boardwalk install and removal fee not exceeding \$800;
- previous Council decisions on patio fees being made before the most recent provincial lockdown; and,
- listing a Notice of Motion for the next Council meeting to reconsider the patio and boardwalk fees.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover and the seconder.

R2021-220

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT a motion be listed on the next Regular Council Agenda to reconsider 2021 patio fees and boardwalk install and removal fees.

Discussion continued with respect to:

- reaching out to businesses, who participated in 2020, which have not yet applied in 2021 to determine interest;
- proactively installing boardwalks for businesses which have been approved;
- funding being available from the Economic Recovery Task Force in 2020 to cover boardwalk delivery and install;
- ensuring prompt boardwalk delivery and install this year in order to complete patio inspections prior to operation;
- staff continuing to review applications and scheduling future boardwalk deliveries as new applicants come forward; and,
- the number of boardwalk sets remaining for additional applicants in 2021 being limited.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is May 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

R2021-221

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

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

- **Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee [3:05 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

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Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committee meetings held on May 10, 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 May 10, 2021 Reconvene Council meeting.

15.2 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):

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

By-law 11.7 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 69-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on May 10, 2021.

R2021-222

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-law 69-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-223

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 69-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-224

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the May 10, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:29 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 4:15 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 4:16 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe