



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4658th
Date:	Monday, June 28, 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, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk
Staff Present Electronically:	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, Naeem Khan - Manager of IT & Business Systems, Alyssa Bride - Manager of Planning, Spencer Steckley - Manager of Financial Services, Mike Mousley - Manager of Transit, Brad Hernden - Manager of Recreation and Marketing, Allison Jordon - Events Coordinator, Marilyn Pickering - Supervisor of Tax Revenue, Jeneane Fast - Housing Stability Policy & Program Coordinator
Also Present:	Ed Dujlovic- Consultant, Mai Abdou – Consultant, Gabe Metron – Consultant, Members of the Public, Media

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 June 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-283

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated June 14, 2021 and the Special Meeting dated June 21, 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 June 28, 2021, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

4.1 IBEW Water Division and ATU Transit Division Negotiations Update - Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d);

5.1 Stratford Professional Firefighters Association (SPFFA) Negotiations Update - 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)).

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

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

None scheduled.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Approval of Asset Management Plan (COU21-069)

R2021-284

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the presentation regarding the Asset Management Plan by the City's consultant, Public Sector Digest, be heard.

Carried

Mai Abdou, Asset Management Consultant with Public Sector Digest, Citywide Inc., (Consultant) presented the Asset Management Plan (AMP) created for the city. Information was provided on project deliverables, what asset management involves, legislation mandating the creation of AMPs, and requirements to review, update and post AMPs. The Consultant also provided information on the costs associated with the City's asset portfolio, the state or condition of the City's infrastructure, forecasted capital requirements, key recommendations, and next steps.

The assessment of certain assets such as sidewalks, traffic signals, machinery, office equipment and the municipal golf course was discussed. Members and the Consultant also discussed the use of technology to assess the condition of assets and that this information can be incorporated into the plan. It was confirmed the Stratford Police Services facility was included in the AMP.

The incorporation of natural assets into AMPs was questioned and how the City's asset management position compares to other municipalities was discussed. The Consultant recommended reviewing levels of service and current assets to see if they are still necessary and are meeting the public's expectations.

*Councillor Sebben departed the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Discussion was further held on the difficulties being experienced by municipalities when managing and funding their AMPs.

R2021-285

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council receive and approve the Asset Management Plan for the City of Stratford;

AND THAT Council refer the Asset Management Financial Strategy to the 2022 Budget deliberations.

*Councillor Sebben returned to the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

A request was made for staff, at budget time, to overlay the information related to dips, valleys and peaks to be experienced over the next 30-40 years with the City's existing debt and debt servicing. The purpose being to come up with a strategy that looks at how the City can use its reserve policy to smooth out the hills and valleys of the capital budget and plan. It was suggested this is a good time to consider how the city can take care of existing hills and valleys of assets. It was also suggested this is a good time to develop an asset replacement policy that is tied into reserves so that the city does not continue to have hills and valleys into the future.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.2 Correspondence - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Members were advised the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is conducting oral rabies vaccine bait distribution in the summer and fall of 2021.

For the information of Council.

7.3 Resolution - Landfill Gas Collection System Expansion Call for Tenders (COU21-067)

R2021-286

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council approve amending the 2021 Landfill Capital budget to include \$1,150,000 for the expansion of the landfill gas collection system;

THAT Council approve funding the expansion project using the Waste Management Capital reserve R-R11-WAST;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to call to tender the 2021 Landfill Gas Collection System Expansion project.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - Housing Connectivity & Security Systems (COU21-068)

R2021-287

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT Council authorize an exemption from the Purchasing Policy to allow for the appointment of Synnapex Inc. to provide professional services for the installation of the video surveillance and networking hardware;

AND THAT the contract to Supply and Deliver Meraki, Fortinet, and Server Solutions for Perth & Stratford Housing Corporation be awarded to Cloud Managed Networks for the amount of \$100,424.77 including HST.

It was questioned whether the pricing for years 2 and 3 could be locked in. The Director of Social Services advised she would review with the Manager of IT & Business Systems.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Request to Amend the Previously Granted Exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2021 Stratford Festival Outdoor Season at the Festival Theatre and Tom Patterson Theatre (COU21-070)

R2021-288

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT approval be given to the request from Stratford Festival for their 2021 outdoor season for an amended exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 at the Festival Theatre 55 Queen Street and at Tom Patterson Theatre at 111 Lakeside Drive for rehearsals and performances from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. between June 29, 2021 and September 7, 2021 and for performances from 11:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. between September 8, 2021 and September 30, 2021 from the following provisions:

- **Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]**
 - **The operation of any auditory signaling device, including ringing of bells or gongs and the blowing of horns or sirens or whistles [Schedule 2 Clause 1]**

- **The operation of loud speakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]**
- **The discharge of prop firearms for sound effects [Schedule 2 Clause 7]**
- **Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16]**
- **The operation or use of musical instruments [Schedule 2 Clause 17]**

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Extension of Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Werner Bromberg Limited (COU21-071)

R2021-289

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT the request from Werner Bromberg Limited for an extension to the City's option to repurchase a portion of the former fairgrounds lands, be approved;

THAT Option 2 be approved to grant a nine (9) month extension following the decision of the Ontario Land Tribunal;

THAT the nine (9) month extension shall be no longer than 5 years from the date of execution of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale (July 31, 2023);

THAT a refundable performance deposit of \$154,315.86 be provided to the City;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the extension agreement prepared by the City Solicitor.

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:

R2021-290

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated June 28, 2021 be adopted as printed.

A request was made to take Item 9.1.2 separately.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Items 9.1.1 and 9.1.3 to 9.1.6.

Carried

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.1.2.

Carried

9.1.1 Lakeside Drive Transportation Review (ITS21-021)

THAT Staff discuss with Festival Theatre and Stratford Summer Music representatives the temporary road closure of Lakeside Drive for the months of July and August;

AND THAT Staff report back to Council regarding temporary road closure considerations.

9.1.2 Resolution to Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants (ITS21-015)

THAT the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Earth is on course toward a climate crisis, unless timely actions are taken to minimize the greenhouse effect;

AND WHEREAS the use of fossil fuels is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect because of the increasing amount of heat trapping Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere;

AND WHEREAS Stratford, along with other municipalities has declared a "Climate Emergency" and is considering a Carbon Net Zero goal to be achieved by 2050;

AND WHEREAS the 2050 Carbon Net Zero goal has been, and is being adopted by countries and governments at all levels, as well as by industries, social and economic institutions;

AND WHEREAS the most effective way of achieving that goal is through initiatives in reducing carbon footprint, and greening;

AND WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, Electricity generation fueled by Natural gas contributes substantially to the province's carbon footprint and provides an opportunity for rapid reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through the elimination of this form of generation;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of environmental and economic wellbeing for the province of Ontario, immediate action to replace the gas generators by sustainable zero carbon alternatives should be undertaken;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the City of Stratford strongly appeal to the Government of Ontario to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon based sustainable alternatives;

AND Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to Ontario municipalities and their organizations including AMO and OSUM for their consideration of support.

9.1.3 2021 FedDev Ontario Airport Grant (ITS21-016)

THAT the report of the Fire Chief (ITS21-016) be received for information;

AND THAT City Council approve the application for FedDev grant funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for taxiway expansion at the Stratford Municipal Airport.

9.1.4 Vehicle Idling By-law Amendments (ITS21-017)

THAT By-law #133-2001 be amended to:

- reduce the permitted idling time to one (1) minute; and,
- remove the outside temperature exception for idling time limits;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to bring forward a by-law to amend Vehicle Idling By-law #133-2001 to give effect to the proposed changes contained in Report ITS21-017.

9.1.5 Encroachment Application for 23-27-31 Avon Street (ITS21-020)

THAT the application to permit six parking spaces to encroach on municipal property by the owner of 23-27-31 Avon Street, specifically:

- One parking space on the Avon Street road allowance on the west side of the existing sidewalk;
- Two parking spaces on the Avon Street road allowance on the east side of the existing sidewalk;
- Three existing parking spaces on the McLagan Drive road allowance with curb stops to ensure that vehicles do not park or extend over the sidewalk, be approved;

AND THAT the annual fee of \$1,497.31, adjusted yearly by the CPI, be added to the property tax bill for 23-27-31 Avon Street, Stratford.

9.1.6 John Street Weir

THAT staff contact the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to determine what their position is on the John Street Weir and report back to Sub-committee.

9.2 Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee:

R2021-291

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee dated June 28, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Five Year Review of the City of Stratford's Official Plan (PLA21-010)

THAT Council initiate the five-year review of the City of Stratford's Official Plan;

THAT in the Fall of 2021 Staff report to Council on the proposed work plan and consultation and engagement strategy;

AND THAT a review of heritage designation areas in the City of Stratford be undertaken.

9.2.2 Request to add a non-voting position to the Heritage Stratford Committee (PLA21-013)

THAT the request to amend the Heritage Stratford Committee's terms of reference to appoint a non-voting, ex-officio representative from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (Stratford Branch), be received and filed.

9.3 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

R2021-292

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated June 28, 2021 be adopted as printed.

A request was made to take Items 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 separately.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Items 9.3.1, 9.3.2 and 9.3.5 to 9.3.7.

Carried

On Item 9.3.3, a member advised they would not be supporting this motion. The member stated they are in favour of reducing the number of councillors and including the direct election of the deputy mayor position. Discussion was held on the benefits and drawbacks of a ward system versus an at-large election system. A member stated they are in favour of implementing a ward system in the city.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.3.3.

Carried

On Item 9.3.4, discussion was held on the benefits and drawbacks of directly electing the deputy mayor position.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.3.4.

Carried

9.3.1 City of Stratford Waste Management Rate Study (FIN21-007)

THAT the information in the Waste Management Rate Study be received;

AND THAT the rates proposed be considered during the formation of the 2022 Budget.

9.3.2 Proxy Voting for Council and Committee meetings (FIN21-012)

THAT the report entitled "Proxy Voting for Council and Committee meetings" (FIN21-012) be received;

AND THAT no further action be taken at this time with respect to proxy voting for members at meetings of Council or Committees of Council.

9.3.3 Composition and Size of Council – 2022 Pre-election Report (FIN21-009)

THAT the report entitled "Composition and Size of Council – 2022 Pre-election Report" (FIN21-009) be received;

AND THAT the composition of Stratford City Council remain status quo for the 2022 municipal election.

9.3.4 Deputy Mayor Position – 2022 Pre-election Report (FIN21-011)

THAT the report entitled "Deputy Mayor Position – 2022 Pre-election Report" (FIN21-011) be received;

AND THAT the status quo of appointing a Deputy Mayor from within the elected Council be maintained for the 2022 election.

9.3.5 Voting Systems and Alternative Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election (FIN21-013)

THAT the report entitled "Voting Systems and Alternative Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election" (FIN21-013) be received;

AND THAT a by-law be enacted to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting for the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election.

9.3.6 Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEED Co./investStratford) – Update as of April 30, 2021 (FIN21-008)

THAT the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEED Co./investStratford) Summary & Report: Activities of

investStratford, Oct 2020 – April 2021, dated May 18, 2021 be received for information.

9.3.7 Destination Stratford Report May 18 2021 (FIN21-010)

THAT the Destination Stratford report dated May 18, 2021 (FIN21-010) 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 could be taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present:

R2021-293

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 85-2021 to 88-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-294

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 85-2021 to 88-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-295

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT By-laws 85-2021 to 88-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Acceptance of Tender for Supply and Delivery of Meraki, Fortinet and Serve Solutions for the Perth & Stratford Housing Corp. - By-law 85-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Cloud Managed Networks for the Supply and Delivery of Meraki, Fortinet, and Server Solutions for the Perth & Stratford Housing Corporation [T-2021-25].

11.2 Authorize the Use of Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election - By-law 86-2021

To authorize the use of internet and telephone voting as an alternate voting method for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election in the City of Stratford.

11.3 Extension Agreement with Werner Bromberg Limited to extend City's Option to Purchase - By-law 87-2021

To authorize the execution of an Extension Agreement with Werner Bromberg Limited, to extend the City's option to repurchase a portion of the former fairgrounds lands.

11.4 Amend Idling Control By-law 133-2001 - By-law 88-2021

To amend the Idling Control By-law 133-2001, a by-law to prohibit excessive idling of vehicles in the City of Stratford, to reduce the permitted idling time to one (1) minute and remove the outside temperature exception for idling time limits.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-087 to CA-2021-095

Council did not advise of any items to be considered on the Consent Agenda.

13. New Business:

There were no new business items discussed at the meeting.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is July 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

R2021-296

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

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

- **Planning and Heritage Committee [3:05 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Social Services Committee [3:10 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Community Services 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

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 June 28, 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 June 28, 2021 reconvene Council meeting.

15.2 Committee Reports

15.2.1 Social Services Committee

R2021-297

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT Item 6.1 of the Social Services Committee meeting dated June 28, 2021 be adopted as follows:

6.1 - 2020 Annual Report (Year 7) – Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys (SOC21-005)

THAT the 2020 Annual Report – Housing and Homelessness Plan for Stratford, Perth County, and St. Marys (2020-2024) be endorsed by Council.

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 11.5 Confirmatory By-law 89-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on June 28, 2021.

R2021-298

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-law 89-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-299

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 89-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-300

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the June 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:09 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 4:53 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 4:54 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe