



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4660th
Date:	Monday, July 26, 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 Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Sebben
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City 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, Michael Mousley - Manager of Transit, Brad Hernden - Manager of Recreation and Marketing, Stephanie Potter - Policy and Research Associate, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary
Also Present:	Andrea Page, Andrew Williams, Paul Roulston, Eric Charbonneau, Jennifer Vivian, Jim Archibald, Members of the Public

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Mathieson 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 disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the July 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-322

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 12, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated July 19, 2021 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:

R2021-323

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated July 26, 2021, to add items 5.2, 5.3, 7.11, 11.9 and 11.10, be added as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the July 26, 2021, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

4.1 IBEW Local 636 Water Division Contract Negotiations Update - Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d));

5.1 Appointment to the Partners for Climate Protection Program - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

5.2 ADDED - IBEW Local 636 Water Division Contract Negotiations Update - Labour relations or employee negotiations(section 239.(2)(d))

R2021-324

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT Council ratify the Memorandum of Settlement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Water Division, Local 636 effective May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2025 and that the Mayor, Clerk and senior staff officials be authorized to execute the collective agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

Carried

5.3 ADDED - Appointment to the Partners for Climate Protection Program - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section239.(2)(b))

R2021-325

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Councillor Vassilakos be appointed as the elected official representative for the City of Stratford in the Partners for Climate Protection Program.

Carried

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Presentation by Stratford General Hospital Foundation

Representatives from the Stratford General Hospital Foundation requested to address Council to provide an overview of their activities and to request support of their Catalyst for Campaign Launch in the amount of \$5 million over 10 years.

R2021-326

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the presentation by Andrea Page - Executive Director of the Stratford General Hospital Foundation, Andrew Williams - President and CEO of the Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance and Paul Roulston - Stratford General Hospital Foundation Board Chair, be heard.

Carried

Andrea Page, Executive Director of the Stratford General Hospital Foundation, referred to a Powerpoint presentation and provided information on their Catalyst for Campaign Launch as follows:

- COVID-19 revealed that staff are their greatest strength, but that outdated equipment and facilities are not built for a pandemic;
- Examples of community support during COVID were given, with \$350,000 was raised during COVID-19 to be used for equipment and training;
- The 2005 Heart and Soul campaign was reviewed, noting that the City pledged \$5 million at the beginning of that campaign;
- The Region of Niagara recently pledged \$44 million to their hospital campaign; and,
- The impact of the City's donation to the hospital's North Wing was stated, with first-hand examples provided from patients.

It was stated that the City's commitment is a catalyst for the campaign launch and for securing further municipal donations. \$14.3 million of the \$30 million target has already been raised in the community and \$1.5 million was spent on equipment during the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

Andrew Williams, President & CEO of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, thanked Council and the community for their leadership during the pandemic and highlighted the importance of staying connected. The pandemic showed the need to identify and proactively invest in the tools to support the community and the hospital staff.

Several slides were shown highlighting statistics and information as follows:

- in-patient activity, emergency room visits, births, and oncology patients. Emergency room visits dropped significantly at the beginning of the pandemic. It was noted that there was a massive drop in respiratory pediatric patients as a result of public health measures;
- the orthopedic program at the Stratford hospital was chosen was one of the world's best in 2021 based on a Newsweek analysis;
- Oncology numbers continue to climb and this area is one of the services the campaign plans to augment; and,
- Success with recruitment of physicians and specialists was highlighted. The biggest challenge is recruiting and retaining health care professionals as it is competitive. The importance of attracting exceptional health care professionals was stressed, with affordable housing and business investment in the community noted.

Paul Roulston, Stratford General Hospital Foundation Board Chair, reviewed the improvements that will be completed by this campaign. He respectfully requested a \$5 million commitment over 10 years towards the campaign.

Council asked a number of questions including how many years are left on the commitment to the Stratford Rotary Hospice and whether there was a timeline for commitment.

A suggestion was made to refer this request to the Community Grants process. It was suggested to first refer to the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee to gather all of the relevant information.

R2021-327

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT the request from the Stratford General Hospital Foundation for funding in the amount of \$5 Million over 10 years for their Catalyst for Campaign Launch be referred to the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee.

Ms. Page stated that the pledge is the most important and the timing of the first payment less so. They know the City has other commitments but

that municipal support makes a difference when going to other partners for a commitment.

It was suggested that the City make a pledge, but with the condition that it be matched by other municipalities.

Clarification was requested whether the \$30 million was just for the Stratford hospital and it was confirmed it was.

The Chair called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

R2021-328

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT the development of a matching grant program with surrounding municipalities be referred to staff for review and preparation of a report for Council's consideration.

Carried

6.2 Presentation by Infinite Pride

Infinite Pride, in collaboration with Kelly Ballantyne, have requested to address Council with respect to their request to paint the Pride Progress Flag on the city crosswalk located at the intersection of Wellington Street and Downie Street.

R2021-329

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the presentation by Jennifer Vivian and Eric Charbonneau on behalf of Infinite Pride be heard.

Carried

Eric Charbonneau, Board Member of Infinite Pride, reviewed the proposal put forward by Infinite Pride and Kelly Ballantyne.

History on the Pride Progress flag was provided. The traditional rainbow Pride flag is joined by the transgender colours of white, blue and pink, as well as brown and black representing people of colour. The arrow shape is meant to convey the progress still needed for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Background on the project was provided and details on the completion of the crosswalk were stated, as described in the proposal attached to the agenda.

A fundraising campaign will be launched should this proposal be approved by City Council. They are prepared to fully fund this project; however, they will be submitting a grant application as well.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Downtown Pride Crosswalk (COU21-073)

R2021-330

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT Council approve the installation of the Pride Progress Flag crosswalk on Wellington Street at Downie Street;

AND THAT Council permit staff to coordinate the temporary road closure and the installation of the proposed crosswalk.

In response to questions from Council regarding whether the proposed material is suitable and how long the paint will last, the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services has advised that the material is what is typically used for crosswalks and will last 3-5 years before it begins to fade. It can be requested to renew this design at that time.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Lakeside Drive Road Closure Recommendation (COU21-072)

R2021-331

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council approve the temporary road closure of Lakeside Drive from Front Street to Morenz Drive on weekends from Friday afternoons until Monday mornings, starting July 30 and terminating September 7, 2021;

THAT Council approve the temporary road closure of eastbound traffic on Lakeside Drive east of Waterloo Street to Morenz Drive

on weekends from Friday afternoons until Monday mornings, starting July 30 and terminating September 7, 2021;

AND THAT Council approve staff to make adjustments to the temporary road closures on Lakeside Drive between Queen Street and Waterloo Street.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Romeo and O'Loane Road Widening (COU21-079)

R2021-332

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept Parts 1 and 2 Plan 44R-5890 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of Romeo Street North;

AND THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept Parts 2 and 3 Plan 44R-5877 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of O'Loane Avenue.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities – Key Performance Indicators Update and Implementation (COU21-075)

R2021-333

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Key Performance Indicator Update and Implementation Report First and Second Quarter, 2021 be received as information.

A suggestion was made to add kilometers of trail and accessibility options added to transit ridership as a KPI for active transportation.

Staff stated that they would like to add trail and bike usage as a KPI, however, the infrastructure is not in place at this time. They are looking at options for including trail counters to bring that data forward.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

It was clarified that trails created and what the City was doing to create, promote and ensure design excellence in those trails was the intention, in addition to usership of those trails.

It was suggested that creation of the report card that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee is creating will assist. It was suggested that higher levels of use could also be a KPI.

7.5 Resolution - Service Delivery Review – Update and Implementation Plan (COU21-080)

R2021-334

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the Service Delivery Review Update for July 2021 be received as information.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Concrete Sidewalk Installation - Tender Award for Contract T2021-18 (COU21-074)

R2021-335

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT the Concrete Sidewalk Installation contract be awarded to Nicholson Concrete at a total price of \$135,792.10 including HST;

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

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Cooper Block – Process to Restart Community Hub Project (COU21-078)

The CAO introduced Jim Archibald, who assisted with preparing the report, along with various staff members.

Referring to a Powerpoint presentation, the CAO stated that this project was paused during COVID-19 but is now ready to be restarted.

A review of the Grand Trunk Master Plan was given, noting it was a key milestone for this project and was adopted by Council in 2018.

The 11 key elements of the plan were referred to and an update provided on the bus terminal, which is now operational as both a terminal for Stratford Public Transit and a transfer spot for two transportation pilot project launched in 2020 between area municipalities.

Staff are recommending the first phase of the implementation strategy be undertaken as follows:

- complete removal of the leaking roof over the historic steel trusses, including the removal and storage of the skylights and old growth roof planks and removal and disposal of all asbestos containing felt/tar roofing;
- cleaning, repair and priming of steel trusses in the Community Hub area; and,
- bracing and stabilization of all salvageable trusses.

Completion of these actions will:

- eliminate environmental liability of asbestos roofing over trusses;
- eliminate safety concerns from leaking roof;
- preserve skylights and wood planks for future assessment;
- repair and restore steel trusses in Community Hub area; and,
- brace and stabilize other salvageable trusses.

It was clarified that the roof work needs to be done regardless of timelines on reuse of this project due to safety concerns.

Next steps in 2022 subject to Council direction include:

- architectural design of Community Hub;
- confirmation of site servicing needs;
- development of on-site road network;
- removal of damaged or unsuitable buildings; and,
- assessment of skylights and roof planks.

Should Council be in support, staff will work with the engineers on an RFP this fall.

In response to a question from Council regarding removal of lead paint, the CAO stated that in the particular area of the Community Hub, the steel trusses will be cleaned to remove rust and paint, then primed. The primed trusses can then be exposed to the elements for 3-5 years without significant deterioration of the steel. Removal of the roof will not significantly affect the condition of the remaining trusses, as the rust prevents further degradation. The skylights and boards will be stored in the Cooper Annex building on site.

Discussion took place regarding inclusion of community partners such as the University of Waterloo and the YMCA. The CAO confirmed discussions are currently ongoing.

R2021-336

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the City of Stratford confirm the revitalization strategy for the Cooper Block presented in the 2018 Grand Trunk Community Hub Master Plan;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with necessary pre-construction activities for the new Community Hub facility within the historic steam locomotive maintenance building including:

- **Preserving the structural elements of the historic buildings and removing asbestos and other designated substances as necessary prior to redevelopment;**
- **Confirming short and long-term servicing needs for the entire Site including electrical, potable water, fire suppression, natural gas, storm and sanitary sewers;**
- **Continuing to finalize the environmental remediation plan in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;**
- **Authorizing staff to retain professional services to an upset limit of \$55,000 plus HST to provide contract and design specifications for structural design, and removal of asbestos and non-structural roof components;**
- **Reporting to Council with an Implementation Plan Update and Multi-Year Cost Projection in December 2021; and**

- **That staff be directed to report to Council with an update on anticipated project costs in Autumn 2021.**

In response to whether legal matters for this site have been completed, the CAO advised a five-week LPAT hearing regarding compensation was recently concluded and staff are hopeful for a decision by the end of the year.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

7.8 Resolution - Community Hub Fundraising (COU21-076)

R2021-337

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the City of Stratford prepare and issue a Request for Proposals to retain a Fundraising Campaign Manager for the Grand Trunk Community Hub;

AND THAT the acceptance of the successful proposal be subject to Council approval as part of the 2022 budget deliberations.

Discussion took place regarding:

- the scope of the feasibility study;
- whether its premature to talk about fundraising when provincial/federal support is unknown;
- the \$5 million the City has set aside for this project;
- more public consultation once architectural designs are completed;
- importance of starting fundraising to show provincial and federal government evidence of community support;
- how far ahead of construction fundraising for Rotary Complex began;
- removing the roof to be shovel ready;
- dovetailing this project with the marketing strategy approved in Community Services; and,
- importance of approaching fundraising in a strategic manner.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - Service System Manager Request for Qualification – Employment Services Ontario Transformation (COU21-081)

R2021-338

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the report titled “Service System Manager Request for Qualification – Employment Services Ontario Transformation” (COU21-081) be received for information.

Carried

7.10 Correspondence - Ontario Energy Board Notice

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2022, based on a rate-setting framework and other adjustments previously approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the period 2019-2023.

The full application is available in the Clerk's Office for viewing by appointment.

For the information of Council.

7.11 ADDED - Award of Proposal RFP-2021-21 Aerial Submission Summary and Amendment to 2021 Budget (COU21-077)

R2021-339

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2021 Fire Capital budget to include \$1,864,100.74 for the purchase of the Aerial Platform Tower Fire Apparatus;

THAT Council approve the purchase through long term debt financing at the appropriate time as determined by the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND THAT the proposal for the supply and delivery of a 2020 or newer 100 Foot Tandem Axle Mid-Mount Aerial Platform Tower Fire Apparatus (RFP-2021-21) be awarded to Commercial

Emergency Equipment Co. at a total cost of \$2,070,001.80 (including H.S.T.).

In response to whether there were funds in reserve and what the rationale for sole sourcing was, the Fire Chief provided some background information on the matter as follows:

- very specific design needs to suit the community for the next 30 years;
- staff searched out best practices across the province;
- a requirement of the contract was the ability to search the equipment within 200 km. Otherwise, they would be without a key piece of equipment for long periods of time should it need to be repaired or serviced;
- the specifications eliminated all but four proposals;
- the need for a mid-mount apparatus was key due to certain areas and features within the City;
- within the RFP, it was permitted for proponents to suggest alternatives to specifications;
- staff spoke with users of vehicles to identify what they would do differently; and,
- one manufacturer had a stock vehicle in Texas that they were able to make minor modifications to meet the specifications.

In response to whether the equipment would fit in the firehall, the Fire Chief confirmed it would.

The Fire Chief thanked the Fleet Manager and team members for their hard work and expertise sourcing this equipment.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion on the floor.

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:

R2021-340

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated July 26, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Guelph Street – No Parking Review (ITS21-023)

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

Schedule 2 (No Parking) be amended by adding:

Street	Side	Between	Period
Guelph Street	North	From Downie Street to Taylor Street	Anytime

Schedule 2 (No Parking) be amended by removing:

Street	Side	Between	Period
Guelph Street	North	From Downie Street easterly to a point 55 m east of the easterly curb line of Downie Street	Anytime
Street	Side	Between	Period
Guelph Street	Both	From Downie Street to Taylor Street	Anytime

9.1.2 Stratford Landfill Public Input Invited June 2021 (ITS21-025)

THAT Council consider any comments received;

AND THAT the report on the Stratford Landfill Public Input June 2021 (ITS21-025) be received for information.

9.1.3 Durkin Street Renaming Request (ITS21-024)

THAT staff be authorized to give Notice of Intent to Consider a By-law to change the street name of Durkin Street to Wright Boulevard.

9.1.4 Adoption of the City of Stratford’s Facility Accessibility Design Manual 2021 (ITS21-022)

THAT the City of Stratford Facility Accessibility Design Manual 2021 be adopted.

9.2 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

R2021-341

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated July 26, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Tax Relief under Section 357(1)(d.1) – Sickness or Extreme Poverty (FIN21-017)

THAT the tax interest relief request as presented by the owner of 405 Huron Street, Stratford, be filed.

9.2.2 Purchasing Policy Exemption Request for the Queen Street Trunk Storm Sewer Project (FIN21-018)

THAT Council approve an exemption from section 42 of the Purchasing Policy in order to sole source contract administration and inspection services for the Queen Street Trunk Storm Sewer construction project;

THAT Wood Canada Limited be retained for contract administration and inspection services for the Queen Street Trunk Storm Sewer construction project at an estimated cost of up to \$494,500 including HST;

THAT the Mayor and Clerk or their respective delegates be authorized to execute the contract for services with Wood Canada Limited;

AND THAT the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services be authorized to engage Wood Canada Limited to begin the work upon award of the tender for the Queen Street Trunk Storm Sewer by City Council.

9.2.3 2020 Treasurer's Statements for Development Charge and Cash In Lieu of Parkland Reserve Funds (FIN21-014)

THAT the 2020 Treasurer's Statement for City of Stratford Development Charge Reserve Funds be received for information;

AND THAT the 2020 Treasurer's Statement for City of Stratford Cash In Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund be received for information.

9.2.4 2020 Treasurer's Statements for Development Charge and Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Funds (FIN21-014)

THAT staff be directed to develop a policy on the use of the Cash In Lieu of Parkland Reserve.

9.2.5 Proposed 2022 Budget Schedule and Process (FIN21-015)

THAT the report of the Manager of Financial Services dated June 22, 2021 regarding the Proposed 2022 Budget Schedule and Process (FIN21-015) be received for information;

THAT the following Finance and Labour Relations Committee meeting dates be confirmed and scheduled as 2022 Budget Meetings:

- November 17, 2021, at 9:00am
- November 24, 2021, in the evening, if possible
- November 30, 2021, in the evening, if possible
- December 9, 2021, in the evening, if possible;

THAT a 2022 Pre-Budget meeting date be scheduled;

THAT the Proposed 2022 Budget Schedule be endorsed;

THAT staff be directed to prepare a budget with a maximum 2-3% tax increase;

AND THAT Council provide staff with any specific capital projects, changes in service levels or activities to advance the approved strategic priority goals they wish to be considered for the 2022 fiscal year.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Intent to Adopt a By-law to Change the name of Durkin Street to Wright Boulevard

Notice is hereby given that Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford is considering a By-law to change the name of "Durkin Street" in the City of Stratford. The authority for changing the names of streets is

found in By-law 47-2008 and the Municipal Act, 2001. The proposed By-law would have the following affect:

- The entire length of "Durkin Street" from Wright Boulevard to Line 29 is to be renamed "Wright Boulevard".

A map showing the affected street is available from the Clerk's Office, located at City Hall.

City Council will consider the By-law at the August 9, 2021, Regular Council meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom.

Comments about the proposed street name change must be made in writing and submitted by Tuesday, August 3, 2021, to:

City Clerk,
Stratford City Hall,
P.O. Box 818,
Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Tel: 519-271-0250 Extension 5237
Email: clerks@stratford.ca

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:

R2021-342

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT By-laws 96-2021 to 103-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-343

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 96-2021 to 103-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two thirds support

R2021-344

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT By-laws 96-2021 to 103-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Amend Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 - By-law 96-2021

To amend Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008 as amended, to amend Schedule 2, No Parking.

11.2 Acceptance of Tender for Concrete Sidewalk Installation - By-law 97-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Nicholson Concrete for the Concrete Sidewalk Installation contract [T-2021-18].

11.3 Accept Conveyance of Parts 1 and 2, 44R-5890 - By-law 98-2021

To accept the transfer (conveyance) from 529478 Ontario Inc. of Parts 1 and 2, Reference Plan 44R-5890 as a condition of Site Plan Application SPA03-21 for 379 Romeo Street North.

11.4 Dedication of Parts 1 and 2, 44R-5890 as Public Highway - By-law 99-2021

To dedicate Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 44R-5890, as a public highway forming part of Romeo Street North in the City of Stratford.

11.5 Accept Conveyance of Parts 2 and 3, 44R-5877 - By-law 100-2021

To accept the transfer (conveyance) from Robert and Ruth Ann Robinet of Parts 2 and 3, Reference Plan 44R-5877 as a condition of consent application B09-20 for 1114 O'Loane Avenue.

11.6 Dedication of Parts 2 and 3, 44R-5877 as Public Highway - By-law 101-2021

To dedicate Parts 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 44R-5877, as a public highway forming part of O'Loane Avenue in the City of Stratford.

11.7 ADDED - Acceptance of Proposal for Supply and Delivery of Aerial Platform Tower Fire Apparatus - By-law 102-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a proposal by Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. for the supply and delivery of a 2020 or newer 100 Foot Tandem Axle Mid-Mount Aerial Platform Tower Fire Apparatus [RFP-2021-21].

11.8 ADDED - Execution of a Collective Agreement with Local Union 636 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Water Division) - By-law 103-2021

To authorize entering into and execution of a collective agreement with Local Union 636 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A.F. of L., C.I.O, C.L.C. (IBEW Water Division), effective May 1, 2021.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-101 to CA-2021-105

12.1 CA-2021-103

R2021-345

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT CA-2021-103, being a resolution from the City of Mississauga calling on the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling with respect to compensation to First Nations children and their families, be endorsed.

Carried

12.2 CA-2021-104

R2021-346

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT CA-2021-104, being a resolution from the Township of Georgian Bay requesting the implementation of the uncompleted Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action report, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

13.1 Petition to eliminate the automation and download of ODSP

Reference was made to a resolution by MPP Lisa Gretzky calling on the Province to reconsider the downloading and automation of ODSP to municipalities and whether the City should endorse the resolution.

The Director of Social Services stated that she does not know enough about the model and what is being downloaded to municipalities to provide comments.

It was requested that the letter be forwarded to staff for review.

13.2 Use of Pronouns in Zoom

It was suggested that Council members add their pronouns to their Zoom names as a method of encouraging inclusion.

The CAO stated that the City has an internal policy encouraging staff to add their pronouns to their email signatures and she could discuss adding Zoom with the Acting Director of Human Resources.

13.3 Funding of Hospitals and Equipment

Concern was stated at the requirement for municipalities to fundraise for hospital equipment and capital campaigns when healthcare is a provincial responsibility and creates disparity across municipalities.

It was suggested that municipalities that can fundraise, should, but should also advocate for the municipal system as a whole.

R2021-347

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT a letter expressing concerns with municipalities providing capital funding to hospitals for equipment purchases when health care is a provincial responsibility and due to the disparity it creates among municipalities be drafted;

AND THAT the letter be sent to the Minister of Health, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth-Wellington, Critics and the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Carried

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is Monday, August 9, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

R2021-348

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

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

- **Community Services 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

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 July 26, 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 disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the reconvene portion of the July 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

15.2 Committee Reports:

15.2.1 Community Services Committee

R2021-349

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Item 5.1 of the Community Services Committee meeting dated July 26, 2021 be adopted as follows:

5.1 Delegation of Authority to Sign Bus Stop and Shelter Agreements (COM21-006)

THAT the Manager of Transit or the Supervisor of Transit or the Director of Community Services be authorized to execute agreements for the purpose of locating bus stops and shelters on private property between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and private landowners;

THAT Schedule A to Delegation of Authority By-law 135-2017, as amended, be further amended to delegate

authority to the Manager of Transit or the Supervisor of Transit or the Director of Community Services to execute agreements and all other documents with respect to locating City Transit bus stops and shelters on private property;

THAT the bus stop and shelter agreement are to be in a form previously approved by legal counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND THAT a signed copy of each bus stop and shelter agreement to be forwarded by the Department to the City Clerk for retention.

Carried

15.3 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and were taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present:

By-law 11.7 - Delegation of Authority to Sign Certain Bus Stop Agreements - By-law 104-2021

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Manager of Transit, or the Supervisor of Transit, or the Director of Community Services to sign agreements for the purpose of locating bus stops and shelters on private property between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and private landowners.

By-law 11.8 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 105-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on July 26, 2021.

R2021-350

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 104-2021 and 105-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-351

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-laws 104-2021 and 105-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two thirds support

R2021-352

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT By-laws 104-2021 and 105-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting:

R2021-353

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the July 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 5:02 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 5:12 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 5:13 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe