



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4661st
Date:	Monday, August 9, 2021
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronic Meeting
Council Present Electronically:	Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk
Staff Present Electronically:	David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Spencer Steckley - Manager of Financial Services
Also Present:	Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner, Members of the Public and Members of the Media

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Mathieson called the Council meeting to order.

Members were advised August 9, 2021 is the International Day of the World's Indigenous People and August 12, 2021 is the International Youth Day.

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 August 9, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-354

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

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

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

There was no Addendum to be added to the August 9, 2021 Regular Council agenda.

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

5.1 At the August 9, 2021 Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

4.1 Disposition of Wright Business Park (WBP) Industrial Land - 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).

At the In-camera Session, direction was given.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Presentation by Integrity Commissioner of the 2020 Annual Report

R2021-355

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT the presentation by Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner, be heard.

Carried

Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner, provided an overview of the 2020 Annual Report.

R2021-356

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the 2020 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner be received.

Carried

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Accessibility Renovation – Stratford Public Library (COU21-083)

R2021-357

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk or designates to sign the appropriate articles of agreement for funding of \$100,000 for the accessibility renovation to the Stratford Public Library;

THAT Council approves to fund up to \$30,000 for accessible renovations consulting services using the Capital Facilities reserve (R-R11-FACI);

THAT Council authorizes staff to engage consultants to prepare tender and permit drawings for the accessibility renovations to the Stratford Public Library;

AND THAT funding of \$150,000 for the accessibility renovation to the Stratford Public Library using Capital Facilities Reserve be referred to the 2022 budget deliberations.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Coventry Phase 4 Subdivision Easements (COU21-082)

R2021-358

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept an easement over Parts 1, 2, and 3 Plan 44R-5809 from Earth Park Homes (Stratford) Incorporated for a sanitary sewer;

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept an easement over Part 4 Plan 44R-5809 from Earth Park Homes (Stratford) Incorporated for a storm sewer;

AND THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford accept an easement over Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Plan 44R-5800 from Earth Park Homes (Stratford) Incorporated for a drainage swale.

For lots 58 to 63, it was questioned whether the current and future property owners know that they will not be able to change the existing rate and whether it is included on the reference plan to be registered on title. Staff advised they would review with legal counsel and include where appropriate.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Award of Tender T-2021-29 Supply and Deliver Three Full Size Hybrid Pickup Trucks (COU21-084)

R2021-359

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT Council approve the award for Three Hybrid Pickup Trucks, Tender 2021-29, to Mohawk Ford Sales at a total tender cost of \$176,112.94, taxes included;

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

Carried

7.4 Proclamation - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

R2021-360

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims October 21, 2021 as "Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in the City of Stratford in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life in the community.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Update - Round 2 Funding (COU21-085)

R2021-361

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT Council authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Director of Social Services to sign and submit a Declaration of Integrity and relevant documents for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for Rapid Housing Initiative funding opportunities;

AND THAT subject to funding approval from CMHC, Council approve amending the 2021 Housing budget to include \$177,000 from the Homelessness Reserve to contribute to the construction of the unfunded commercial space at 398 Erie Street.

A member expressed concern with the only access to the second floor being a wrought iron staircase. Staff advised an initial drawing has been created and that the concern would be included as part of the initial consultation.

Discussion was held on the decision to create a two-story building instead of one.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Tender Award for Contract T2021-27 Queen Street Major Storm Trunk Sewer (COU21-086)

The Chief Administrative Officer advised the purpose of the report is to consider awarding the tender for the project or deferring to the 2022 budget.

Staff advised if the work was completed in the fall of 2021, it would have the least amount of impact on the festival.

R2021-362

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT Council approve amending the capital budget for the Queen Street Storm Trunk Sewer by adding \$3,690,000.00 from Long Term Financing;

THAT Council authorize staff to apply for DMAF funding for the Queen Street Major Storm Trunk project;

THAT Council approve the award of the Queen Street Major Storm Trunk Sewer contract to Birnam Excavating Limited at a total tender price of \$19,303,998.24 including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement.

Discussion was held on the grant to be applied for, specifically the City's chances of success and the expenses that could be charged.

Discussion was held on the reason for the increased cost of the project.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Britannia Phase 2 Development Plans (COU21-087)

R2021-363

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with a Passive Home/Net-Zero 'like' without certification build for Phase 2 of the Britannia Street Affordable Housing Project;

THAT staff report back to Council regarding public consultation for Phase 2;

AND THAT Council approve an amendment to the 2021 Social Services Capital Budget to include an additional \$3,727,500, for a total budget of \$9,727,500, for Phase 2 of the Britannia Street Affordable Housing Project.

A member expressed concern with removing the storage space for scooters and walkers and relocating it to the second building.

*Councillor Bunting departed the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Discussion was held on the cost of the project and how the City will pay for it.

*Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Discussion continued on the additional features proposed for the building and that those features stemmed from feedback received following the first phase of the project.

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 Community Services Committee

R2021-364

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated August 9, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Community Outdoor Basketball Court at the Stratford Education Recreation Complex (S.E.R.C.) (COM21-007)

THAT Council support the development of a community outdoor basketball court on the grounds at the Stratford Education Recreation Complex.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Stratford City Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hear all interested persons with respect to the following planning applications:

- Zone Change Application Z06-21 for 215 Douro Street
- Zone Change Application Z08-21 for 100 Gordon Street
- Zone Change Application Z09-21 for 379 Ontario Street

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:

R2021-365

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-laws 106-2021 to 109-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-366

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-laws 106-2021 to 109-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-367

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-laws 106-2021 to 109-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Durkin Street Name Change - By-law 106-2021

To change the name of Durkin Street to Wright Boulevard.

11.2 Acceptance of Easements from Earth Park Homes - By-law 107-2021

To authorize the acceptance of easements in gross from Earth Park Homes (Stratford) Incorporated, over Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 44R-5809 for

a sanitary sewer, over Part 4, 44R-5809 for a storm sewer and over Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Plan 44R-5800 for a drainage swale.

11.3 Acceptance of Tender for Supply and Delivery of Three Hybrid Pick-up Trucks - 108-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Mohawk Ford Sales (1996) Limited for the supply and delivery of three Hybrid Pickup Trucks [T-2021-29].

11.4 Acceptance of Tender for Queen Street Major Storm Trunk Sewer Contract - By-law 109-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Birnam Excavating Limited for the Queen Street Major Storm Trunk Sewer Contract [T-2021-27].

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-106 to CA-2021-108

12.1 CA-2021-108

R2021-368

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT CA-2021-108, being correspondence from the Perth County Federation of Agriculture (PCFA) regarding the use of Ministerial Zoning Orders and the importance of protecting farmland, be endorsed.

Carried

13. New Business:

13.1 Mandatory Vaccinations for Workers with Vulnerable Populations

It was requested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and the Premier of Ontario requesting consideration for a policy on mandatory COVID-19 vaccination. This policy would be applicable for individuals working with vulnerable populations or those who are unvaccinated.

R2021-369

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT a letter requesting consideration for a policy on mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for workers working with vulnerable populations or those who are unvaccinated be drafted;

AND THAT the letter be sent to the Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the correspondence and that it should also be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

Carried

13.2 City of Stratford Vaccination Policy

A request was made for staff to investigate what a vaccination policy could look like for the Corporation. It was confirmed the intent is not to create a mandatory vaccine policy. The policy would examine what operations look like if there is increased transmission in the community. As the City has several services that are required to be maintained, a policy for existing staff and new hires would be beneficial to know how to react to increased transmission.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised the Corporate Leadership Team is reviewing this matter. Any policy would include members of Council with respect to the return of in-person council meetings.

Discussion was held on the process to return to in-person meetings.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is August 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

R2021-370

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

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];**
- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [3:10 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Planning and Heritage 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 August 9, 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 Beatty declared a pecuniary interest on Item 5.2, "Request for Exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 and Fireworks By-law 73-2006 for the 2021 Kinsmen Family Day of Music and Fireworks (ITS21-028), of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda as he is the owner of a business anticipated to participate in the event.

15.2 Reading of the By-law (reconvene):

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

By-law 11.5 Confirmatory By-law 110-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on August 9, 2021.

R2021-371

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 110-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-372

Motion by Councillor Gaffney
Seconded by Councillor Sebben
THAT By-law 110-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.
Carried

15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-373

Motion by Councillor Clifford
Seconded by Councillor Burbach
THAT the August 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.
Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:53 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 4:11 P.M.

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

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe