



## **The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee MINUTES**

Date: Monday, August 9, 2021

Time: 3:53 P.M.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Committee Present Electronically: Councillor Vassilakos - Chair Presiding, Councillor Burbach - Vice Chair, Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben

Staff Present in Council Chambers: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk

Staff Present Electronically: Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Allison Jordan – Events Coordinator, Johnny Bowes – Manager of Environmental Services

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

### **2. Disclosure 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 otherwise comply with the *Act*.

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)". Councillor Beatty is the owner of a business that is participating in the event.

**3. Sub-committee Minutes**

Sub-committee minutes were attached for background regarding the discussion held at the July 28, 2021 Sub-committee meeting.

**4. Delegations**

None scheduled.

**5. Report of the Events Coordinator**

**5.1 Resolution - Request for Exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for wedding at private residence at 378 William Street (ITS21-026)**

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT approval be given to the homeowners of 378 William Street for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event held at their property on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16], and,

subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT approval be given to the homeowners of 378 William Street for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event held at their property on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from the following provisions:

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subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**Committee Recommendation: THAT approval be given to the homeowners of 378 William Street for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event held at their property on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from the following provisions:**

- Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]
- Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16], and,

**subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.**

**Carried**

## **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)**

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT approval be given to Stratford Kinsmen for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Stratford Kinsmen Family Day of Music and Fireworks held at the SERC Site from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]
- The denotation of fireworks [Schedule 2 Clause 6],

- Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16],
  - The operation of musical instruments [Schedule 2 Clause 17] and,
- subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.

AND THAT the request from Stratford Kinsmen to set off display fireworks on municipal property located at SERC Site on Sunday, September 5, 2021, be approved, subject to the necessary permits being obtained and the required certificate of insurance being provided in accordance with Fireworks By-law 73-2006.

**Committee Discussion:** The Events Coordinator provided an overview of the report.

It was questioned whether Committee could endorse the request without knowing the response from Huron-Perth Public Health. The Events Coordinator advised that organizers are currently going through the special events applications process which contains a review by Public Health, in addition to the management report recommendation containing approval being subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney  
**Seconded by** Mayor Mathieson

**Committee Recommendation: THAT approval be given to Stratford Kinsmen for an exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Stratford Kinsmen Family Day of Music and Fireworks held at the SERC Site from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from the following provisions:**

- **Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]**
- **The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]**
- **The denotation of fireworks [Schedule 2 Clause 6],**
- **Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing [Schedule 2 Clause 16],**
- **The operation of musical instruments [Schedule 2 Clause 17] and,**

**subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.**

**AND THAT the request from Stratford Kinsmen to set off display fireworks on municipal property located at SERC Site on Sunday, September 5, 2021, be approved, subject to the necessary permits being obtained and the required certificate of insurance being provided in accordance with Fireworks By-law 73-2006.**

Discussion continued with respect to concerns around the use of fireworks and the impact on surrounding residents and wildlife.

A member requested that the motions be taken separately.

The Chair called the question on the first motion.

**Carried**

The Chair called the question on the second motion.

**Carried**

It was questioned as to what other communities offer for fireworks alternatives given the noise concerns typically raised.

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Mayor Burbach

**Committee Recommendation: THAT staff review and report back on fireworks alternatives being used in other municipalities.**

**Carried**

## **6. Report of the Manager of Environmental Services**

### **6.1 COVID-19 Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative (ITS21-027)**

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT Council receives Report ITS21-027 for information and is aware of the collaboration between the City of Stratford, Huron Perth Public Health and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in the COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Initiative.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT Council receives Report ITS21-027 for information and is aware of the collaboration between the City of Stratford, Huron Perth Public Health and the Ministry of the

Environment, Conservation and Parks in the COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Initiative.

**Motion by** Mayor Mathieson

**Seconded by** Councillor Sebben

**Committee Recommendation: THAT Council receives Report ITS21-027 for information and is aware of the collaboration between the City of Stratford, Huron Perth Public Health and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in the COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Initiative.**

**Carried**

## **7. For the Information of Committee**

### **7.1 Presentation by Reusable Container Project**

The Stratford Container Committee requested to address Sub-committee with regard to the development and roll out of a new, volunteer-led (with the active support of several prominent local restaurateurs and the BIA) waste reduction program for the City's downtown core.

The program is being piloted to help introduce and recover reusable take out containers in restaurants across the city to offset the amount of avoidable waste that is increasing due to take out demand.

**Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Takeout Waste Reduction Project be referred to the Energy and Environment Committee for consideration.**

### **7.2 Capital Project Update**

**Sub-committee Discussion:** The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services provided the highlights of the July Capital Projects Update as follows:

- Queen Street Storm Sewer tender closes on July 29
- Cedar Street culvert – Tender awarded to Steve Smith Construction, work scheduled to commence early August
- Prep work is ongoing for Romeo Street asphalt resurfacing
- A virtual open house is scheduled in August for the Huron Street Reconstruction, Phase 1 project

- Development Services is very busy
- The Manager of Development Services has been appointed as the area representative on the Upper Thames Conservation Authority (UTRCA) Source Water Protection Committee.
- Grass cutting continues in the City.
- The July household hazardous waste collection was very successful, with almost 800 cars passing through.
- Staff have been in discussion with stakeholders and awaiting reports regarding the RNG project.

The balance of the July Capital Project Update will be included with the August 9, 2021 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda.

The environmental impact of gas-powered grass cutting equipment was noted and questioned whether there were certain grass lengths to be maintained. The Director advised that ditches need to be cut on an annual basis to stop tree growth. Grass cutting is completed 2-4 times per year.

### **7.3 Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes**

The following Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes are provided for the information of Committee:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of May 4, 2021
- Energy and Environment Committee minutes of May 6, 2021

## **8. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded by** Councillor Bunting

**Committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 3:53 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:02 P.M.