



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4664th
Date:	Monday, September 13, 2021
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronic Meeting
Council Present in Council Chambers:	Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding
Council Present Electronically:	Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Beatty, Councillor Ingram
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, Karmen Krueger - Acting Director of Corporate Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Alyssa Bridge – Manager of Planning, Jeff Bannon – Planner, Mike Mousley – Manager of Transit, Spencer Steckley – Manager of Financial Services
Also Present:	Members of the public, media

1. Call to Order:

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

Councillor Beatty and Councillor Ingram provided regrets for this meeting.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Karmen Krueger was introduced as the new Acting Director of Corporate Services at the City of Stratford.

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 September 13, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2021-402

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 23, 2021 and the Special Meeting dated August 30, 2021 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:

R2021-403

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated September 13, 2021, to add Consent Agenda Item CA-2021-120 and receipt of correspondence to the Planning and Heritage Committee agenda, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the August 30, 2021, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

4.1 Recruitment for Corporate Leadership Team Position - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

R2021-404

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Karmen Krueger be appointed as the Acting Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer for The Corporation of the City of Stratford pursuant to section 286 (1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c 25 as amended and its Ontario Regulations and any other Act or Regulation, effective September 13, 2021.

Carried

5.2 At the September 8, 2021, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

3.1 Good Governance Education and Training Session - A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.
2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 103 (1). (section 239.(3.1)).

As the purpose of the In-camera Session was to provide education and training no direction was given.

5.3 At the September 13, 2021, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

4.1 Purchase of Service Agreement - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f));

4.2 Festival Hydro Corporate Leadership Team Update - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b));

5.1 Appointment to the Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b));

5.2 Appointment to the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

At the In-camera Session direction was given on items 4.1, 5.1, and 5.2.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

None scheduled.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Proclamation - Rail Safety Week

R2021-405

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims the week of September 20-26, 2021 as "Rail Safety Week" in the City of Stratford to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries.

Carried

7.2 Correspondence - Resignation from Accessibility Advisory Committee

R2021-406

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT the resignation of Susan Lavender as an agency representative of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, be accepted.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Supply and Deliver One New Compact Wheel Loader

R2021-407

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT City Council award Tender T-2021-41 for the supply and delivery of a Compact ALT950 GEHL Wheel Loader to Connect Equipment at a cost of \$150,930.26, including HST, to improve the Fleet equipment effectiveness and service levels both in the winter and summer operations.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - Romeo Street Underpass Retaining Wall Repair - Tender Award for Contract T-2021-47 (COU21-093)

R2021-408

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT Council award Tender T-2021-47 for the Romeo Street Underpass Retaining Wall Repair contract to Across Canada Construction at a total tender price of \$146,207.88 including HST;

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

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Request to Change the Name of the Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (COU21-095)

R2021-409

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the request from the Stratford City Centre BIA Board of Management to change the name of the Board to "Board of Management of the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA)" be approved;

AND THAT By-law 66-83, as amended, and By-law 178-2018, as amended, be further amended to reflect the name change.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Transfer Payment Agreement - Municipal Modernization Program, Intake 2, Review Stream (COU21-096)

R2021-410

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT Council authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer or their respective delegates to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement and other necessary documentation/reports with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as required for the purpose of conducting a Business Process Review for City facilities with funding from the Municipal Modernization Program, Intake 2.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Request to Allow for a Minor Variance Application for Countryside Developments Incorporated (COU21-097)

R2021-411

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT the Countryside Development Incorporated be permitted to submit a minor variance application to the Committee of Adjustment for the lands located within Draft Plan of Subdivision 31T18-003.

A question and answer period ensued between members and staff regarding:

- the minor variance application being to increase lot coverage due to recent building trends;
- the application requiring Council approval due to a zoning by-law amendment within the last two years;
- the two year period following the zoning by-law amendment expiring in February 2022; and,
- the proposed changes increasing lot coverage with no increase to density.

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

R2021-412

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated September 13, 2021 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit Funding Update (COM21-008)

THAT the Management Report titled Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit Funding Update (COM21-008) be received for information;

AND THAT staff provide updates on various project status when required for the remainder of the funding stream.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meetings under the Planning Act

Stratford City Council will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hear all interested persons with respect to the following planning applications:

- Zone Change Application Z10-21 for 3202 Vivian Line 37
- Official Plan Amendment OPA03-21 and Zone Change Application Z11-21 for 30 Queensland Road

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:

R2021-413

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 119-2021 to 124-2021 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2021-414

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-laws 119-2021 to 124-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-415

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT By-laws 119-2021 to 124-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Acceptance of Tender for a Compact Wheel Loader - By-law 119-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Connect Equipment for the Compact ALT950 GEHL Wheel Loader [T-2021-41].

11.2 Appoint an Acting Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer - By-law 120-2021

To appoint an Acting Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer for The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

11.3 Transfer Payment Agreement for Funding under the Municipal Modernization Program, Intake 2 - By-law 121-2021

To authorize the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement and other related documents for funding under the Municipal Modernization Program, Intake 2, between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

11.4 To Change Name of the Board of Management of Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area - By-law 122-2021

To amend By-law 66-83 as amended, to change the name of the Board of Management of Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) to

the Board of Management of the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA).

11.5 To Amend Appointments By-law 178-2018 to Change Name of Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Areas - By-law 123-2021

To amend By-law 178-2018, as amended, to change the name of the Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board to the Board of Management of the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA).

11.6 Authorize Acceptance of Romeo Street Underpass Retaining Wall Report Contract - By-law 124-2021

To authorize the acceptance of a tender by Across Canada Construction for the Romeo Street Underpass Retaining Wall Repair contract [T-2021-47].

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2021-117 to CA-2021-120

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

13. New Business:

13.1 Romeo Street Resurfacing

A member congratulated the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services and his team for their work on the resurfacing of Romeo Street.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is September 27, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

R2021-416

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

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

- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [3:05 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Planning and Heritage Committee [3:10 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 September 13, 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 September 13, 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:

11.7 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 125-2021

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on September 13, 2021.

R2021-417

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 125-2021 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2021-418

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT By-law 125-2021 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2021-419

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT the September 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:15 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 4:10 P.M.

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

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe