



## **Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES**

Meeting #:	4678th
Date:	Monday, January 24, 2022
Time:	7:00 P.M.
Location:	Electronic Meeting
Council Present in Council Chambers:	Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding
Council Present Electronically:	Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Burbach
Staff Present in Council Chambers:	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City 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, Karmen Krueger - Acting Director of Corporate Services, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk, Alyssa Bridge – Manager of Planning, Jeff Bannon – Planner, Brad Hernden – Manager of Recreation and Marketing Services, Alex Burgess – Manager of Ontario Works, Heather Denny – Events Coordinator
Also Present:	Members of the public and media

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Mathieson, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order. Councillor Burbach provided regrets for this meeting.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Councillor Ingram now present at the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**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 January 24, 2022, Regular Council meeting.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes:**

R2022-14

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Beatty

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated January 10, 2022, be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:**

R2022-15

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded by** Councillor Sebben

**THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated January 24, 2022, to add Item 7.3, be added to the Agenda as printed.**

**Carried**

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

**5.1 At the January 20, 2022, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:**

3.1 Development Charges 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.

## **5.2 January 24, 2022, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session**

The January 24, 2022, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session was cancelled.

## **6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:**

None scheduled.

## **7. Orders of the Day:**

### **7.1 Resolution - My Main Street Community Activator Grant – Stage and Seating Area on Veterans Drive (COU22-005)**

R2022-16

**Motion by** Councillor Ritsma

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaffney

**THAT staff be authorized to apply for the My Main Street Community Activator Grant for the development of a small stage and additional seating on Veterans Drive, across from the bandshell;**

**THAT the Stage and Seating Area on Veterans Drive be included in the 2022 budget deliberations;**

**AND THAT subject to confirmation of receipt of the My Main Street grant funds, staff be authorized to issue tenders for the development and construction of the stage and additional seating.**

A question and answer period ensued between members and staff with respect to:

- including accessibility design as a part of the plan and reviewing designs with the Accessibility Advisory Committee;
- a small stage and seating being included opposite the band shell to alleviate concerns about pedestrian crossings; and,
- a curb cut having been installed previously for accessible access from the bandshell.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on the motion.

**Carried**

## **7.2 Correspondence - Catch and Release Justice**

R2022-17

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded by** Councillor Bunting

**THAT the correspondence from Stratford Police Services regarding catch and release justice be received;**

**AND THAT the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding Catch and Release Justice be endorsed and include the additional items identified by Stratford Police Services.**

**Carried**

## **7.3 ADDED – Resolution - Request to extend the current exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79, for 2021/2022 Lights on Stratford**

R2022-18

**Motion by** Councillor Bunting

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT approval be given to Lights on Stratford for an extension of the current exemption to the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for their event held at Market Square at 1 Wellington Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily until Sunday January 30, 2022 from the following provisions:**

- **Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]**
- **The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]**

- **Loading, unloading or otherwise handling or any containers, products, materials [Schedule 2 Clause 4] and,**
- **subject to applicable Provincial Orders and Public Health Guidelines in place at that time.**

**AND THAT approval be given to extend the operating hours of the outdoor accessible washroom at City Hall by 1 hour until Sunday January 30, 2022.**

**Carried**

**8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:**

None scheduled.

**9. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

There were no reports from the Standing Committees to be received by Council.

**10. Notice of Intent:**

None scheduled.

**11. Reading of the By-laws:**

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

R2022-19

**Motion by** Councillor Ingram

**Seconded by** Councillor Vassilakos

**THAT By-law 5-2022 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2022-20

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT By-law 5-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

**11.1 Confirmatory By-law - January 10, 2022 - By-law 5-2022**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 10, 2022.

**12. Consent Agenda: CA-2022-004 to CA-2022-008**

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 February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

R2022-21

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded by** Councillor Ingram

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

- **Social Services Committee [7:05 or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Community Services Committee [7:10 or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Planning and Heritage Committee [7:15 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**

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Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committee meetings held on January 24, 2022 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 January 24, 2022, 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:

**Confirmatory By-law - By-law 6-2022**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 24, 2022.

R2022-22

**Motion by** Councillor Ritsma

**Seconded by** Councillor Bunting

**THAT By-law 6-2022 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2022-23

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Ingram

**THAT By-law 6-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

**15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting**

R2022-24

**Motion by** Councillor Vassilakos

**Seconded by** Councillor Beatty

**THAT the January 24, 2022 Regular Council meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 7:10 P.M.

Meeting Reconvene Start Time: 8:21 P.M.

Meeting Reconvene End Time: 8:22 P.M.

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Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

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Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe