



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #:	4696th
Date:	Monday, July 11, 2022
Time:	7:00 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 Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos
Regrets:	Councillor Beatty
Staff Present in Council Chambers	Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk
Staff Present:	David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Anne Kircos - Acting Director of Human Resources, Neil Anderson - Deputy Fire Chief, Taylor Crinklaw – Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Jodi Akins – Council Clerk Secretary, Miranda Ivany – Planner, Nancy Roulston – Manager of Engineering, Michael Mousley – Manager of Transit, Jonathan DeWeerd – Chief Building Official, Zac Gribble – Executive Director, Destination Stratford
Also Present:	Members of the public and media

1. Call to Order:

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

Councillor Beatty provided regrets for this meeting.

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

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest on Item 5.1 of the Planning and Heritage Committee agenda, Proposed Exemption from Sign By-law 159-2004, 35 Waterloo Street North (PLA22-027), as she is a member of the board for the organization making the request.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2022-280

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated June 27, 2022 be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

R2022-281

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated July 11, 2022, to add receipt of correspondence and delegations to Item 11.4, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the June 27, 2022, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

4.1 Proposed Disposition of Land in the Crane West Business Park - 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).

R2022-282

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the City of Stratford hereby consents to the sale of the properties known as Lots 2 and 3 in the Crane West Business Park legally described as Part of Lot 1 and 2, Concession 3 (Downie) designated as Parts 9, 10 and 11 Reference Plan 44R-5904 subject to a drainage easement over Part 9, Reference Plan 44R-5904 as in R145534, in the City of Stratford, County of Perth being part of PIN 53264-0091(LT) to McKinley Hatchery (St. Marys) Ltd.

Carried

5.2 At the July 11, 2022, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:

4.1 Proposed Disposition of Land in the Wright Business Park - 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);

5.1 Arbitration Update - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)), and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)), and A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(k)).

At the In-camera Session direction was given on both items.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 ADDED - Request for Delegation regarding the Municipal Accommodation Tax By-law

R2022-283

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the correspondence from Karen Zamaria and Jack McDonald dated July 11, 2022 be received;

AND THAT the delegations by Reverend R. L. Read, President of the Stratford and Area Bed & Breakfast Association, Karen Zamaria and Jack McDonald and Murray Sanderson, regarding Item 11.4, "Municipal Accommodation Tax by-law", be heard.

Carried

Reverend R.L. Read stated that on June 21, The CAO and Director of Corporate Services invited the Stratford and Area Bed & Breakfast Association (SABBA) board to submit feedback on a draft proposal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). When invited to submit feedback, he advised that there was no discussion of the draft proposal being voted on but this was then done at the subsequent meeting. He further stated that only half an hour was permitted for feedback discussion at their meeting with staff but that this was not sufficient. The meeting invitation did not provided sufficient lead time to read the draft and gather our own data. He requested that Council defer further implementation of the MAT given that SABBA was not further engaged with following the meeting with staff. Murray Sanderson, also speaking as a delegate tonight, is the SABBA MAT representative and he is in support of what Mr. Sanderson has to present.

Murray Sanderson stated that the MAT was first raised at Council in Feb 2020. Instructions provided at that time to staff were to commence public consultations. Due to Covid-19 this was understandably not done. At this time they are now faced with a by-law prepared and ready for vote. Mr. Sanderson advised that SABBA has not had consultation that they expected and to his knowledge doesn't believe anyone else has. This decision is something that is very important and should be put to the public and various groups effected in order to get more feedback. Mr. Sanderson advised that the BnB's are opposed for a number of reasons,

many of which were sent out in an email to Council. He stated that tourists will pay it but costs to BnB's to break out costs such as charging for meals, parking, Wi-Fi, and anything else not accommodations related. For BnB's this is a considerable hardship as many don't have the accounting systems to do this. Many charge one price and add HST on top but now will have to break it out and add HST on the MAT. Mr. Sanderson stated that back in February of 2020, Council instructed staff to do consultation but also included a provision to review Destination Stratford and tourism in the City, however this has not been done. Mr. Sanderson questioned how this new by-law will be enforced until a short term accommodation by-law has also been approved. He stated that he believes this will hurt tourism in Stratford and reduce the number of overnight stays. Four percent does not sound like a lot but ends up being over seventeen percent in tax with the HST. Without proper enforcement this will drive more BnB's underground. Mr. Sanderson encouraged Council to reconsider this tax until further studies can be undertaken, understanding that the damage it will cause will be insurmountable and will drive accommodators underground or out of business. He stated that if the City is not prepared to put this on hold then licensed BnB's should be exempt from payment of the MAT.

Karen Zamaria and Jack McDonald advised that they are co-proprietors of a BnB that has been running for 35 years at 66 Bay Street. They felt they had a duty to speak out when they learned late by email about this. They had not been alerted or advised by anyone from the City beforehand. They concurred with recent comments from other delegates and are unsure why at the last meeting Council passed a four percent MAT tax to be charged for all tourists staying overnight in all City accommodations. We have all endured an over 2 year global pandemic impacting all business in our lives but particularly accommodations. Many still get last minute cancellations because clients test positive for Covid-19 before coming into Stratford. With gas and basic necessities soaring and inflation rising, they questioned if this is the time to consider implementing the passing of another tax for the consumer and tourist to pay. They questioned how much money would be spent to collect a four percent MAT tax and what the actual net profit would be. They stated that more accommodators will be required to sell or declare bankruptcy due to this tax and questioned if a destination marketing fee tax had been considered instead. It was further stated that the Ontario government has been

offering a tax rebate staycation credit. Now Stratford is proposing to put another tax on clients. They requested that alternatives be considered and to scrap the tax.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Proclamation - Request from #1792 Project

R2022-284

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims 2022 as the "230th Anniversary of the Year of Black Loyalist Exodus of 15 Ships to Sierra Leone" in the City of Stratford.

Carried

7.2 Proclamation - World Duchenne Awareness Day

R2022-285

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims September 7, 2022 as "World Duchenne Awareness Day" in the City of Stratford to raise awareness of and show support for those living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Carried

7.3 Proclamation - Rail Safety Week

R2022-286

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims September 19 to 25, 2022 as "Rail Safety Week" in the City of Stratford to raise awareness of rail safety, save lives and prevent injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens.

Carried

7.4 Resolution - T-2022-17 Asphalt Resurfacing (COU22-056)

The CAO advised that the recommendation from staff is for approval of the scope of work for the tender price listed. It was further advised that

the information in the report identifies as to why the scope is recommended to be expanded.

The Manager of Engineering provided an overview of the additional scope of work for the tender being recommended.

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

- repairs to John Street not being included in this contract due to traffic control concerns with other work taking place in the area; and,
- consideration for road patching on John Street to smooth out and fill potholes.

R2022-287

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT Council approve the additional scope of work and that the Tender (T-2022-17) for the Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 Contract be awarded to Capital Paving Inc. at a total tender price of \$2,648,763.27, including HST;

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

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None scheduled.

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee:

R2022-288

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Report of the Planning and Heritage Committee dated July 11, 2022 be adopted as printed.

It was requested that Items 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 be taken separately.

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.1.1.

Carried

Mayor Mathieson called the question on Item 9.1.2.

Carried

9.1.1 Planning Report, Zone Change Amendment Z02-22, 385 West Gore Street (PLA22-023)

THAT application Z02-22 to amend the zoning at 385 West Gore Street from a Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone to a Residential Third Density (R3-12) Zone with site specific regulations BE APPROVED for the following reasons:

1. the request is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
2. the request is in conformity with the goals, objectives and policies of the Official Plan;
3. the zone change will provide for a development that is appropriate for the lands;
4. the public was consulted during the application circulation and comments that have been received in writing or at the public meeting have been reviewed, considered and analyzed within the Planning report.

AND THAT Council pass a resolution that no further notice is required under Section 34(17) of the Planning Act.

9.1.2 Planning Report Draft Plan of Condominium Application 31CDM22-002, 84 Church Street (PLA22-024)

THAT Council of the City of Stratford pursuant to Section 51(31) of the Planning Act grant draft approval to Plan of Condominium 31CDM-22002 subject to the following conditions:

- a. This approval applies to the Draft Plan of Condominium submitted by Baker Planning Group, prepared by MTE Ontario Land Surveyors Ltd. certified by Trevor McNeil, OLS, File No. 36618-101-D1 (L), drawing file name 36618-101-D1.DWG, dated March 31, 2022. The Plan contains a total of 5 residential units.
- b. This draft approval is for a Standard Plan of Condominium under Part X of the Condominium Act, 1998.

- c. The development is to be registered as one condominium corporation. The phase limits are to be to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning.
- d. This approval of the draft plan applies for a period of five (5) years, and if final approval is not given within that time, the draft approval shall lapse, except in the case where an extension has been granted by the Approval Authority.
- e. Prior to final approval for the registration of any phase of the condominium corporation within this development, a list of apartment numbers and the corresponding legal descriptions that will be in place upon registration of the plan of condominium shall be submitted to the City to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning.
- f. Prior to final approval for the registration of any Condominium Corporation a plan shall be provided demonstrating that the unit boundaries in conjunction with the approved site plan are in compliance with the applicable Zoning By-law regulations.
- g. The Condominium Declaration shall contain appropriate provisions requiring municipal addressing and/or door point numbers to be posted on the façade of each Unit in accordance the City's Municipal Addressing By-law 47-2008 to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning.
- h. Prior to final approval for the initial registration or any subsequent phase of the development as a condominium corporation by the Approval Authority, the Manager of Planning, City of Stratford, is to be advised in writing by the City of Stratford Corporate Services Department, Tax Division that all financial obligations/encumbrances on the said lands have been paid in full, including property taxes and local improvement charges.
- i. Prior to final approval, the Owner shall make arrangements for the granting of any easements for utilities and municipal services.
- j. Prior to final approval, the Manager of Planning, is to be advised in writing, by the telecommunications company, that

the Owner has made satisfactory arrangements with a telecommunications provider for the provision of permanent or temporary wire-line communications/telecommunication services to this plan.

- k. Prior to final approval, the Manager of Planning, is to be advised in writing, by Hydro One and/or Festival Hydro, that the Owner has made satisfactory arrangements with an electricity provider for the provision of permanent or temporary electricity services to this plan.
- l. Prior to final approval, the Manager of Planning, is to be advised in writing, by Enbridge Gas Inc., that its requirements with respect to easements and rights-of-way for services have been met.
- m. Prior to final approval for the registration or the development as a condominium corporation, the Manager of Planning is to be advised in writing by Canada Post that the Owner has confirmed mail delivery equipment has been supplied and installed to the satisfaction of Canada Post.
- n. That the Condominium Declaration proposed to be registered or any amendment thereto to effect the registration of a condominium phase shall be submitted for approval to the City's Manager of Planning. The said Declaration shall contain:
 - i. A provision that outlines that telecommunications, mail delivery equipment, water lines and appurtenances, hydro, perimeter fencing, parking, sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances are to be described as a common element and may include items that are external to the buildings and items that service more than one Unit or the Units and common elements and are to be operated, repaired, and maintained by the Condominium Corporation to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning;
 - ii. A provision that unitized parking spaces are to be owned by residential unit owners; and

- iii. A provision that the condominium corporation agrees to maintain the subject lands in compliance with approved Site Plan.
- iv. Provisions requiring municipal addressing and/or door point numbers to be posted on the façade of each Unit in accordance the City's Municipal Addressing By-law 47-2008 to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning.
- o. That prior to final approval, the Owner provide a written undertaking directed to the City's Manager of Planning to register a Condominium Declaration which shall include the approved provisions as required in condition (n) hereof.
- p. That a comprehensive site audit, including the preparation of a site plan, a landscape plan, a site lighting plan and a grading plan, representing current site conditions, be submitted for acceptance to the City's Manager of Planning and that any site works required by said Manager to bring the property to a safe and functional standard, be provided to the satisfaction of the Manager. Such works may include enclosed garbage containers, and additional site lighting to provide safety for occupants, and upgraded landscaping to implement previously approved plans, and changes to the layout of the parking spaces and traffic aisles.
- q. That a Technical Building Audit be completed and submitted to the City's Chief Building Official for approval and any deficiencies identified under the Ontario Building Code, Fire Code, or Chapter 665 of the Municipal Code (Property Standards for Maintenance and Occupancy) be rectified to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official.
- r. The digital copy of the plans provided are required containing the plan of condominium in Auto CAD native format (.dwg), stored as a single file, with all of the classes of features (eg. building footprint, Unit boundaries, interior roadways, access to public street, retaining walls, noise attenuation walls, fences, etc.) separated into different layers. For further information, please contact City of Stratford Infrastructure and Development Services Department.

- s. Prior to final approval, for the purposes of satisfying any of the conditions of draft approval herein contained, the Owner shall file with the City of Stratford a complete submission consisting of all required clearances and final plans, and to advise the City of Stratford in writing how each of the conditions of draft approval has been, or will be, satisfied. The Owner acknowledges that, in the event that the final approval package does not include the complete information required by the City of Stratford, such submission will be returned to the Owner without detailed review by the City.
- t. That any legal costs and disbursements be reimbursed by the applicant.

Notes:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 51(59) of the Planning Act, if a plan approved under Section 51(58) of the Planning Act is not registered within 30 days of approval, the City of Stratford may withdraw its approval.
- 2. If final approval is not given to this Plan, within 5 years of the draft approval date, and no extensions have been granted, draft approval shall lapse under subsection 51(32) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990. If the Owner wishes to request an extension to draft approval, a written explanation, together with a resolution from the local municipality, must be received by the Approval Authority 60 days prior to the lapsing date.
- 3. All plans are to be prepared using total station survey and compatible with the latest version of AutoCAD. The final plan submitted for registration, engineered design drawings and construction record drawings are to be provided in print and digital format referenced to a control network compiled to the satisfaction of the City of Stratford Engineering Department in accordance with Ontario Basic Mapping (U.T.M. Grid 1:2000), for future use within the City's geographical information system.
- 4. For the purposes of clarification no Occupancy Permit shall not be issued and no occupancy shall be permitted for any particular unit until all of the requirements of the Ontario Building Code in relation to occupancy for any particular Unit

has been achieved including but not limited to the Additional Work related to the Unit.

5. The Owner is advised that clearances from the following agencies are required:
 - City of Stratford Corporate Services Department, Tax Division
 - City of Stratford Infrastructure and Development Services Department, Manager of Planning
 - City of Stratford Infrastructure and Development Services Department, Chief Building Official
 - City of Stratford Infrastructure and Development Services Department, Engineering Division
 - Canada Post
 - Enbridge Gas Inc.
 - Festival Hydro
 - Bell Canada
6. The following is required for registration under the Registry Act and for City use:
 - Two (2) original mylars
 - Five (5) white paper prints
 - One (1) digital copy

AND THAT the above is recommended for the following reasons:

- a. the request is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;
and
- b. the request conforms with the goals, objectives and policies of the Official Plan.

10. Notice of Intent:

None scheduled.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

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

It was requested that By-laws 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 be taken separately.

R2022-289

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

THAT By-laws 90-2022 and 91-2022 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2022-290

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 90-2022 and 91-2022 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2022-291

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Gaffney

THAT By-laws 90-2022 and 91-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2022-292

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 92-2022 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2022-293

Motion by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-law 92-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2022-294

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-law 93-2022 be read a First and Second Time.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- referring the matter back to staff to complete further consultation;
- ensuring that small accommodators are consulted to determine if administrative supports are available; and,
- needing more time to consider the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

A request was made for a recorded vote to be taken.

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

- an overview of consultation efforts taken to date;
- a by-law being prepared and coming forward to a future meeting to consider licensing of short term rental accommodations;
- the MAT providing for an opportunity to increase enforcement resources;
- ensuring that all licensed BnB's are included in consultation moving forward; and,
- future consultations being planned for in-person with other opportunities but contingent on advice coming from Public Health officials.

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) By-law be referred to staff to undertake further consultation on imposing the MAT, the rollout of the MAT, and any feedback with regards to enforcement and collection.

Defeated

Discussion continued with respect to:

- consultations being able to go ahead separate from the by-law being approved;
- the by-law being amended if changes required as a result of consultations;
- looking into how other municipalities have implemented a MAT; and,
- no further direction being required of Council, following approval of the by-law, to implement a four percent MAT.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion:

In Support (9): Councillor Bunting, Councillor Vassilakos, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Burbach, Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney

Opposed (1): Councillor Sebben

Carried two-thirds support

R2022-295

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 93-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2022-296

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT By-law 94-2022 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2022-297

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Bunting

THAT By-law 94-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

11.1 Transfer to McKinley Hatchery of Certain Lands in the Crane West Business Park - By-law 90-2022

To authorize the transfer (conveyance) to McKinley Hatchery (St. Marys) Ltd. of Parts 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16, Plan 44R-5904, in the Crane West Business Park.

11.2 Award Tender for Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 - By-law 91-2022

To authorize the acceptance of a tender, entering into of a contract and the undertaking of the work by Capital Paving Inc. for Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 [T-2022-17].

11.3 Delegate Council's Authority to Approve Site Plans - By-law 92-2022

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Manager of Planning, or delegate, to approve site plans and to

authorize the entering into and execution of approved site plan agreements and amending agreements.

11.4 Municipal Accommodation Tax By-law - By-law 93-2022

To impose a Municipal Accommodation Tax in the City of Stratford.

11.5 Amend Zoning By-law 10-2022 to Rezone Lands Known Municipally As 385 West Gore Street - By-law 94-2022

To amend By-law 10-2022 as amended, with respect to zone change application Z02-22 to amend the Residential Second Density R2(1) zone at 385 West Gore located on the southeast corner of West Gore Street and McCulloch Street to a Residential Third Density R3 zone with site specific regulations.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2022-076 to CA-2022-080

It was questioned as to the number of members required to pass a two-thirds majority vote for the First and Second Reading of by-laws at today's meeting. The City Clerk clarified that the two-thirds required based on those present at the meeting is 7. It was further clarified that it is two-thirds of the whole Council, being 8, that is required for motions to reconsider.

13. New Business:

13.1 Downtown Garbage Collection

A question was raised with respect to overflowing garbage cans in the downtown over the weekend and what happened operationally. The CAO advised that staff are in receipt of feedback from garbage collection activities and the City has since put out a media release apologizing for the situation. It was further clarified that this was operational and staff are endeavoring to ensure it does not happen again.

13.2 Forman Ave Safety Concerns

Safety concerns on Forman Ave were raised by a member with respect to speeding and speedbumps. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that speeds encountered during an analysis of the area are within acceptable standards. It was further advised that a report will be coming forward to a future meeting to consider additional traffic calming measures.

13.3 Pothole Maintenance

It was questioned if a schedule for road patching was still ongoing as potholes near Huntingdon and Avondale have been presenting bikers with challenges. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that the City is legislatively required to meet minimum standards for road conditions and pothole maintenance crews address areas of non-compliance every day.

13.4 Park System Washrooms

It was questioned what the earliest time is that the public washrooms become available each day in the park system. The Director of Community Services advised that they are open from 9am to 9pm and that staff can look into them possibly opening earlier.

13.5 Highway 7/8 Expansion

It was questioned when the building of a multi-lane road between Stratford and New Hamburg might be raised again with the Ministry of Transportation. The Mayor advised that a meeting has been requested with the Minister and staff at the regional office in London. It is not currently in their 5 year plan and did not make the top 10 projects but can be raised and followed up with a letter in advance.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is August 8, 2022.

R2022-298

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

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

- **Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee [7:05 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [7:10 p.m. or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**
- **Planning and Heritage Committee [7:15 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 July 11, 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

Councillor Burbach declared a pecuniary interest on Item 5.1 of the Planning and Heritage Committee agenda, Proposed Exemption from Sign By-law 159-2004, 35 Waterloo Street North (PLA22-027), as she is a member of the board for the organization making the request.

15.2 Committee Reports

15.2.1 Planning and Heritage Committee

As the motion for the following item was defeated at Committee, the City Clerk advised that a motion would be listed to be filed on the August 8th Council agenda:

5.1 Proposed Exemption from Sign By-law 159-2004, 35 Waterloo Street North (PLA22-027)

15.2.2 Finance and Labour Relations Committee

R2022-299

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT Item 7.4 of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee meeting dated July 11, 2022 be adopted as follows:

7.4 Long-Term Debt Update (FIN22-029)

THAT the report titled, "Long-Term Debt Update" (FIN22-029), be received;

THAT Council confirms the authorization of the long-term debt to a maximum of \$23,952,899 for the following projects, payments for which are included in the 2022 budget:

- **the Aerial Fire Truck: \$1,732,495,**
- **the Quinlan Pumping Station: \$3,626,333,**
- **the Queen St Storm Project: \$13,909,071, and**
- **the Britannia Phase 2 Project: \$4,685,000 payments for which are not included in the 2022 budget;**

THAT staff be directed to apply amounts levied in 2022 for the purposes of repayment of these projects to the currently unfunded balances to reduce the amounts required as noted;

THAT a by-law to authorize the borrowing in the form of a bank loan from RBC in the principal amount of \$5,358,828, towards the cost of the Aerial Fire Truck and the Quinlan Pumping Station, be adopted;

THAT a by-law to authorize the borrowing in the form of a bank loan(s) in the principal amount of \$18,594,071, towards the cost of the Queen Street Storm and Britannia Phase 2 Projects be brought forward to a future Council meeting;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer or City Clerk and the Treasurer, two signatures required, be authorized to sign all related documents with the City's financial institution to complete the borrowing of funds.

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 95-2022 - Borrowing By-law

To enter into a bank loan agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for the purpose of long-term borrowing.

By-law 96-2022 Confirmatory By-law

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on July 11, 2022.

R2022-300

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 11.6 and 11.7 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2022-301

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Clifford

THAT By-laws 95-2022 and 96-2022 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2022-302

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

THAT By-laws 95-2022 and 96-2022 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2022-303

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

THAT the July 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.
Meeting End Time: 8:22 P.M.

Meeting Reconvene Start Time: 9:34 P.M.
Meeting Reconvene End Time: 9:35 P.M.

Mayor - Daniel B. Mathieson

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe