



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4720th
Date: Monday, May 8, 2023
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa

Regrets: Councillor Briscoe, Councillor Henderson

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Anne Kircos - Director of Human Resources, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk, Andrea Hachler – Manager of Planning, Jeff Wilson – Manager of Housing, Mike Pullen – Managing Director, investStratford, Joani Gerber – CEO, investStratford

Also Present: Members of the public and media

1. Call to Order:

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

Councillor Briscoe and Councillor Henderson provided regrets for this meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Singing of O Canada

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 7.11 "2023 Community Grant Requests and Recommendations (COU23-061)", as she is on the board of Here For Now Theatre Company and one of her business clients is INNERchamber.

Councillor McCabe declared a pecuniary interest on Item 7.11 "2023 Community Grant Requests and Recommendations (COU23-061)", as he has a family member involved in the Here For Now Theatre Company.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2023-207

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated April 14, 2023 and the Regular Meeting dated April 24, 2023 of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

R2023-208

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated May 8, 2023, to add delegation requests and receipt of correspondence regarding Item 7.1, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 At the April 24, 2023, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

4.2 Appointment of Directors to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation (SEEDCo./investStratford) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

R2023-209

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the following candidates be appointed or re-appointed to the Board of Directors:

- **Franklin Famme, representing the Banking/Financial sector, is hereby re-appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a one year term to June 2024, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**
- **Trevor McNeil, representing the Agriculture sector, is hereby re-appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a three year term to June 2026 with an option for an additional three year term, or until a successor is appointed by Council; and that an exemption be granted from the Appointments Policy.**
- **Andrew Jantzi representing the Manufacturing sector, is hereby appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a three year term to June 2026, with an option for an additional three year term, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**
- **Colin Schmidt, representing the Technology sector, is hereby re-appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a three**

year term to June 2026, or until a successor is appointed by Council.

- **Kate Dekok, representing the Small Business sector, is hereby re-appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a three year term to June 2026, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**
- **Jeff Graham representing Festival Hydro for the University of Waterloo/Festival Hydro seat is hereby appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a three year term to June 2026 with an option for an additional three year term, or until a successor is appointed by Council; and that an exemption be granted from the Appointments Policy.**
- **Shelley Stevenson, representing the Digital Media/Creative Economy sector, continue to be appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a term to June 2024, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**
- **Lori Radke, representing Citizens at large, continue to be appointed to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors for a term to June 2025, with an option for an additional three year term, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**

AND THAT section 2.9 of By-law 4-2023, as amended, be further amended to reflect the appointments to the investStratford Board of Directors.

Carried

5.2 At the May 8, 2023, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a matter concerning the following item was considered:

4.1 Ad-hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee - Discussion of Potential Chair Resume – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

At the In-camera Session, no direction was given. The City Clerk advised that a report would be presented regarding this matter at a future open session of Council.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

None scheduled.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 ADDED - Resolution - Stratford Attainable Market Housing Project Final Report (COU23-064)

Joani Gerber, Chief Executive Officer of investStratford, Caroline Baker, of Baker Planning Group, and Kim McElroy, Director of Social Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Stratford Attainable Market Housing Project. Highlights of the presentation included:

- acknowledgement of the teamwork and collaboration required to bring this project together;
- the project being about workforce as it relates to the involvement of investStratford;
- 40-60% of the workforce in the City commuting into the City each day for work;
- the report being received today and the project continuing forward;
- an overview of the attainable housing project to date including previously adopted Council recommendations;
- deliverables having been modified midway through the project due to Bill 23;
- the role of the Social Services Department in the attainable housing project;
- related programs and services being administered by the City's Housing Division;
- attainable housing being affordable, available, appropriate, and achievable;
- affordable and community housing being forms of attainable housing;

- the proposed attainable housing definition for the project and being quantified at a future date by the province;
- the increase in attainable housing relieving the pressure on affordable housing in the City;
- an additional landlord survey having been conducted as a part of public consultations;
- the need to guarantee maintained attainable housing;
- the Community Incentive Toolkit including both financial incentives and supports through proposed municipal programs;
- the need for more clarity around some definitions within Bill 23 in order to identify the impact on the project;
- recommending incentives from the toolkit be reviewed by staff to prepare a report regarding a draft community improvement plan for consideration during 2024 budget deliberations and a public meeting being required;
- a review of resources being needed to ensure an appropriate staff compliment for project implementation;
- the opportunity for surplus land grants and reviewing available land for a pilot housing project;
- an overview of sample design plans and cost analysis if choosing to proceed with a pilot housing project;
- recommending staff review a municipal surplus land policy and by-law and prepare an options report for Council's consideration;
- recommended monitoring of 150 McCarthy Road West for future infrastructure improvements;
- project supports being considered during a future comprehensive Official Plan review;
- an awareness campaign proposed using social media posts and a website to help increase the supply of attainable housing in the City;

- written stories and videos being available online of residents who have been impacted by pressures of the housing market in Stratford; and,
- the recommendations being requested at this meeting not involving any financial commitments and just for staff to review the implementation plan and next steps.

Discussion was held with respect to:

- attainable housing quantified by the province at 90% of market value being an educated guess at this time and wanting to have that definition prior to returning to Council with a community improvement plan;
- being able to address inclusionary zoning and minimum parking restrictions through a comprehensive Official Plan review and amendments to the City's Zoning By-law; and
- the scope of this project not considering incentives from the federal government but future work on a sustainable community improvement plan could dovetail into work related to attainable housing.

R2023-210

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the delegation by Jane Marie Mitchell and Mike Sullivan regarding the Stratford Attainable Market Housing Project Final Report, be heard.

Carried

Jane Marie Mitchell advised she was present to ask for a deferral for the approval of next steps of the project plan, especially the costing attached to the report. Ms. Mitchell stated there was not enough time for public to read, digest and analyze the report for it to be approved and that some public engagement like an open public meeting could assist. This was one item on an agenda that had 412 pages to be read and understood. Ms. Mitchell noted concerns she had with the City's Procedural by-law related to the timing and delivery of agendas. Returning to the report being considered, Ms. Mitchell requested that review of the project should include the City's Climate Change Program Manager as there is a need to

consider the climate and environment. Ms. Mitchell referenced a living wage employer that supported its employees in order to live and work in the City as it is difficult to find places for rent. Ms. Mitchell requested that this project be deferred in order to unpack the project and meet Stratford's needs.

Mike Sullivan congratulated the team involved on putting together something that is the beginning to help build more affordable housing. Mr. Sullivan stated he has reviewed the City's definition of attainable housing but believes this is just a definition for market housing. He further stated that attainable housing at 90% would not make Stratford affordable. He referenced average market prices being down 12% and three bedroom homes for rent being \$3,000 per month, with an average purchase price of \$680,000. Mr. Sullivan stated that the tools in the toolkit will not cover this gap, especially with the province taking away the use of development charges. He advised of an option to create a community land trust with respect to a potential housing pilot project. With respect to climate change, Mr. Sullivan stated more consideration was required and that ongoing costs could be reduced by making it a requirement that new homes are built as passive houses. Mr. Sullivan requested that the Climate Change Program Manager be included in the review of this project with the City's Corporate Leadership Team.

R2023-211

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the correspondence from Justine Nigro dated April 23, 2023, POL Quality Homes dated May 5, 2023, Family Services Perth-Huron dated May 4, 2023, Nicole Andre dated May 8, 2023, and Mike Sullivan dated May 8, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

R2023-213

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT the Stratford Attainable Housing Project – Project Summary Report including the Next Steps, as identified, be received;

AND THAT the Corporate Leadership Team, with support from investStratford, be responsible for the oversight of the project implementation plan and next steps, if approved.

Discussion was held between members and staff with respect to there not being any negative repercussions if the project were deferred.

R2023-212

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the main motion be amended to include the following:

THAT staff be directed to add a climate lens to the project implementation plan and next steps, as applicable.

Discussion continued regarding the review from a climate lens being a normal part of the process but it being important to clearly outline direction from Council.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the amending motion.

Carried

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Stratford Attainable Market Housing Project Final Report (COU23-064) be deferred for consideration until the May 23, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

Defeated

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion, as amended.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - Kelly Drain Engineering Report Consideration (COU23-062)

Joel Miller, Engineer, from K. Smart Associates Limited, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Kelly Drain Engineering Report. Highlights of the presentation included:

- this being an existing municipal drain, built in late 1960's;
- a request having been received to repair the drain and the Drainage Act allowing for the drain to be improved;
- the drain being located at the corner of Road 11 and Line 37;

- communal drainage systems needing to be improved over time and the Drainage Act providing ways for it to be upgraded;
- the drain serving about 160 acres of land;
- 1,100 meters of pipe being proposed to be put in with estimated costs of \$240,000; and
- cost allocation for this project being determined through a Court of Revision.

Discussion was held between staff and members regarding no concerns having been received to date and impacted land owners being able to appeal their assessment through the Court of Revision.

R2023-214

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the Engineer's Report, "Engineering Report for Kelly Drain 2023", dated April 5, 2023, be adopted;

THAT the City Clerk be directed to set a date for the first sitting of the Court of Revision and to distribute the Provisional By-law and the Notice of the Court of Revision, in accordance with Sections 46(2) and 46(3) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990;

THAT Council, having adopted the Engineering Report, give the attached Provisional By-law the two readings required by Section 45(1) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990;

AND THAT the Chair and Vice-chair of the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee be appointed to the Court of Revision.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the Court of Revision being comprised of two members of Council and one member from Perth East;
- the purpose of the Court of Revision being to consider appeals and determine if apportionments are needed; and
- a final by-law coming to Council for approval following the Court of Revision.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Request for Endorsement of Letters Regarding Basic Income for Income Security and Social Assistance Rates to Address Food Insecurity (COU23-065)

R2023-215

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the letters drafted and attached to Report COU23-065 related to providing basic income in Canada and increasing social assistance rates to address food insecurity, be endorsed.

It was requested that the three letters be taken separately.

Discussion was held between members and staff with respect to:

- universal basic income not targeting people in need of assistance and concerns with increasing the tax burden on the general population;
- evidence that basic income does raise everyone up and social assistance programs then being needed less
- concern with the letter not requiring work as a component to receive basic income; and
- challenges with finding daycare workers due to the pay being too low.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the Basic Income Letter drafted to the Government of Ontario.

Defeated

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the Social Assistance Letter drafted to the Government of Ontario.

Carried

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the Basic Income Letter drafted to the Government of Canada.

Defeated

7.4 Resolution - 2021 and 2022 Status Update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (COU23-054)

R2023-216

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the 2021 and 2022 Status Update on the City of Stratford 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received and uploaded to the City's website.

Mayor Ritsma acknowledged and thanked the work of the Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator on completing this.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - T-2023-15 Dunn's Bridge Rehabilitation Tender Award (COU23-055)

R2023-217

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT the Tender [T-2023-15] for the Dunn's Bridge Rehabilitation Project, be awarded to Finnbilt General Contracting Limited, at a total tender price of \$1,427,166.19, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement for the Dunn's Bridge Rehabilitation Project [T-2023-15].

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Lifting a Reserve on McCarthy Road West (COU23-056)

R2023-218

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford declare Part 1 Plan 44R-1343 as public highway and dedicate it as forming part of the McCarthy Road West right-of-way.

Carried

7.7 Resolution - Thames West Phase 1 Subdivision Agreement (COU23-057)

R2023-219

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT a Subdivision Agreement be entered into with Valley View Heights (St. Jacobs) Ltd. for the development of the Thames West Phase 1 subdivision;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to execute the Subdivision Agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

Discussion was held with respect to:

- understanding the need to be developing outside the City's existing residential footprint but wanting to have increased density;
- acknowledging the provision for sidewalks and pedestrian crossing on O'Loane; and
- density requirements needing to be reviewed through changes to the Official Plan and not being changed at this time.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.8 Resolution - Tender T-2023-11 to Supply and Deliver One New Sewer / Flusher Combo Unit (COU23-058)

R2023-220

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Tender [T-2023-11] for the Supply and Delivery of One New Sewer / Flusher Combo Unit, be awarded to JD Brule Equipment at a total tender price of \$734,443.50, including HST to improve the efficiency and service level of the Fleet Division while continuing to focus on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Policy Update – Temporary Patios on Private Property (COU23-059)

Councillor McCabe declared a pecuniary interest on this item as he owns a business with a patio.

R2023-221

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Delegation of Authority By-law 135-2017, as amended, be further amended, to delegate authority to the City Clerk, or Deputy Clerk, or Director of Corporate Services to approve the use of temporary patios on private property.

Carried

Councillor McCabe, having declared a pecuniary interest on this matter, did not participate in the discussion or vote.

7.10 Resolution - Abandonment of Portions of the McFarlane Municipal Drain and Finnegan Municipal Drain (COU23-060)

R2023-222

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT a by-law to abandon portions of the Finnegan Municipal Drain within the limits of the City of Stratford, be adopted in accordance with the Drainage Act;

AND THAT a by-law to abandon portions of the McFarlane Municipal Drain within the limits of the City of Stratford, be adopted in accordance with the Drainage Act.

Carried

7.11 Resolution - 2023 Community Grant Requests and Recommendations (COU23-061)

The Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the report regarding Community Grant Requests and Recommendations. It was advised that staff are recommending to draw on the existing balance from the Community Grant Reserve Fund as the proposed award is over the budgeted amount.

R2023-223

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the 2023 grant requests as recommended on the schedule attached to Report COU23-061 be approved for award as one-time (annual) grants, with the exception of the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony;

THAT the 2023 grant request for the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony be approved for award as a multi-year grant for three years (2023, 2024, 2025), with 2024 and 2025 approvals being subject to budget consideration for those years;

AND THAT any appeals received from applicants be considered by the Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee.

It was noted that community grant request numbers 12 and 20 were to be taken separately due to previously declared pecuniary interests.

Discussion was held with respect to concern regarding the grant being conditional on matching fundraising dollars for the Razzamajazz.

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the condition of matched fundraising dollars be removed for the Razzamajazz community grant request.

Discussion continued with respect to the Razzamajazz having a differently structured deal due to it being City owned.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the amending motion.

Defeated

The City Clerk clarified that the staff recommendation could be considered at this time with the exception of request numbers 12 and 20.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the main motion, with the exception of community grants request numbers 12 and 20.

Carried

Mayor Ritsma called the question on community grant request number 12 - INNERchamber.

Carried

Councillor Burbach, having declared a pecuniary interest on this matter, did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on community grants request number 20 - Here For Now Theatre Company.

Carried

Councillor Burbach and Councillor McCabe, having declared a pecuniary interest on this matter, did not participate in the discussion or vote.

7.12 Resolution - Artificial Turf Field Infill Material – Tender T-2023-19 Award (COU23-063)

R2023-224

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Tender [T-2023-19] for the Supply and Installation of New Infill Material for the Artificial Turf Field, be awarded to Clean Turf Canada Inc. at a total tender price of \$79,213.00, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign all necessary tender contract documents.

A member thanked staff for their work checking references and completing due diligence when considering submissions.

Mayor Ritsma 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 Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

R2023-226

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated May 8, 2023 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 2023 Tax Rates and Tax Policy Matters (FIN23-014)

THAT the report of the Director of Corporate Services dated April 24, 2023 regarding 2023 tax rates and tax policy matters (FIN23-014) be received;

AND THAT the 2023 Tax Ratios and Tax Rates By-law be adopted as presented.

9.1.2 Q4 Operating Budget Variance Report at December 31, 2022 (FIN23-016)

THAT the Q4 Operating Variance Report at December 31, 2022, be received for information.

9.1.3 Human Resources Policies – New and Amended (FIN23-015)

THAT the Respectful Workplace Policy H.1.36 substantially in the form as attached to Report FIN23-015, be adopted;

AND THAT the Workplace Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy H.1.6 and the Workplace Violence Policy H.1.23, as amended, be further amended substantially in the form as attached to Report FIN23-015.

9.2 Report of the Social Services Committee

R2023-227

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Report of the Social Services Committee dated May 8, 2023 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth and Ontario Works Service Agreement (SOC23-013)

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an agreement with the Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services to deliver the Ontario Works Service Agreement as detailed in the agreement for 2023;

THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to execute the agreement with Canadian Mental Health

Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services on behalf of the municipal corporation;

AND THAT City Council delegates its signing authority to the Director of Social Services or the Chief Administrative Officer to execute future renewal agreements with Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services until 2028, subject to satisfactory contract performance or any amendments to funding identified by the City.

9.2.2 One-Time Funding – Additional Ontario Works Caseworker (SOC23-014)

THAT the report titled "One-Time Funding – Additional Ontario Works Caseworker" (SOC23-014) be received for information.

9.2.3 Service Agreement between Festival Hydro Inc. – Low Income Energy Assistance Program [LEAP] (SOC23-015)

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an agreement with Festival Hydro Inc. for the Social Services Department to act as the lead agency and intake agency for the delivery of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) commencing May 1, 2023, and expiring on April 30, 2026;

AND THAT the Director of Social Services or the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

10. Notice of Intent:

None scheduled.

11. Reading of the By-laws:

11.1 Reading of By-laws 11.1.1 to 11.1

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-law 11.1.9 be taken separately.

Councillor Hunter declared a pecuniary interest on By-law 11.1.8 "Appointments to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development

Corporation Board of Directors", as he has a business relationship with someone being appointed.

It was requested that By-law 11.1.6 be taken separately.

R2023-228

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 55-2023 to 64-2023 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2023-229

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT By-laws 55-2023 to 64-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-230

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT By-laws 55-2023 to 64-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2023-231

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT By-law 65-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-232

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT By-law 65-2023 be read a Third and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2023-233

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 66-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-234

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law 66-2023 be read a Third and Finally Passed.

Carried

Councillor Hunter, having declared a pecuniary interest on this matter, did not participate in the discussion or vote.

R2023-235

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 67-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-236

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-law 67-2023 be read a Third and Finally Passed.

Carried

Councillor McCabe, having declared a pecuniary interest on this matter, did not participate in the discussion or vote.

11.1.1 Award of Tender for the Dunn's Bridge Rehabilitation Project - By-law 55-2023

To authorize the acceptance of a tender and the entering into and execution of a contract with Finnbilt General Contracting Limited for the Dunn's Bridge Rehabilitation Project (T-2023-15).

11.1.2 Award of Tender for the Supply and Delivery of One Sewer Cleaner Flusher Combo Truck Unit - By-law 56-2023

To authorize the acceptance of a tender with JD Brule Equipment for the supply and delivery of one Sewer Cleaner Flusher Combo Truck Unit (T-2023-11).

11.1.3 Dedication of Part of McCarthy Road West as Public Highway - By-law 57-2023

To dedicate Part 1, Plan 44R-1343, as public highway forming part of McCarthy Road West in the City of Stratford.

11.1.4 Abandon a Portion of the Finnegan Municipal Drain in the City of Stratford - By-law 58-2023

To abandon a portion of the Finnegan Municipal Drain in the City of Stratford.

11.1.5 Abandon a Portion of the McFarlane Municipal Drain in the City of Stratford - By-law 59-2023

To abandon a portion of the McFarlane Municipal Drain in the City of Stratford.

11.1.6 Subdivision Agreement with Valley View Heights (St. Jacobs) Limited for the Thames West Phase 1 Subdivision - By-law 65-2023

To authorize the entering into and execution of a Subdivision Agreement with Valley View Heights (St. Jacobs) Limited for the Thames West Phase 1 development.

11.1.7 Award Tender for the Supply and Installation of New Infill Material for the Artificial Turf Field - By-law 60-2023

To authorize the acceptance of a tender with Clean Turf Canada Inc. for the supply and installation of New Infill Material for the Artificial Turf Field (T-2023-19).

11.1.8 Appointments to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors - By-law 66-2023

To amend By-law 4-2023, as amended, to make appointments to the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Corporation Board of Directors.

11.1.9 Delegation of Authority to Approve the Use of Temporary Patios on Private Property - By-law 67-2023

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Director of Corporate Services, or City Clerk or

Deputy Clerk, to approve the use of temporary patios on private property.

11.1.10 Set Tax Ratios, Tax Rates and Tax Reductions for 2023 - By-law 61-2023

To set tax ratios, tax rates and tax reductions for prescribed subclasses for the year 2023 and govern and regulate the finances of The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

11.1.11 Agreement with Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services to Deliver Support Services to Social Services Clients - By-law 62-2023

To authorize the entering into and execution of an Ontario Works Service Agreement Purchase of Service Agreement with Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services to deliver support services to clients of the Social Services Department, for a one-year term to December 31, 2023, with an option to renew annually to 2027.

11.1.12 Delegation of Authority to Execute Renewal Agreements with Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services - By-law 63-2023

To amend By-law 135-2017, as amended, to delegate Council's authority to the Director of Social Services or the Chief Administrative Officer, or their respective delegates, to execute Ontario Works Service Agreement Purchase of Service Annual Renewal Agreements with Canadian Mental Health Association Huron-Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services to deliver the support services program to Ontario Works clients to December 31, 2027.

11.1.13 Agreement with Festival Hydro Inc. for the Provision of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program - By-law 64-2023

To authorize the entering into and execution of a Service Agreement with Festival Hydro Inc., for the provision of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) for a three-year term until April 30, 2026.

11.2 Reading of By-law 11.2.1

The following By-law required First and Second Readings:

R2023-237

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 68-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

11.2.1 Repair and Improvements to the Kelly Drain - By-law 68-2023

To provide for the repair and improvements to the Kelly Drain 2023 in the City of Stratford.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2023-045 to CA-2023-056

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 May 23, 2023 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

R2023-238

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

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];**
- **Planning and Heritage Committee [7:10 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 May 8, 2023 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 May 8, 2023, reconvene Council meeting.

15.2 Committee Reports

15.2.1 Planning and Heritage Committee

R2023-239

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT Item 4.1 of the Planning and Heritage Committee meeting dated May 8, 2023 be adopted as follows:

4.1 Management Report for Zone Change Application Z08-22 (PLA23-006)

THAT Application Z08-22 to amend zoning provisions relating to uses permitted in the R4 zone BE APPROVED for the following reasons:

- i. The request is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement;**
- ii. The request is in conformity with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Official Plan;**
- iii. The Zone Change will facilitate development that is appropriate where permitted; and**

iv. The public was considered during the application circulation and comments that have been received in writing or at the public meeting has been reviewed, considered and analyzed with the planning report.

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

Carried

15.2.2 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee

R2023-240

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT Item 5.1 of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety meeting dated May 8, 2023 be adopted as follows:

5.1 Replacement of Social Services Vehicle (ITS23-013)

THAT authorization be given to staff to proceed with procurement of a used vehicle to replace the damaged Social Services fleet H5, for a cost not exceeding \$45,000, including HST.

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:

Amend Zoning By-law to Rezone All Lands with R4 Zoning in the City of Stratford - By-law 69-2023

To amend By-law 10-2022 as amended, with respect to zone change application Z08-22 by the City of Stratford to amend the R4 Zoning for all lands in the City of Stratford.

Confirmatory By-law - By-law 70-2023

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on May 8, 2023.

R2023-241

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Wordofa

THAT By-laws 69-2023 and 70-2023 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2023-242

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT By-laws 69-2023 and 70-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-243

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT By-laws 69-2023 and 70-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.4 Adjournment of Council Meeting

Mayor Ritsma recognized Jason Brenzil who is leaving Environmental Services. Jason is moving on to the Electrical Safety Authority and Mayor Ritsma wished him all the best.

R2023-244

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Wordofa

THAT the May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 8:47 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 9:11 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 9:14 P.M.

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe