



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4722nd
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

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

Regrets: Councillor Henderson

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services/Acting Chief Administrative Officer, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Andrea Hächler - Manager of Planning

Also Present: Members of the public and media

1. Call to Order:

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

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a Member at the June 12, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2023-268

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated May 23, 2023 be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addendum to the Agenda:

R2023-269

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Addendum to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees, to add delegations and receipt of correspondence to the Regular Council agenda, dated June 12, 2023, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

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

5.1 June 12, 2023, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session

The June 12, 2023, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session was cancelled.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 Request for Delegation by the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board

R2023-270

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the delegation by Jamie Pritchard, Pamela Coneybeare and Kiersten Hatanaka, on behalf of the Downtown Stratford BIA, be heard.

Carried

Jamie Pritchard, General Manager of the BIA, Pamela Coneybeare, Former BIA Chair, and Kiersten Hatanaka, Chair of the BIA Beautification Committee provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Downtown Stratford's Public Art Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the definition of joy was provided, noting that the experience of joy makes visitors want to return or move to Stratford and businesses locate in joyful cities as they are happy and profitable;
- the BIA being in the business of initiating and supporting projects that bring joy in the downtown core;
- public art activates the imagination and stimulates learning;
- the belief that public art is good for the downtown and good for Stratford as a whole;
- an example was provided of the BIA's first mural project and during that process there being no guide or instructions for completing the project;
- following that project, the BIA took steps to create a public art plan, which provides guidelines on completing projects from start to finish;
- Council was asked to approve the plan to give guidance to future projects;
- history of the project was provided, with STEPS Public Art being retained in May 2022 to develop the plan;
- following engagement with over 500 community members, the plan was developed;
- the plan includes a vision statement, guidelines and six (6) guiding principles;

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- the plan was developed to ensure compliance with current by-laws and policies, such as the Heritage Conservation District policies and urban design guidelines;
- the City is also working with STEPS on a Municipal Cultural Plan and there may be overlap between the plans; and
- Council was asked to take a leadership role by approving the plan to be used as a tool for future projects.

The BIA was thanked for their work on this plan and other initiatives completed in the downtown core.

R2023-271

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the Public Art Plan, developed by the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area, be approved for use by the City of Stratford for future projects.

Carried

6.2 Request for Delegation by Stratford-Perth Pride

R2023-272

Motion by Councillor Briscoe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the delegation by AJ Adams, on behalf of Stratford-Perth Pride, be heard.

Carried

AJ Adams, President and Board Chair of Stratford Perth Pride, provided statistics on the Stratford Perth Pride organization and examples of their community partners. The purpose of the presentation was to discuss the rainbow crosswalk located in the downtown core. History was provided on the project as follows:

- following positive feedback from the community, Kelly Ballantyne, owner of Sirkel and Stratford Perth Pride joined forces to fundraise for the installation of a rainbow crosswalk;
- the rainbow crosswalk was vandalized following installation and has continued to deteriorate for various reasons, including materials used and weather;

- Stratford Perth Pride raised over \$7,000 in 24 hours to have a new crosswalk installed;
- the new crosswalk design includes the rainbow colours for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and black and brown for people of colour;
- as Public Works already maintains crosswalks throughout the City, Stratford Perth Pride is requesting that the City take over ownership and regular maintenance of the rainbow crosswalk; and
- Stratford Perth Pride remains willing to complete fundraising activities to cover the cost for maintenance.

Stratford Perth Pride and Kelly Ballantyne were thanked for bringing this initiative forward and working with Public Works staff to have the new rainbow crosswalk installed.

R2023-273

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the request for the City of Stratford to own and maintain the rainbow crosswalk located in front of Stratford City Hall at the Wellington and Downie Streets intersection, be referred to the 2024 Budget Deliberations.

It was questioned whether maintenance of the rainbow crosswalk would be the same process as maintaining other crosswalks in the City. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services stated that with the new simpler design, maintenance should not be a problem.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

6.3 ADDED - Committee of Adjustment Decision, Application A10-23 for 173 William Street

R2023-274

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the delegations of Karen Fleming and Bill Henderson, regarding a Committee of Adjustment Decision relating to Application A10-23, be heard.

Carried

Karen Fleming, co-owner of 177 William Street, advised their property is adjacent to the property subject to the Committee of Adjustment Application A10-23. Karen Fleming spoke about the Committee of Adjustment Decision relating to Application A10-23 noting:

- Bill 23 has removed the right for all but a select group to appeal Committee of Adjustment decisions;
- the deadline for filing an appeal of the Committee of Adjustment Decision on Application A10-23 is June 16, 2023;
- as a public body, Council can appeal a Committee of Adjustment decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT);
- concern was noted with the openness and transparency of the process as specific numbers related to the request were provided in the Notice of Public Hearing received, as well as the notice posted on the subject property for an increase in house height and reduction of minimum side yard setback to facilitate the construction of a detached garage;
- the Planning Division reduced the numbers in their recommendation, which was not available until two (2) days prior to the meeting;
- the staff recommendation for another application concerning 115 Cobourg Street was referred to, noting that denial of the request was recommended to ensure that setbacks affecting the adjacent property did not create negative impacts;
- concerns were noted that the report does not indicate how eaves would be cleaned without the owners of 173 William Street accessing their property, nor how damage to their property from overflow of the eaves would be managed;
- discussion was had with Matthew Rae, MPP, who stated that the four (4) statutory tests in the Planning Act are required to be applied and that the intent of Bill 23 was to increase housing, not signal legislative support for single family dwellings;
- the variance application of A10-23 fails to meet all four (4) statutory tests under the Planning Act;

- the subject property applied for a variance of the front yard setback, and in that report, it states that the garage will comply with setbacks and does not require a variance;
- that variance was then requested in April, for a total of four (4) variances for 173 William Street;
- the decision favours the applicant and disregards the negative impacts to their property;
- concern that there was a misconception that any setback would have to be vetted by the City's Building Division;
- a request was made that Council adopt a resolution that the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in A10-23 be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the June 16, 2023 deadline;
- it was suggested that if not appealed, this decision sets an undesirable precedent for the City and that by-laws should be upheld; and
- it was noted that the owners of 177 William Street were prepared to assume the costs of the legal appeal.

It was suggested that the OLT would look for a collaborative solution between the parties. A member questioned whether Ms. Fleming would be prepared to accept a compromise on the setbacks. Ms. Fleming stated that the standards set out in the by-law of a 1m setback from the side yard and a 0.6 setback for eaves and roof overhang should be upheld.

Bill Henderson stated that he was not speaking on behalf of Karen Fleming, but on behalf of all other homeowners in Stratford. Concern was noted with the precedent the decision in Committee of Adjustment Application A10-23 may establish as follows:

- the tearing down of small houses on small lots and the rebuilding of huge homes;
- the only thing preventing the scenario described above is City by-laws;
- an example of the size of 0.6m was provided and what that might look like if all homes were able to develop under those standards; and

- it was questioned whether this was the kind of development Council wanted to see in the City.

R2023-275

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT the correspondence from Eleanor Kane dated June 10, 2023, regarding Committee of Adjustment Decision relating to Application A10-23, be received for information.

Carried

A member stated that Bill 23 has put Council in a difficult position, as this was not the intent of the bill. It was agreed that this decision was precedent setting and concern was noted with the decision of the Committee of Adjustment related to the side yard setback.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

THAT the City's legal counsel be directed to file an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in the matter of the May 29, 2023, Committee of Adjustment Decision on Application A10-23, with respect to 173 William Street, for the reasons set out as follows:

- there being no supporting reason for the variance request;
- there being ample space on the property to build a detached garage that complies with existing side yard set back requirements; and that
- this decision is precedent setting for Stratford side yard setbacks.

The Clerk clarified that the Committee of Adjustment decision is final, and the focus of the discussion is whether Council, as a public body, would like to file an appeal under the Planning Act. The Acting Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that the Committee of Adjustment approval process was reviewed by the City Solicitor and the Planning Act was followed.

Support for the resolution was noted as the 0m setback is concerning due to practicality reasons outlined. It was noted extensive building will be taking place in future decades and the Committee of Adjustment decision affects the landscape of neighbourhoods to come.

It was questioned what the costs of the appeal would be. The Clerk stated the minimum cost would be \$15,000. The City would also be responsible for covering legal costs for the Committee of Adjustment if they obtain independent legal counsel to defend their decision.

Clarification on the appeal process was requested. The Clerk stated that if the motion to appeal was adopted, staff would provide direction to the City's legal counsel to file an appeal to the OLT in accordance with the Planning Act. The City would also be required to hire an independent land use planner. It was questioned whether mediation could occur between the parties. The Clerk clarified that because the Committee of Adjustment decision is final, the only course available was to file an appeal.

It was suggested that if an appeal was filed, this example could be used to amplify to the Province the difficult position municipal Councils have been placed in due to Bill 23.

Setbacks for a recent planning application approved by Council were questioned. The Manager of Planning stated that a recent development was approved for a 0.6m side yard setback with a building height of three (3) stories. It was noted that this side yard setback has been supported many times previously in Stratford, as well as in other municipalities. Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Defeated

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Zone Change Application Z09-22, 46 General Hospital Drive & 130 Youngs Street (COU23-077)

Robyn McIntyre, MHBC, planning consultant for the City, provided an overview of Zone Change Application Z09-22 affecting the property at 46 General Hospital Drive and 130 Youngs Street. Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, the following highlights were provided:

- a public meeting was held on March 20, 2023;
- a zoning by-law amendment was submitted by GSP on behalf of Stratford General Hospital;
- the zoning amendments requested were reviewed;

- no changes to any of the buildings on site are proposed as part of this application;
- current zoning and official plan designations were reviewed;
- this application is to reduce the site specific landscape buffer from 55m to 7.7m;
- delegation comments at the public meeting discussed EV charging stations, accessible parking spaces, traffic safety, sidewalks, landscaping, snow storage, and parking lot lighting;
- staff provided responses to all comments in the staff report;
- EV charging stations are not required under the City's Zoning By-law, but the applicant has mentioned that they are looking to provide four (4) EV charging spaces at the detailed design stage;
- the Zoning By-law requires 12 accessible parking spaces, the site has 16 and exceeds requirements of the Zoning By-law with the addition of the new lot;
- regarding traffic safety, a traffic study was conducted for the intersection of Youngs Street and St. Vincent Street South in March/April 2023;
- 50% of vehicles are driving 33km/hour in this area and 85% are driving 48km/hour;
- staff advised there have been no accidents reported at that intersection between 2014 and 2022;
- no recommendations have been suggested to change the existing intersection;
- landscaping, berms, sidewalks, snow storage and lighting would be determined at the detailed design stage; and
- staff are recommending approval of the application.

It was stated during the public meeting there were concerns about the intersection of St. Vincent Street South and Cambria Street. It was questioned whether this intersection was included in the traffic study. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services stated that it was not part of this application, but staff have reviewed it in the past. There is

approximately one (1) collision per year, which does not meet the warrants to make changes to the intersection.

It was questioned whether landscaping, berms and lighting could be considered as part of this application. Ms. McIntyre confirmed this application is restricted to the rezoning request.

R2023-276

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the delegation by Kristen Barisdale on behalf of the applicant, be heard.

Carried

Kristen Barisdale, GSP Group, on behalf of the applicant and referring to a PowerPoint presentation, provided the following information:

- the subject site was displayed, including the proposed parking lot;
- the parking lot expansion is intended to accommodate staff and employees;
- staff currently rely on a parking lot located on the Avon Crest property;
- that lot is not suitable for those working shift work into the evenings and night as it is farther away from the hospital;
- the application provides for connection to the existing surface lots and does not include any new driveway accesses to St. Vincent Street or West Gore Street;
- the proposed development would provide for 89 additional parking spaces and a 7.5m set back along West Gore Street and St. Vincent Street South;
- the landscape concept that was submitted with the application, includes a significantly enhanced landscape buffer along West Gore and St. Vincent Street South;
- with the landscape buffer and the required 1.5m road widening, there will ultimately be a 9m setback from the property lines to the proposed parking lot;

- the original intent of the green space provision was to ensure that any hostel or hotel uses would not get any closer to the houses on St. Vincent;
- the recommendation would maintain all existing provisions for hostels and reduce the landscape strip alongside St. Vincent Street South to 7.7m;
- a number of comments provided at the public meeting and subsequent to the meeting related to landscape buffering along West Gore;
- they believe there is sufficient space to provide for enhanced landscape beds and mature trees; and
- with respect to a future pedestrian connection, they have submitted a pre-submission request to the Planning Division for the subsequent detailed site plan application which provides for details such as pedestrian access, sidewalks, landscaping and snow storage.

A question and answer period took place between Ms. Barisdale, Francisco Sabatini on behalf of Stratford General Hospital and Council as follows:

- it was suggested that this would be a good opportunity for deck parking in terms of use of space and questioned whether it was considered;
- placement of the proposed new parking lot was located near the employees it is intended to serve;
- a parking structure has a more significant funding requirement and it is more financially feasible for healthcare dollars to install surface parking;
- it was suggested this land would be a good use of space for supportive housing;
- it was questioned whether not having access to the St. Vincent Street driveway was considered;
- driveway access will be considered at the site plan application stage;

- Council is being asked to consider the reduction to the landscape buffer provisions;
- the expectation that there would be more EV charging stations included on the site;
- there currently being three (3) EV charging stations in parking lot A and four (4) more will be added to the proposed new lot;
- the original purpose of the 55m landscape buffer being part of a package of limitations put on the hostel use due to concerns at the time that the hostel would expand and cause strain for area hotels;
- there being an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision to approve the hostel use limiting it to 3,888 square metres, 165 beds, minimum parking requirements and a 55m open space so it would not be able to extend toward St. Vincent Street South; and
- staff believe the staff recommendation upholds the intent of the OMB decision.

R2023-277

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT application Z09-22 to amend the site-specific zoning at 46 General Hospital Drive to permit the expansion of a parking lot 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 the expansion of a parking lot that is appropriate for the subject lands; and**
- 4. The public were 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.

A member spoke against the resolution due to concerns heard at the public meeting. It was stated that the Province has taken away Council's authority to approve site plan applications and concern was expressed that there may be unintended traffic obstructions on surrounding streets.

The Clerk clarified that the Province has delegated approval of site plans to staff through the Planning Act. The notice referenced in the staff recommendation refers to notice related to the Zone Change Application and not the site plan application as the site plan application process is no longer a public process.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.2 Proclamation - National Blood Donor Week

R2023-278

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims June 14, 2023, as "World Blood Donor Day" and June 11 to 17, 2023, as "National Blood Donor Week" in the City of Stratford.

Carried

7.3 Proclamation - Kiwanis Club of Stratford Week

R2023-279

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Wordofa

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims the week of July 30 to August 6, 2023 as "Kiwanis Club of Stratford Week" in the City of Stratford in recognition of 75 years of service in the community;

AND THAT Stratford City Council hereby authorizes the Kiwanis Club flag to fly at City Hall from July 28 to August 3, 2023.

Carried

7.4 Proclamation - Stratfords of the World

R2023-280

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims Thursday, August 3, 2023 as "Stratfords of the World Day" and the week of August 2-9, 2023 as "Stratfords of the World Week" in the City of Stratford in celebration of all attending Stratford delegates from around the world;

AND THAT Stratford City Council hereby authorizes the flying of the Stratfords of the World flag at City Hall from August 3-10, 2023.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Perth & Stratford Housing Corporation update – 9 Fulton St., Milverton (COU23-072)

R2023-281

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the report titled, "Perth & Stratford Housing Corporation update – 9 Fulton St., Milverton" (COU23-072), be received for information.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - 2023 Procedural By-law Review (COU23-073)

Members suggested the following items be included in the Procedural By-law review:

- investigation of recording of all Council votes, with or without the use of technology as those opposed to a motion would be included in the minutes, which is helpful when reconsidering a matter;
- a review of the current three step decision making process for efficiencies;
- review of the sound quality of the livestream and recordings; and
- establishment of a consistent review process and parameters for reviewing the Procedural By-law every four years.

R2023-282

Motion by Councillor Nijjar

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the following items be included as part of the Procedural By-law review:

- **investigate recording of all council votes, with or without the use of technology, for increased transparency;**
- **review the current governance structure for increased efficiencies in the decision making process;**
- **review livestream sound quality for increased transparency and public participation; and**
- **establishment of a consistent review process and parameters for reviewing the Procedural By-law every term of Council.**

Carried

7.7 Resolution - T-2023-13 Erie Street Watermain Relining Tender Award (COU23-074)

R2023-283

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Tender (T-2023-13) for the Erie Street Watermain Relining Contract, be awarded to Fer-Pal Construction Ltd. at a total tender price of \$1,498,876.07, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement for the Erie Street Watermain Relining project T-2023-13.

Carried

7.8 Resolution - Chair of Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee (COU23-075)

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT Dan Mathieson be appointed as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee.

Members discussed the appointment of a Chair to the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee. Highlights of the discussions included:

- there being a desire to see a more rounded recruitment process;

- there being a desire for Council to see who puts their name forward to volunteer on the committee;
- the Terms of Reference adopted for this committee having indicated that the usual processes for advisory committee appointment would be followed;
- the Chair of this committee being a volunteer position;
- the former Mayor Dan Mathieson having a lot to offer for this particular role;
- Council having the ability to appoint the remaining members of the committee, which would occur through Council resolution and by-law;
- the understanding that the City will issue a call for applications, being the collection of resumes and cover letters due to the uniqueness of position;
- applications collected will be presented to Council;
- it being noted that traditionally chairs are appointed from within the members that are appointed to their respective committee;
- whether applicants could self-identify as wanting to be chair; and
- a suggestion that this method could set a precedent.

A request was made for a recorded vote.

Further discussion took place as follows:

- it being the Clerk's understanding that with Option 1, the Chair was to be appointed first and then the Chair would provide a recommendation on other members to be appointed to Council;
- this project being Stratford's biggest opportunity in generations;
- there being a need for someone who can step in immediately with key connections in upper levels of government, knowing the history and all moving parts and the ability to bring people on board in partnership;
- it being noted that this is a large project that could go sideways if they do not stay on top of it; and

- this not being a discussion about the merits of the individual, it is about the process.

The recorded vote was taken.

In Support (5): Councillor McCabe, Mayor Ritsma, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Hunter, and Councillor Nijjar

Opposed (5): Councillor Sebben, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Briscoe, Councillor Wordofa, and Councillor Burbach

Absent (1): Councillor Henderson

Defeated

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT the City of Stratford recruit for a Chair of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee concurrently with the other positions available on the Committee;

AND THAT applicants interested in the Chair position be asked to provide the rationale for their suitability as Chair.

Support for this motion was stated as it would allow Council to have a hand in choosing the Chair, instead of the committee choosing from within the appointed members. The process would also be open to everyone who wants to apply.

It was questioned what the timeline was for advertising for this committee. The Clerk stated the intent was to put out the call for applications in the next week or two. It was clarified by the mover that there should be a section to indicate interest in the Chair position on the application form.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Defeated

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT the Chair of Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee Report COU23-075, be deferred for consideration to the June 26, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

Defeated

R2023-284

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the City of Stratford recruit for a Chair of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee prior to starting recruitment for the remaining Committee members for consideration by Council.

Support for the motion was expressed, and it was noted that a strong chair with relevant expertise is needed, and they should be allowed input into selection of the committee. It was requested that if this option was approved, that Council be presented with all applications, along with the recommendation of the Chair. The Clerk stated she believes the process would be similar to appointment of the Stratford Library Board of Directors. The Board reviews all applications and provides recommendations, but all applications are also provided to Council for review.

Mayor Ritsma called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.9 Resolution - T-2023-21 Asphalt Resurfacing Tender Award (COU23-076)

R2023-285

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Tender (T-2023-21) and additional scope of work for the Asphalt Resurfacing 2023 Contract, be awarded to Steve Smith Construction Corporation at a total tender price of \$2,512,705.92, including HST;

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

Carried

7.10 Correspondence - Special Occasion Permit Request

The Smash It Sports Canada Summer Shaker baseball tournament will be held on July 14-16, 2023, at the Packham Road Sports Complex and the organizer has applied for a special occasion permit liquor licence.

Huron Perth Public Health and Corporate Services indicated no concerns with the event.

The Community Services Department indicated they have no concerns with the event, with the provision that adjustments be made to the location of the fencing.

The Fire Department provided the following comments:

- LLBO Special Occasion Permit and inspection from Fire Prevention required if applicant proceeds with liquor license.
- a list of food vendors/food trucks with applicable fire suppression system certificates to be submitted to Fire Prevention for approval.
- fire route to remain clear of obstructions.

Comments were not received from Police Services or the Building Division.

R2023-286

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT City Council does not express concern with the issuance of a special occasion permit for the Smash It Sports Canada Summer Shaker baseball tournament to be held July 14-16, 2023 at the Packham Road Sports Complex, subject to the necessary permits being obtained, compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy and the required certificates of insurance being provided.

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

R2023-287

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Report of the Community Services Committee dated June 12, 2023 be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.1.1 Golf Course 2023 Budget and Fee Schedule (COM23-003)

THAT the 2023 Municipal Golf Course Budget and Fee Schedule be approved as presented in Report COM23-003.

10. Notice of Intent:

10.1 Notice of Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Stratford City Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear from interested persons with respect to the following planning application:

- Official Plan Amendment Application OPA01-23 and Zone Change Application Z01-23 for 198 Mornington Street, Stratford

For more information, please see the Notice of Application and Public Meeting attached to the agenda.

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:

A request was made to take By-law 11.2 separately.

R2023-288

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-laws 76-2023 and 77-2023 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2023-289

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT By-laws 76-2023 and 77-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-290

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT By-laws 76-2023 and 77-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried unanimously

R2023-291

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Wordofa

THAT By-law 78-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-292

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-law 78-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

**11.1 Award Tender for the Erie Street Watermain Relining Project -
By-law 76-2023**

To authorize the acceptance of a tender and the entering into and execution of a contract with Fer-Pal Construction Ltd. for the Erie Street Watermain Relining Project (T-2023-13).

**11.2 Amend Zoning By-law 10-2022 to Rezone Lands Known
Municipally as 46 General Hospital Drive and 130 Youngs Street -
By-law 78-2023**

To amend By-law 10-2022 as amended, with respect to Zoning By-law Amendment application Z09-22 by the Stratford General Hospital to amend the site specific regulations at 46 General Hospital Drive and 130 Youngs Street to reduce the landscaped open space setback from 55 metres to 7.7 metres to accommodate an 89-space parking lot.

**11.3 Award Tender for the Asphalt Resurfacing Contract 2023 - By-
law 77-2023**

To authorize the acceptance of a tender and the entering into and execution of a contract with Steve Smith Construction Corporation for the Asphalt Resurfacing 2023 Contract (T-2023-21).

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2023-067 to CA-2023-078

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

13. New Business:

13.1 Correspondence - Family Health Teams

Mayor Ritsma advised he was requested to write a letter of support for Huron Perth Family Health Teams for funding for a mobile primary care clinic. The Mobile Clinic will help with primary care for those without a family doctor.

13.2 Zoning By-law and Parking Requirements for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

A member stated the City's Zoning By-law does not currently contain provisions or requirements for electric vehicle (EV) charging station parking spaces. A request was made for staff to review adding parking requirements for EV charging stations into the Zoning By-law.

R2023-293

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT staff prepare a report on the addition of parking requirements for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to the City of Stratford Zoning By-law 10-2022.

Carried

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is June 26, 2023, in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

R2023-294

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

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

- **Planning and Heritage 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]; and**
- **Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety 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 June 12, 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

Councillor Briscoe declared a pecuniary interest on Item 5.1 of the June 12, 2023, Planning and Heritage Committee agenda, "Proposed Exemption from Sign By-law 159-2004, 35 Waterloo Street North (PLA23-008)."

Councillor Briscoe currently volunteers with Stratford Perth Care for Kids whom is a tenant of the building. She also attends EarlyON classes at the address in question with a family member and is a registered EarlyON participant; which is under Perth Care for Kids.

Councillor Biehn declared a pecuniary interest on the following Items from the June 12, 2023, Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda:

- 4.1 - Request for Delegation by Jenna McNamara;
- 5.1 - Request for Noise Control By-law Exemption - Jubilee Stratford (ITS23-017).

Councillor Biehn declared an indirect pecuniary interest as her husband is the pastor of the Church seeking the Noise Control By-law exemption.

15.2 Reading of the By-laws (reconvene):

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

By-law 11.4 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 79-2023

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on June 12, 2023.

R2023-295

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-law 79-2023 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2023-296

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT By-law 79-2023 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2023-297

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the June 12, 2023 Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 8:57 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 9:21 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 9:23 P.M.

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe