

City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Member(s) Absent: F. Danch, Councillor

Staff Present: A. LaPointe, Acting Director of Planning and Development/City Clerk
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Madden, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
C. Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works
S. Lawson, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem

3. Proclamations

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the agenda dated October 12, 2021 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosures of Interest

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of Council - September 27, 2021

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on September 27, 2021, be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That item 7.1 be approved, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Carried

7.1 Municipal Modernization Program – Funding Application, 2021-255

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-255 be received;

That Council direct the Manager of Strategic Initiatives to submit funding applications to the Municipal Modernization Program, Intake Three (3);
and

That Council commits to fund the City's share of the projects from the 2022 Capital Budget.

8. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That items 8.1 and 8.2 be received for information.

Carried

8.1 Niagara Region - Request to Review and Amend Section 128 (Rate of Speed) of the Highway Traffic Act

8.2 Niagara Poverty Reduction Network - Letter of Support for Integrated Transit

9. Presentations

9.1 Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services Division, and Frank Tassone, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering, Niagara Region - Transportation Services Capital Projects - 5 Year Overview

Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services Division, and Frank Tassone, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering, Niagara Region provided a presentation with respect to Transportation Services Capital Projects - 5 Year Overview and responded to questions received from Council.

10. Delegations

10.1 Jesse Boles, Downtown BIA - Request to String Edison Lights in Downtown Port Colborne

Jesse Boles, Downtown BIA, responded to questions received from Council.

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the Delegation request from Jesse Boles, Downtown BIA, be received; and

That the Director of Public Works be directed to coordinate with the Downtown BIA to hang Edison lights in Downtown Port Colborne.

Carried

11. Mayor's Report

A copy of the Mayor's report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report

13. Staff Remarks

14. Councillors' Remarks

14.1 Rail Crossing at Brookfield Road and Forks Road (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for an update on the poor condition of the rail crossing located at Brookfield Road and Forks Road, the Director of Public Works indicated that he has made multiple efforts to meet with representatives from CN Rail to discuss this matter but to no avail. The Mayor further noted that if the Director does not receive a response in the next week, that his office will send a letter to the President of CN Rail.

14.2 Parking Signs on Firelanes (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' request for clarity regarding parking/no parking signs along the Firelanes, the Director of Public Works indicated that staff are in the process of preparing a map that indicates what parking signs are where near all road ends and that the map will be posted to the City's website.

14.3 Construction on West Street (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's inquiry regarding whether any construction will be happening on West Street between Clarence Street and Charlotte Street, the Chief Administrative Officer indicated that the St. Lawrence Seaway confirmed no plans to do any construction on West Street from Clarence Street to Charlotte Street.

14.4 Showboat Theatre (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu announced that the Showboat Theatre will be reopening soon, and he wished them all the best.

14.5 Intersections with Long Weeds (Bruno)

In response to Councillor Bruno's request to have the long weeds trimmed at the intersections of Neff Street and King Street, Steele Street and Main Street West and Fielden Avenue and Main Street West, the Director of Public Works confirmed that he would investigate.

15. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

15.1 Lockview Park – Concept Plan, 2021-256

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-256 be received; and

That Council approve the final concept plan for Lockview Park attached as Appendix A to Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-256.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-256 be referred to the Director of Public Works to investigate the residential component with respect to housing development and services and bring a report back to Council with findings.

Carried

a. Delegation material from Melissa Bigford, resident

15.2 Trimester 2 Reporting, 2021-263

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-263 be received for information; and

That the recommended transfer to the working capital reserve of \$129,400 and a building condition audit of all City buildings for \$75,000 be approved.

Carried

15.3 H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park – Parkette Concept Plan, 2021-257

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-257 be received; and

That Council approve the new concept plan for the Parkette at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park attached as Appendix A to Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-257.

Carried

15.4 Town of Fort Erie - Request the Provincial Government to Implement a Right-of-Passage along the Lake Erie Shoreline

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That correspondence received from the Town of Fort Erie regarding a request to the Provincial Government to Implement a Right-of-Passage along the Lake Erie Shoreline, be received for information.

Carried

15.5 City of Sarnia - Renovictions

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That correspondence from the City of Sarnia regarding Renovictions, be supported.

Carried

15.6 Niagara Region - Updated Land Acknowledgement Statements

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That correspondence from the Niagara Region regarding Updated Land Acknowledgement Statements, be supported; and

That the City's Procedural By-law be amended to include a land acknowledgement statement.

Carried

15.7 Niagara Region - Initiation Report for Port Colborne Quarry Regional Official Plan Amendment 20

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That correspondence from the Niagara Region regarding Initiation Report for Port Colborne Quarry Regional Official Plan Amendment 20, be received for information.

Carried

15.8 Niagara Region - Consultation Response and Further Policy Development

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That correspondence from the Niagara Region regarding Consultation Response and Further Policy Development, be received for information.

Carried

16. Motions

16.1 Memorandum from Councillors Bruno and Bodner - Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA)

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne supports the City of Welland's approval for a \$600,000 15-year loan (monthly payments) to the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission (NCDRAC) for the construction of 10 T hangers; and

That Council authorizes the City Clerk and Mayor to sign any necessary agreements and by-laws to advance the funding.

Carried

17. Notice of Motions

Mayor Steele provided notice of his intention to bring a motion forward at the October 25, 2021 Council meeting with respect to amending the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 for a property in the Westwood Estates subdivision.

18. Minutes of Boards & Committees

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That item 18.1 be approved, as presented.

Carried

18.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes - December 9, 2020

19. By-laws

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That items 19.1 and 19.2 be enacted and passed.

Carried

19.1 By-law to Amend the Assessment Schedule and to Levy the Actual Costs Incurred for the Maintenance of Drainage Works known as the Cook's Municipal Drain

19.2 By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

20. Confidential Items

21. Procedural Motions

22. Information items

23. Adjournment

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Amber LaPointe, City Clerk