

City of Port Colborne

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Aquilina, Councillor
M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
D. Elliott, Councillor
T. Hoyle, Councillor

Member(s) Absent: F. Danch, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

Staff Present: B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk
G. Long, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
C. Madden, City Clerk
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele was absent. Councillor Bodner presided as Deputy Mayor and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. National Anthem

Everyone stood for the national anthem.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Bodner read the Land Acknowledgement:

The Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and

the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The City of Port Colborne stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That the agenda dated October 8, 2024, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

6. Proclamations

6.1 Small Business Month - October 2024

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor D. Elliott

WHEREAS Small Business Month is an annual national celebration; and

WHEREAS the continued economic recovery has brought forward new and ongoing challenges for Canadian entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS business owners are finding ways to succeed despite these challenges; and

WHEREAS business owners are making their businesses more inclusive and sustainable, while driving the Canadian economy; and

WHEREAS residents are encouraged to support local small businesses as we look to maintain and recover from these challenges;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor, William C. Steele, proclaim October 2024 “Small Business Month” in the City of Port Colborne and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate our small businesses in Port Colborne.

Carried

a. Staff Memorandum - Recognition of Small Business Month

7. Presentations

There were no presentations.

8. Delegations

8.1 Julie Cule - Amendment to Zoning By-law 6575/30/18

Julie Cule delegated on amending Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 to allow chickens in residential areas.

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That Council direct Planning Staff to research and bring back a report for Council's consideration regarding the potential for City-wide Official Plan and Zoning By-law changes to allow chickens to be kept on residential properties in urban and rural settlement areas; and

That this report be brought forward in approximately 3 - 4 months time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Council direct Planning staff to pause enforcement on Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 until a report from the Planning Department on this matter is brought forward.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's report.

10. Regional Councillor's Report

There was no Regional Councillor's Report.

11. Consent Agenda

Item 11.3 b was lifted for discussion and considered under item 12, Items Requiring Separate Discussion.

11.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. **Regular Council Meeting - September 24, 2024**
- b. **Meeting to Consider - September 18, 2024**

11.2 Receipt of Minutes of Boards & Committees

- a. **Museum, Heritage, and Culture Board - July 16, 2024**

11.3 Staff Reports

- a. **Surplus Declaration – Alma Street Road Allowance, 2024-182**

11.4 Receipt of Correspondence Items

- a. **Niagara Region - Niagara Region Incentive Policy Review**
- b. **Niagara Region - Motion Respecting Municipal Codes of Conduct**
- c. **Niagara-on-the-Lake - Federal Infrastructure Funding**
- d. **Niagara Region - Niagara Gateway Application from City of Port Colborne - E-Materials Canada Corporation**
- e. **Municipality of St. Charles - Support Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches**
- f. **Hastings County - Regarding Sustainable Infrastructure funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

Resolved that Council hereby approves the listed consent items and that the consent items be approved on the recommendations as contained therein.

Carried

12. Items Requiring Separate Discussion

12.1 Recommendation Report for Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for Short Term Rentals, 2024-176

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That Development and Government Relation Department – Planning Division Report 2024-176 be received; and

That the Official Plan Amendment attached as Appendix A of Planning Division Report 2024-176 be approved; and

That the Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B of Planning Division Report 2024-176 be approved; and

That the City Clerk be directed to issue the Notices of Adoption and Passing in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

Carried

13. Motions

There were no motions.

14. Notice of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

15. Staff Remarks

Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works, updated Council on the installation of a three-way stop at West Street and Victoria Street; this work is planned for next week and will take approximately 3-5 days. He also updated Council on the upcoming construction to the library roof, which will take approximately one month to complete. The library will remain open during construction.

Bryan Boles, Director of Corporate Services, explained the Budget has been posted to the City's website and will be presented at the Budget Committee of the Whole meeting on October 16, 2024.

Charlotte Madden, City Clerk, explained the Clerk's Division will be holding a fall recruitment period from October 15 - 25, 2024, for the Boards and Committees who have expiring terms or vacancies to fill. There will be an ad in the newspaper, and information on social media as well for those interested in applying.

16. Councillors' Remarks

Councillor Elliot inquired to Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works, about the stone placement and the repair plan for broken stones at the Tennessee Avenue gates. He also inquired about different colours for road painting in school zones.

Councillor Bruno shared a message of thanks on behalf of residents for the City's flood reduction efforts in the Bartok area. He also inquired to Bryan Boles, Director of Corporate Services, about changing the layout of next year's tax bills mailed to City residents.

Councillor Bagu explained he met with the Roads and Parks Operations Manager and the Roads Foreman to discuss sidewalk defects in the City and that he plans on meeting with the Director of Public Works to prioritize repairing the outstanding, moderate sidewalk defects. He also inquired to the Steve Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works, about the water main construction on Homewood Avenue.

Councillor Aquilina thanked the Friends of Roselawn Committee, the volunteers, and all those involved in the Tea and Fashion Show event on September 29, 2024, for making the event a great success. She also explained the Art exhibit is still on at Roselawn until October 29, 2024, and planning sessions are starting for the Christmas Market.

Councillor Bodner explained he received an email from a constituent in Ward 4 who wanted to thank the City staff who have been cutting the grass along the side of the rural roads.

17. Procedural Motions

There were no procedural motions.

18. By-laws

18.1 Being a By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 17 to the Official Plan for the City of Port Colborne

18.2 Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 6575/30/18, the Zoning By-Law of the City of Port Colborne

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

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina

Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed, as presented:

- Being a By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 17 to the Official Plan for the City of Port Colborne
- Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 6575/30/18, the Zoning By-law of the City of Port Colborne

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

Carried

19. Adjournment

Councillor Bodner adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Ron Bodner, Deputy Mayor

Charlotte Madden, City Clerk