

City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Member(s) Absent: E. Beauregard, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor

Staff Present: T. Cartwright, Director of Community Safety & Enforcement
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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem

3. Proclamations

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the agenda dated May 25, 2021 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosures of Interest

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of Council - May 10, 2021

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on May 10, 2021, be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 7.1 and 7.2 be approved, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Carried

7.1 COVID Update May 2021 (2021-145)

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-145 be received for information.

7.2 Block Assessments Through the Drainage Act (2021-144)

That Engineering and Operations Department Report 2021-144 be received;

That the Drainage Superintendent be directed to instruct the appointed Engineer, Brandon Widner of Spriet Associates Engineers and Architects to assess the urban areas of the Biederman and Eagle Marsh Drain through block assessment.

8. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That items 8.1 to 8.4 be received for information.

Carried

8.1 Town of Lincoln - Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis

8.2 Niagara Region - 2020 Reserve Water and Wastewater Treatment Capacities

8.3 Municipality of Leamington - Advocacy for Reform of MFIPPA Legislation

8.4 Township of McKeller - Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB Payments

9. Presentations

9.1 Bruce O'Hare, President, Lakeshore Excursions - Cruise Ship Business Case

Bruce O'Hare, President of Lakeshore Excursions, provided a presentation with respect to the Cruise Ship Business Case and responded to questions received from Council.

10. Delegations

10.1 Dave Bodner - Request to receive exemption to attend Centennial Park - Cedar Bay Beach

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That consideration of Dave Bodner's request to receive an exemption to attend Centennial Park - Cedar Bay Beach, be referred to the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer in order to investigate potential solutions.

Carried

11. Mayor's Report

A copy of the Mayor's report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report

13. Staff Remarks

13.1 Victoria Day Long Weekend Parking (Cartwright)

The Director of Community Safety & Enforcement provided Council with a summary of the parking infractions that occurred across the City during the Victoria Day long weekend.

13.2 Beaches/PORTicipate Passes Update (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided Council with a status update on the PORTicipate passes, noting that to date, 3,000 residents have registered to receive a pass. The Director further updated Council on the Centennial Park - Cedar Bay Beach and Nickel Beach activity over the Victoria Day long weekend, indicating that the beaches opened on Saturday for the season.

13.3 Barricades at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer informed Council that during the Victoria Day long weekend, staff placed barricades at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park near the boat ramp to assist with the direction of traffic in anticipation of a busy weekend at the boat ramp.

13.4 Sugarloaf Marina Update (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided Council with an update on Sugarloaf Marina's activity from the time of opening to the current date.

13.5 Monthly Water Billing (Boles)

The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer informed Council that Finance staff have been able to move up the start date of monthly water billing to July. He further indicated that June will be the last bill within the current cycles.

14. Councillors' Remarks

14.1 Responses to Residents (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's inquiry regarding the amount of time permitted for staff to respond to resident inquiries, the Chief Administrative Officer reported that there is a City staff policy on responding to voicemails from residents and that CityWide monitors the various steps taken to respond to inquiries.

14.2 Nickel Beach Welcome Lifeboat Sign (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu commended City staff for their work on the Welcome Lifeboat sign at Nickel Beach.

14.3 Port Colborne Farmers' Market (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu indicated that he was very happy to see the Port Colborne Farmers' Market open for the season.

14.4 Parking Signs on the City-owned Firelanes (Wells)

In response to Councillor Wells' inquiry regarding whether parking signs will be posted on the City-owned Firelanes, the Director of Community Safety & Enforcement advised that the parking signs will not be posted on the City-owned Firelanes but rather, the privately owned Firelanes.

14.5 Homelessness and Crime (Danch)

Councillor Danch expressed concern regarding the amount of crime and homelessness present in the City and inquired as to whether the City can do anything to improve this. The Chief Administrative Officer informed Council that should any member of the public witness a crime, that it should be reported to the Niagara Regional Police. The Chief Administrative Officer further reported that should any member of the public witness someone needing intervention or assistance, that it should be reported to Community and Social Services Help Line by calling 211 and an outreach worker will be assigned to the individual. The Chief Administrative Officer concluded by indicating that the City's Communications team will work with the Niagara Regional Police Communications team in order to spread this information to the public.

14.6 Staffing Inquiries (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno reported that he received a resident inquiry with respect to the two new managerial job postings and whether there will be an effect on the City's budget as a result. The Director of Corporate Services informed Council that the Corporate Services Department staff head count will remain the same and that there is a slight budgetary differential which will be offset by the reorganization that occurred earlier in the year. The Councillor also noted that the resident expressed concern about the Chief Administrative Officer's raise in salary. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the annual salary disclosure documents do not provide any context for how the figures have been compiled and that there are various factors that affect increased figures from one year to the next.

14.7 Commercial Sign Removal (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed gratitude towards Public Works and By-law staff for removing commercial signs that have been placed throughout the City. The Councillor further encouraged the public to notify City staff if they see a commercial sign placed somewhere it isn't supposed to be.

14.8 Jacob E. Barrick Park (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed appreciation towards City staff for their prompt attention and investigation into a resident's concerns regarding safety and unfavourable behaviour occurring at Jacob E. Barrick park.

14.9 Retirement of Tom Cartwright (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno reported on the approaching retirement of Tom Cartwright, currently Director of Community Safety & Enforcement and previous Fire Chief, which is occurring at the end of June. The Councillor expressed sincere gratitude towards Tom Cartwright for his years of dedicated service to the City and encouraged others to reach out to Tom before his last day.

15. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

15.1 2021 Corporate Services Update (2021-153)

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-153 be received.

Carried

15.2 2020-2023 Strategic Plan (2021-146)

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That Chief Administrative Office Report 2021-146 Subject: 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, be received for information; and

That Council adopt the draft 2020-2023 Strategic Plan attached as Appendix A.

Carried

15.3 Proposed Draft By-law Non-Parking Administrative Penalty System (2021-150)

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Community Safety and Enforcement Department Report 2021-150 be received for information.

Carried

15.4 Recommendation Report for Zoning By-law Amendment D14-01-21, 836 Lorraine Road (2021-152)

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Planning and Development Department Report 2021-152 be received; and

That the Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix A to Planning and Development Report 2021-152 be approved.

Carried

16. Motions

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

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

Whereas Port Colborne Council approved a motion on May 14, 2018, supporting the common position resolution regarding the uptake of governance and the transfer of operating authority of the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA) and Niagara District Airport (NDA); and

Whereas the NCDRA Commission can be self sustaining under the new strategic direction and plan;

Therefore it be resolved that the City of Port Colborne rescinds the approved motion of council regarding the uptake of governance for the

transfer and operating authority of the NCDRA and NDA to the Niagara Region; and

That Port Colborne Council approves retaining the governance and ownership NCDRA; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Pelham, Town of Wainfleet, and City of Welland for consideration and support, and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Niagara Region and Niagara Region Municipalities for support.

Carried

17. Notice of Motions

18. Minutes of Boards & Committees

19. By-laws

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That items 19.1, 19.2, and 19.4 be enacted and passed.

Carried

19.1 By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 Respecting 836 Lorraine Road

19.2 By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 8 to the Official Plan for the City of Port Colborne

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

19.3 By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 Respecting 72 Killaly Street East and Vacant Lands to the North and East

Moved by Councillor H. Wells

Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That item 19.3 be enacted and passed.

Carried

- 20. Confidential Items**
- 21. Procedural Motions**
- 22. Information items**
- 23. Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:43 p.m.

William C. Steele, Mayor

Amber LaPointe, City Clerk