# City of Port Colborne Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 18-19 Minutes

**Date:** June 24, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 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

Absent: F. Danch, Councillor

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development

T. Cartwright, Fire Chief

J. Ferraccioli, Health Services Coordinator B. Garrett, Director of Corporate Services

A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development

M. Lannan, Environmental Compliance Student

A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk

S. Lawson, Deputy Fire Chief

C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations

S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)

D. Suddard, Environmental Compliance Coordinator

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStreem.

# 1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

# 2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

### 3. Confirmation of Agenda:

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

That the agenda dated June 24, 2019 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended. CARRIED.

By general consensus, items 12 and 13 under Items Requiring Separate Discussion were brought forward for consideration after item 6 (Presentations).

# 4. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

# 5. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 17-19, held on June 10, 2019

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

(a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 17-19, held on June 10, 2019, be approved as presented; and

CARRIED.

# 6. <u>Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:</u>

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16.

By general consensus Items Requiring Separate Discussion were considered in the following order: 12, 13, 1, 2, 8, 10, 15, and 16. The minutes reflect the order of the agenda.

# 7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 1 to 16 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

### Items:

4. Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-73, Subject: Mutual Assistance Agreement

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to sign the Mutual Assistance Agreement Mutual Assistance Agreement with all municipalities within Niagara, as well as the Regional Municipality of Niagara; and

That the necessary by-law be prepared.

5. Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-92, Subject: Fire and Emergency Services Information Report

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Fire and Emergency Services Department Report 2019-92, Subject: Fire and Emergency Services Information Report, be received for information.

6. Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division, Report 2019-82, Subject: Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report (2017)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division Report 2019-82, Subject: Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report (2017), be received for information.

7. Planning and Development, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2019-98, Subject: By-law Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and a Building Inspector

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Charlotte Cooper be appointed as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer; and

That Alexandra Campbell be appointed as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Property Standards Officer and a Building Inspector.

9. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-99, Subject: Recommendation Report for Zoning By-law Amendment D14-02-19, 45-53 West Side Road

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Zoning By-law Amendment, attached as Appendix A to Planning and Development Department, Planning Division Report 2019-99, be approved, rezoning 45-53 West Side Road from Commercial Plaza to CP-52; and

That staff be directed to prepare the Notice of Passing in accordance with the Planning Act and circulate to all applicable parties.

11. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2019-102, Subject: Property and Liability Insurance Policy Renewal

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That coverage with Frank Cowan Company be approved to provide the City's comprehensive property and liability insurance program for the next 18 months to December 31, 2020, as outlined and recommended in this report; and

That the addition be approved for Environmental Liability coverage which carries a limit of \$3,000,000 with an aggregate of \$5,000,000 and an estimated premium of \$8,250.

14. Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2019-97, Subject: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Fraelic

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the City of Port Colborne enter into a partnership with the Town of Fort Erie to offer an incentive contractual agreement to Dr. Joe Fraelic, at a total approved cost of \$35,000 – representing the City's share (one half) of the incentive amount; and

That the City's cost be funded from the Physician Recruitment Reserve Fund; and

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

CARRIED.

# 8. <u>Presentations:</u>

Nil.

# 9. <u>Delegations:</u>

(a) Vittoria Wikston, Senior Manager, Marketing and Community Development, 2021 Canada Games Host Society Inc., presenting The Canada 2021 Games – Niagara Region

Vittoria Wikston provided a powerpoint presentation with respect to The Canada 2021 Games in Niagara. A copy of the presentation is attached. Ms. Wikston announced that a Countdown Celebration will be held Monday, August 5, 2019 at the Henley Grand Stand including a free concert celebration.

# 10. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

# 11. Regional Councillor's Report:

Regional Councillor Butters advised that at the June 20, 2019 meeting of Regional Council, a pay increase was debated and Regional Council decided to introduce a wage increase to compensate for the federal tax change that eliminated the one-third

tax free income for Regional Councillors but the pay increase was referred to a citizen committee to provide recommendation to Council at a later date.

Regional Councillor Butters advised that Niagara Region's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 was presented and includes a new vision, mission, and values and is posted on the Region's website.

# 12. Councillors' Items:

# (a) Let's Talk About series by the Public Library (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais advised that the Library is holding part of its Let's Talk About series on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at the Guild Hall. Councillor Desmarais advised that the topic for the evening is Human Trafficking.

# (b) CAO Working Group on Community Wellness (Desmarais)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Desmarais with respect to vandalism and theft incidents in the City, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that the CAO Working Group will reconvene as soon as possible to discuss.

# (c) Pedestrian crossover on Clarence Street (Desmarais)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Desmarais, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff will ensure the trees are trimmed on Clarence Street so the leaves do not block the flashing lights and that the report providing safety options for the crossover will be brought to a July meeting of Council.

# (d) Centennial Park (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Bodner, the Director of Community and Economic Development advised that she will contact the property owner to determine the amount of time that construction will affect access to the parks and will report back to Council.

# (e) Beach cleaning (Bodner)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Bodner, the Director of Community and Economic Development advised that she will report back at the next meeting of Council with respect to the plan and schedule for cleaning and grooming City beaches.

# (f) Intersection of Main and Elm Streets (Bruno)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Bruno with respect to speeding through the intersection at Main and Elm Streets, Mayor Steele advised that the would forward the concern to the Niagara Regional Police Staff Sergeant.

# (g) Grass and weeds on road allowance next to 55 Coronation Drive (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno expressed thanks to Richard Daniel, Manager of Operations, for his quick response and action plan to cut the grass and weeds on the road allowance near 55 Coronation Drive.

# (h) Community beautification (Bruno)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Bruno with respect to out of town businesses posting signs on hydro poles, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that he would request permission from Fortis to remove the signs.

# (i) Leak detection program (Bruno)

In response to a request by Councillor Bruno for an update with respect to the leak detection program, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that seven service connections have either been repaired or the homeowners have been provided notification to repair, fourteen leaks were detected within the network, an estimate of more than 30,000 m³ monthly or 6 million gallons. The Director also reported that during the first two weeks of July a pilot program will begin to monitor certain fire hydrants.

# (i) Streetlight outage reporting (Kalailieff)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Kalailieff about the amount of time streetlights take to be repaired after an outage is reported, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff is working with IT to correct a glitch in the reporting software.

# (j) Roadside mowing (Wells)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Wells with respect to ditches being clogged by heavy grass cutting, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff is looking at alternatives that will be presented during 2020 budget deliberations.

# (k) Site development - Barber Drive (Wells)

In response to concerns expressed by Councillor Wells with respect to site development on Barber Drive, the Director of Planning and Development advised that he is aware of the complaints with respect to noise, tree removal, and privacy reduction and the Ministry of Environment is dealing with the property owner with respect to noise complaints. The Director also advised that there is an agreement for material to be stored on the site and that he will follow up with the owner to determine if there is need for a site plan agreement.

# (I) Truck traffic on Concession 3

Councillor Wells expressed a concern with respect to increased truck traffic on Concession 3.

# (m) Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce letter re Quarry (Wells)

Councillor Wells stated that the letter provided to Council from the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce with respect to the quarry contained inaccuracies.

# (n) Canal Days (Bagu)

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Bagu, Mayor Steele advised that the \$40-50,000 set aside by Council for Canal Days has not been used as was inaccurately reported by the newspaper and that the \$56,000 was a grant received.

# (o) FCM Conference (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno provided a summary of the events and seminars that he attended during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference from May 30 - June 2, 2019 in Quebec City. A copy of the summary is attached.

# (p) FCM Conference (Beauregard)

Councillor Beauregard provided a summary of the events and seminars that he attended during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference from May 30 - June 2, 2019 in Quebec City. A copy of the summary is attached.

# (q) FCM Conference (Steele)

Mayor Steele provided a summary of the events and seminars that he attended during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference from May 30 - June 2, 2019 in Quebec City. A copy of the summary is attached.

# (q) Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Steele)

Mayor Steele provided a summary of his attendance at the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference June 5 - 7, 2019 in Sheboygan Wisconsin. A copy of the summary is attached.

# Staff responses to Councillors' enquiries:

# (a) CAMA Conference, FCM Conference (Luey)

Chief Administrative Officer Luey provided a summary of his attendance at the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference from May 27 – May 29 and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference from May 30 – June 2, 2019 in Quebec City. Mr. Luey advised that the CAMA theme was resiliency in leading in today's environment and that he attended sessions about resiliency, populism, building positive and respectful workplaces, and political acumen. At FCM, Mr. Luey advised that he attended a municipal tradeshow, a political address by the federal party leaders, and sessions about 5G technology, gender parity on municipal councils, risk management, and festival fundraising.

# (b) Smoke alarm program (Cartwright)

The Fire Chief provided a reminder to residents with respect to the continuing door-to-door smoke alarm inspection program.

# (c) Downtown Community Improvement Plan proposed change (Aquilina)

The Director of Planning and Development advised that an open house is scheduled on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. with respect to a proposed expansion to Downtown Community Improvement to include the property at the corner of Elm and Charlotte Streets.

# 13. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

# Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-93, Subject: Fire Department Fee Schedule

The Fire Chief provided a powerpoint presentation with respect to the Fire Department's fee schedule. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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

That Fire and Emergency Services Department Report 2019-93, Subject: Fire Department Fees Schedule, be received for information.

Moved in amendment by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the main motion be amended by striking out "be received for information" and inserting "be supported"; and

That the main motion be further amended by adding thereto the following:

"That the Fire Chief be directed to continue with past practices using previously determined fees adjusted through inflation in consultation with Council."

The vote was then called on the main motion, as amended, as follows:

That Fire and Emergency Services Department Report 2019-93, Subject: Fire Department Fees Schedule, be supported; and

That the Fire Chief be directed to continue with past practices using previously determined fees adjusted through inflation in consultation with Council.

CARRIED.

2. Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division, Report 2019-100, Subject: Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2019-2024

The Environmental Compliance Supervisor, Darlene Suddard, and Environmental Compliance Student, Mae Lannan, provided a powerpoint presentation with respect to the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2019-2024. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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

That Engineering and Operations Department, Operations Division Report 2019-100, Subject: Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, 2019-2024" be received; and

That the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, 2019-2024, be approved; and

That staff be directed to publish, make available to the public and implement the City's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, in compliance with Ontario Regulation 397/11; and

That Councillor D. Kalailieff be appointed to sit on the Energy Conservation Committee for the term of Council.

CARRIED.

3. Fire and Emergency Services Department, Report 2019-71, Subject: Emergency Management Program

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

That the updated Emergency Management Program and updated Emergency Management Plan attached to Fire and Emergency Services Department Report 2019-71 be adopted by by-law; and

That By-law No. 6555/10/18 be repealed. CARRIED.

8. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-85, Subject: Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment D09-01-19 and Zoning By-law Amendment D14-03-19, 170 Welland Street and Accompanying Memo Re: Ministry of Environment D-6 Guidelines

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Official Plan Amendment, attached to Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-85 as

Appendix A, changing the designation of the property from "Parks and Open Space" to "Industrial Areas", be approved.

That the Zoning By-law Amendment, attached to Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-85 as Appendix B, rezoning the land from "P-CH" to "LI-51", be approved

That Planning staff be directed to prepare the Notice of Passing in accordance with the Planning Act and circulate to all applicable parties.

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the rules respecting delegations, as outlined under Section 10 of the Procedural By-law, be suspended in order permit Jeff Dwor, owner of 170 Welland Street, to speak regarding the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for the property.

CARRIED.

Moved in amendment by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the main motion be amended by adding thereto the following:

"That the storage of a loose material basis not be permitted on the 170 Welland Street."

LOST

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

That consideration of Planning and Development Department, Planning Division Report 2019-85, Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment D09-01-19 and Zoning By-law Amendment D14-03-19, 170 Welland Street be referred to the Director of Planning and Development to consider protection of the community by ensuring compliance with the Ministry of Environment D-6 Guidelines; and

That the Director of Planning and Development report back to Council at the July 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED.

# 10. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-101, Subject: Creation of an Affordable Housing Strategy for Port Colborne

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

That Planning and Development Department, Planning Division Report 2019-101 be received for information.

CARRIED.

# 12. Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2019-95, Subject: Establishment of a Locum Physician Support Program

The Health Services Coordinator, Joanne Ferraccioli, summarized the locum physician support program and answered concerns with respect to funding the program

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the Locum Physician Support Program, as outlined in Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division Report 2019-95, be approved.

That the City of Port Colborne Locum Physician Support Program include the following provisions:

- Physicians seeking support are required to submit a written request for locum physician assistance to the Health Services Committee.
- 2. Locum financial assistance from the City is funded from the City's Physician Recruitment Reserve account.
- 3. Total financial support is at a rate of \$500 per eight-hour workday, with a maximum amount of not more than \$5,000 per calendar year, per physician.
- 4. The application shall be reviewed by the Health Services Committee for approval.
- Upon the Health Services Committee's approval, the Director of Community and Economic Development shall authorize the application for locum physician assistance.
- 6. Payment shall be issued upon completion of the locum, to the Practice Physician.

### CARRIED.

13. Community and Economic Development Department, Health Services Division, Report 2019-96, Subject: One-time Funding Request for Amalgamation Support – Port Colborne Family Health Organization and Mapleview Family Health Organization

The Health Services Coordinator, Joanne Ferraccioli, explained the funding request by the Family Health Organization.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the City of Port Colborne financially support the amalgamation of the Port Colborne Family Health Organization and the Mapleview Family Health Organization, at a one-time cost of \$30,000, to be funded from the Physician Recruitment Reserve Fund.

CARRIED.

# 15. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2019-94, Subject: Fourth Annual Summer Concerts in King George Park

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the Summer Concerts in King George Park event, to be held on August 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019, be supported, as outlined in Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2019-94, Subject: Summer Concerts in King George Park;

That the fees for the park permit and use of hydro at King George Park, be waived;

That the Noise By-law Exemption application fee, be waived;

That the Event Organizer be required to file a certificate of Insurance, naming the City as additional insured, in the amount of \$2,000,000, prior to the event.

CARRIED.

16. Ritesh Malik of 2493207 Ontario Inc., Re: Request for Relief of Property Taxes/Interest for the duration of Development Process – 599 Main Street, West, Port Colborne

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the request by Ritesh Malik of 2493207 Ontario Inc. for relief of property taxes for the duration of the development process for 599 Main Street West be denied.

CARRIED.

# 14. Notice of Motion:

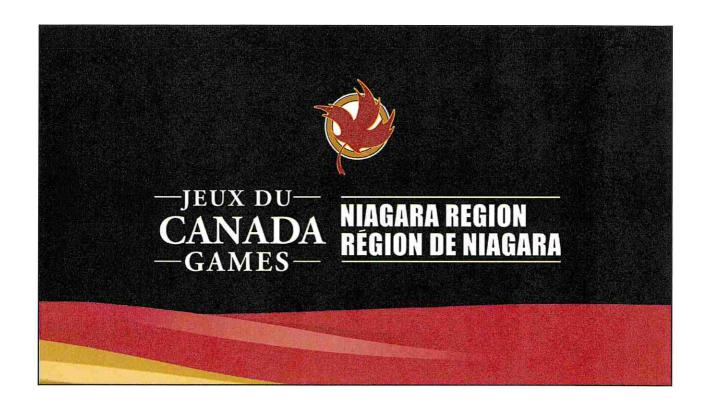
Nil.

# 15. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED.



# **About The Canada Games**



- Celebration of sport and culture
- First held during Canada's 1967 centennial
- Held every two years; alternating winter | summer
  - 2017 Summer Games | Winnipeg, Manitoba
  - 2019 Winter Games | Red Deer, Alberta
- 2021 will be the third games in Ontario
- Approximately 60% of Olympic medalists participated in Canada Games

# **About 2021 Canada Games - Niagara**



- August 2021
  - · Opening Ceremony Friday, August 6th
  - Closing Ceremony Saturday, August 21st
- 18 Sports
- 5000 Game Participants

# **Sport Program** | The Sports



- 18 sports competing at venues across Niagara
- 3 sports with para-athletes
  - · Athletics, Swimming, Sailing
- 2 sports with Special Olympic Athletes
  - · Athletics, Swimming
- Inclusion of Box Lacrosse as pilot program
  - · Important opportunity for Indigenous inclusion











# 13 FOR 13 FESTIVAL | CONCEPT



THE "13 FOR 13" PROGRAM WILL BE AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL PARTNER EACH OF THE 13 COMMUNITIES IN NIAGARA (INCLUDING THE REGION) WITH ONE OF THE 13 PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES THAT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE GAMES.

THIS PROGRAM WILL ULTIMATELY RESULT IN 13 DIFFERENT CULTURAL EVENTS THAT WILL HAPPEN THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION DAYS, FROM THE 7TH TO THE 20TH OF AUGUST.



# TORCH PROGRAM | 2021



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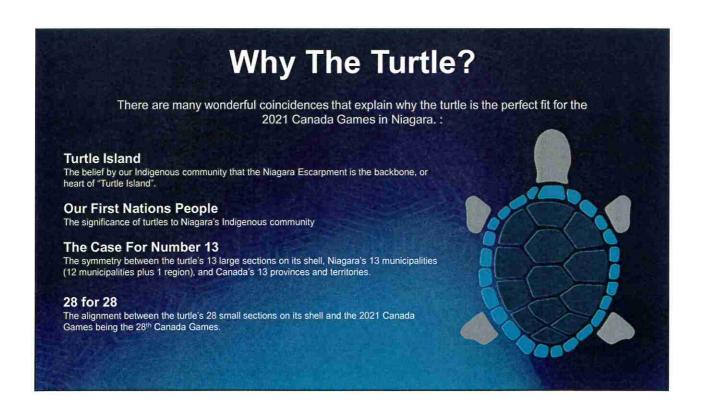
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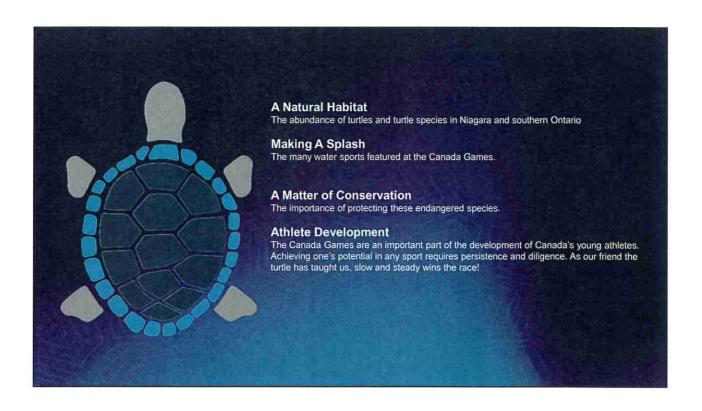
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# The City of Port Colborne

Fire & Emergency Services
Fee Schedule

2019

# Fees for Service Ontario Fire Service

Fees were introduced in the early 1990's

- Deterrent for false alarms
- Cost Recovery
- Revenue

Ministry of Transportation fees for motor vehicle incidents were established in 1980

# Fees for Service

- Municipal Act allows for the establishment of fees
- Fees are established through By-law
- Council receives reports outlining fees and determines what is charged



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# Fees for Service

- Fees were established in 1980 and reviewed and revised regularly
  - Last update to the Fire Department Fees was in 2016
- Fire Department fees are now part of the City's overall Fee Schedule which is updated on an annual basis



# The City of Port Colborne

Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2019 – 2024

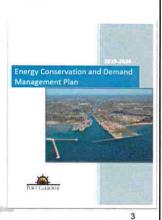
Engineering and Operations Department Report 2019-100 June 24, 2019

# Background

- Electricity Act, 1998
- Ontario Regulation 507/18 Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans

# The Plan

- Guidance for: energy management, energy conservation and integration into all activities
- Reduce energy consumption, increase energy efficiency and ultimately reduce City's "footprint"
- Will evolve as energy demands and conservation opportunities are better understood



# **Vision Statement**

To carry out the strategic and proactive pursuit of responsible energy management, in order to contribute to the environmental, economic, and social wellbeing of the residents, businesses and visitors of the City of Port Colborne.

# Commitment

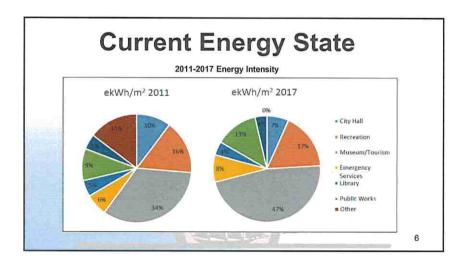
The City of Port Colborne aims to lead the community by example, and therefore commits to the following:

Allocation of the resources necessary to develop and implement a strategic energy management plan, aimed at reducing our energy consumption and its related environmental impact

Promotion of responsible energy management throughout the City, implementing economically viable energy conservation projects and renewable energy initiatives where possible

Compliance with legislated environmental requirements and standards

Continual improvement of the Plan and its projects and initiatives



# Energy Conservation Efforts - Highlights

**Energy Supply Management** 

- Explored conservation measures and funding opportunities
- Roving Energy Manager for 1 year term to assist staff



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# Energy Conservation Efforts - Highlights

Facility Energy Management

Project Year	Project Name	Impact
2012-2013	T12-T8 fluorescent lighting retrofit	21% decrease in normalized ekWh/m²
2015-2016	Streetlight LED retrofit	41% reduction in costs
2016	HVAC upgrades at Library and Roselawn	20% and 10% decrease in normalized ekWh/m²
2018-ongoing	LED lighting retrofit	Evaluate in 2020

# Energy Conservation Efforts - Highlights

# Organizational Integration

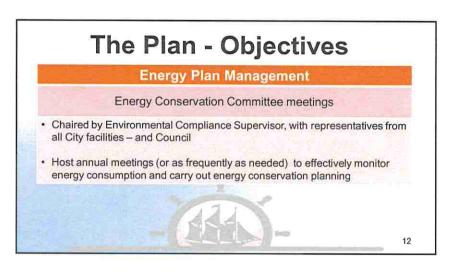
- · Ongoing energy audits of key City facilities
- · Energy awareness campaign

# Renewable Energy

 VHWC investigation into combined heat and power (2015)

The Plan - Goals Provide the leadership Reduce energy Continuously Seek improve the energy efficiency of City facilities consumption opportunities to necessary to promote a and greenhouse utilize renewable gas emissions energy sources culture of energy through energy and processes where feasible conservation conservation and practical throughout City facilities management

# **Quantitative Goals** Target achieved by 10% reduction in annual energy 2024 intensity 25% reduction in electricity used by 2024 computer servers 200,000kWh reduction from electricity consumption associated with lighting and 2024 plug load 15% reduction of yearly kWh/HDD 2024 11



# The Plan - Objectives

# **Energy Supply Management**

- Investigate alternative funding opportunities with utility distribution companies to enhance energy conservation and demand management opportunities
- Investigate the opportunity of creating a revolving fund based on energy cost avoidances, to be reinvested in energy initiatives
- Strengthen partnerships with utility distribution companies to enhance energy conservation and demand management opportunities

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# The Plan - Objectives

# Facility Energy Management

Create an enhanced understanding of energy use within facilities Establish an equipment inventory for each City facility

- Establish rigorous building management and maintenance practices to increase energy efficiency of equipment and facilities
- envelope improvements on City facilities, when possible

· Carry out continual building

- Carry out continual energy retrofits and upgrades to City facilities, when possible
- · Update all remaining facility lighting

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# The Plan - Objectives

# **Facility Energy Management**

- Develop a commitment to high level energy efficiency requirements for new construction buildings
- Further investigation into the energy consumption, and conservation opportunities, for facilities older than 10 years
- Develop a plan to reduce energy used by computers
- Conserve energy through adjusted lighting and plug load
- · Increase the efficiency of HVAC units in select City Facilities

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# The Plan - Objectives

# **Organizational Integration**

- Employee training and awareness to educate City employees on energy consumption and conservation measures associated with their job functions
- Incorporate energy management policies into all staff job functions
- Develop an energy communication strategy to sustain awareness of energy management, including consumption, reports, and initiatives
- Allocate student intern resources to carry out Plan objectives and initiatives, when possible
- · Enhance communication concerning energy conservation success

# The Plan - Objectives

# **Energy Data Management**

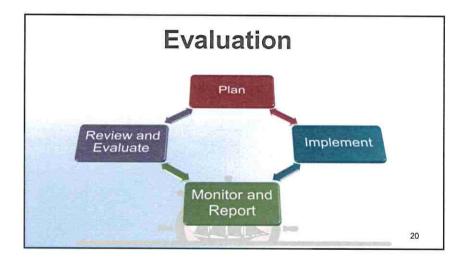
- energy record keeping, monitoring and reporting, to be followed by key staff members
- Establish a City-wide procedure for Utilize the Energy Planning Tool to better analyze energy use and costs within City facilities and operations
- · Develop a commitment to manage load demands and to shift and reduce energy demand during peak periods, when possible

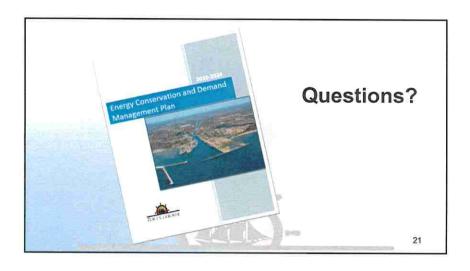
# The Plan - Objectives

# **Procurement**

- Develop and implement an Energy Efficiency Procurement Policy, which ensures that new equipment purchases (computers, HVAC etc.) undergo an energy efficiency assessment before purchase
- · Develop and implement a policy that states tenants who lease City facilities are required to use energy star, or equivalent appliances

# The Plan - Objectives Renewable Energy Develop Renewable Energy Plan to guide the research and possible implementation of renewable energy initiatives within the City • Establish a City-wide commitment to renewable energy • Monitor available renewable energy technologies and market conditions to make recommendations to the ECC and ultimately to Council





# Federal of Canadian Municipalities May 30 – June 2 Quebec City Report from Mayor Bill Steele

I attended this conference from May 30 – June 2 with Councillors Gary Bruno and Eric Beauregard and CAO Scott Luey. The conference theme was "Building Better Lives."

We split attending the various sessions. I attended the following:

**Procuring Low carbon solutions** – within our municipality we all have a role in reducing our greenhouse gases. Municipalities are on the front lines of reducing emissions. The challenge is complex and puts pressure on municipal leaders to embrace low-carbon solutions that stand up to scrutiny. Having a solid understanding of the issue is essential. Portland Oregon had a presentation on low carbon concrete – same cost of concrete of today but has a very low carbon footprint. Any new construction has to use this new concrete. It speeds up construction time because it takes less time to cure.

Rural Town Hall – driving tomorrow's growth – Thriving and prosperous rural communities are key to driving Canada's economic future. We heard from speakers about federal initiatives designed to drive growth in rural areas. FCM is working to build better lives in rural communities from universal broadband to the doubling of this year's Gas Tax Fund transfer. Across Canada we hope to have 90% of homes connected with internet by 2021; 95% by 2026 and 100% by 2030.

**Building Vibrant Rural Economies** – Rural Canada is becoming a more desirable place for business investment and with the right tools we can attract that investment and build prosperous, livable communities. Speakers talked about how social infrastructure – from health care to housing – builds better lives.

Festivals and other community events: risks and rewards – Festivals and other recreational and cultural events are staples of the livable and vibrant communities we build. We have to do them right and reduce the risk and liability for residents and municipalities. Speakers talked about developing a solid risk management plan. They also spoke about the challenges and opportunities of raising money and offsetting costs through sponsorship revenue.

Responding to the drug crisis in our communities – Speakers talked about the current public health crisis unfolding in our communities and some community-based approaches to prevention and education, as well as harm reduction, treatment and enforcement. This should be looked at as a health issue, not a police issue when dealing with addicts. Winnipeg has a drug task force with health officials and police. We need to create a drug strategy – must have investment in youth – The City of Waterloo have a youth engagement program which is working well for them.

# Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative - Annual General Meeting

### June 5 - 7 Sheboygan, WI

# Report from Mayor Bill Steele

I attended this conference from June 5-7 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin with Mayor Sendzik of St. Catharines and Mayor Redekop of Fort Erie. The conference theme was "Living Blue – Transforming waterfronts – economically, socially and sustainably."

The following is a recap of the plenaries I attended.

Creating healthier communities through waterfront access – The panel highlighted new ways to bring people to the waterfront by providing trails, swimming piers, clean beaches, entertainment and engaging space that help contribute to healthier lifestyles. Having waterfronts that are clean, green and connected, attract people and employers to your community.

**Untapped potential – waterfront economic development –** We understand the best potential for our waterfronts. The region grew on the backbone of working waterfronts and industries that relied on an abundance of freshwater and access to shipping. The panel discussed how communities today can harness their waterfronts to continue economic growth and development while balancing the need for sustainability and accessibility.

**Sheboygan River Clean up Project** – We toured the multi-million dollars clean up underway in the Sheboygan River that will reintroduce wetlands and commercial areas.

### Lead Pipes in Infrastructure

Mayor Weaver of Flint, Michigan talked about the lead pipe issue including bad water and infrastructure – all infrastructure is now up to modern standards and they are working with the residents replacing lead pipe in homes and laterals to their homes.

Mayor Barrett of Milwaukee spoke about their infrastructure and that anything built pre 1951 contained lead pipes. They have a similar project going forward replacing lead laterals into homes.

Assessing the impacts of climate change on the Grant Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin and how to move forward - Don Wuebbles - Professor of Atmospheric Science, University of Illinois talked about climate change and its affect on the Great Lakes. (see slides)

Planning for the future - keeping waterfronts resilient and sustainable – The Mayor of Ajax spoke about creating healthier communities through water access - we need vision and political will, community pride, maintenance and improvement strategies and strategic partnership. (see slides)

Roundtable session – Waterfront Developments – identify the building blocks for waterfront development – integrated industrial, commercial and residential projects – or proceeding individually

Press Conference – Asian Carp – A press conference was held where the member Mayors signed the Mayor's Declaration to Stop Asian Carp. Since the first Asian Carp appeared, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative have take this issue very seriously. These four fish species from Asia, called "Asian Carp" were introduced to clean up ponds in the southern US. Unfortunately, spills and flooding allowed them to enter the Mississippi and other rivers, where they have made their way to the edge of the Great Lakes, threatening the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River and our entire ecosystem.

### Six resolutions came forward and were passed by the Board of Directors:

- 1. Greater Investment required to reduce nutrient impacts on waterways
- 2. Support for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Collaborative Strategy
- Strengthening the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact for a sustainable blue economy
- 4. Advancing interim measures at Brandon Road lock and dam to protect against Asian Carp
- 5. Taken action to reduce plastic waste in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River
- 6. Support for nature based ecotourism along the Great Lakes coastlines and watersheds.



# MAYOR'S REPORT - JUNE 24, 2019

### NICKEL BEACH FAMILY BONFIRES

Our inaugural Nickel Beach Family Bonfire was a great success. I want to thank Brandon's No Frills, Oskam Steel and Chris Madronich for their contributions to the evening and to everyone who brought their families.

Next one is Friday July 26th.

### **COMPANY ANNIVERSARIES**

Friday night I had the opportunity to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North America Traffic. Thanks to Peter Vieveen and Jordan Sherlock – we look forward to visiting your plant this week.

On Saturday I attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Murdoch's Tire & Automotive with Don and Ken Murdoch. Our Town Crier declared the "Man in the Tires" to be a Port Colborne Landmark.

### ART CRAWL

Thanks to the organizers, artists and musicians as well as members of the public who flocked to West Street Saturday afternoon and evening to take in the Art Crawl. It was an amazing showcase of local talent.

### BUDWEISER CHALLENGE FISHING DERBY

The Budweiser Challenge Fishing Derby was held on Saturday as well with 92 teams participating. The weather was perfect and the fish were plentiful.

### SCHOOL'S OUT

At the end of the week school will be out for the summer and I'm asking residents to keep a close eye while driving on city roads, especially near playgrounds and parks where children are at play.

Remember during hot days, you can cool off at Nickel Beach and Centennial Beach as well as the Discovery Spray Pad at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Our air-conditioned library also has many programs taking place or you can just relax and read a book or magazine. The Vale Health & Wellness Centre is also available as a cooling place in extreme heat.

### **CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Coming up next Monday, the Port Colborne Optimist Club will be presenting Canada Day at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and continue in the park until 6 p.m. Fireworks will follow over the canal around 10 p.m. There are lots of activities to keep your family busy. Details are listed on our website on the events page.

# REPORT / PRESENTATION OF COUNCILLOR GARY BRUNO

### FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) CONVENTION - 2019 - QUEBEC CITY

### Council Meeting – June 24, 2019

- 1. Study Tour of Port of Quebec: Had the opportunity to tour the St. Lawrence and part of the inner harbor. While onboard I listened to Patrick Robitallie -Vice President Business Development speak to the history and growth of the Port of Quebec from from both a cargo and passenger cruise ship perspective. After the speech Patrick spent the balance of the two hour tour describing and answering my questions on how best to partner or start a Port Authority, what to look for in an agreement, how to grow the Port and create a network of users. Patrick indicated we could contact him or any of his colleagues along our journey for advice, perspective, contacts or alliances. I have shared this information and contact information with Mayor Steele for his subsequent Great Lakes Mayors conference as well as for future reference and contact directly.
- 2. Tandempark: This is a software development company that is all thinks volunteer participation database, profile retention, lead generation, scheduling, orientation, and recruitment. All information is held in the cloud and is data intense (both current and historical). While we have an excellent program and staff that has developed over the years, this platform ensures better sustainability of institutional knowledge over the years. It keeps volunteer engagement current and dynamic. For a municipality like Port Colborne I think this is a very good program to eliminate redundancy, silo building and less risk of losing institutional knowledge. I have passed collateral material and contacts on to Ashley and Nicole for further investigation and discussions.
- 3. PILT PROGRAM: This Service provider agency, reviews and researches assessment of all Federal Government buildings and properties in municipalities across Canada at no charge to the municipality. I engaged with the representatives at the Conference to provide us with our current Payments in Lieu of Taxes PILT dollars we currently receive (117k). The program allows Port Colborne to go back and review its mapping and tax rolls to ensure our view of which properties should be assessed to see if there are any forgotten properties as well as whether we believe they are assessed correctly. At the end of that internal scan we can submit our findings to this provider to see if the agree with our review. Should there be missed or under-valued assessments the agency will notify the federal government of their findings and seek adjustments to our PILT payments going back up to 3 years.

- 4. SMART CITIY'S BUDGETING: Quickly, the seminar dealt with the importance of having a well thought out IT "platform" as the basis for all things inter connected going forward in terms of information technology compatibility. In addition there was a consensus that when it comes to IT, that a multiyear budgeting guarantees spend budget be adopted, as roll out and connectivity can't move in fits and starts waiting to see if budgets approved. Once a segment of change is adopted it must be fully funded to completion. This capital budgeting approach should be looked at across all departments. Also included was an 'innovation budget "as part of all departments' budgets.
- 5. MUNICIPAL WORLD ARTICLE: I had the opportunity to speak with the managing editor and key staff at this well respected municipal publication and convinced them that a story on "HOW THE LITTLE CITY THAT CAN" all about some of our successes particularly as it relates to leveraging funds would make an excellent article. Their staff is looking forward to the article. I will advise Corporate Communications department on further details.

# FCM Conference Report to Council

Friday, May 31, 2019

### Modernizing our Fiscal Toolbox in Election 2019 Workshop:

- Go to AMO site and look at Gas Tax at Work to see all the projects being completed at the local level with Gas Tax money

### Connected Lab:

Permeable interlocking Concrete Pavement

- Allows water to soak into the pavement, goes through the pavement and reduces pollution
- Reduces storm water volume
- Groundwater recharge is a benefit
- PICP is like a great big infiltration system
- Kitchener used the Green Municipal Fund to fund their PIC

### 15 Most productive apps:

- Asana: organizes calendars
- Eva by Voicea: this app gets invited into your online meeting and the app takes notes for you
- Otter: similar in concept as Eva by Voicea but notes can be edited while meeting is going on
- Bamboo Slate: allows you to write out your notes and it becomes instantly digitized

# Managing Snow and Water Levels for Safer Communities

- Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS)
- MDSS is a software framework it brings together weather forecast (13 different weather forecasts and weighs them based on their historical accuracy); Road Weather Information System (RWIS) pressure, humidity, weather, condition of pavement; Rules of Practice
  - Implementation:
    - Road Configuration Data
      - Identify segments
      - Shape files
      - Number of lanes on each
      - Length of segments
      - Traffic volume
- MDSS optimizes road operations saves money by using less salt and helps the environment by having less salt entering the storm sewer systems
- City of Vaughan case study
- \* especially important given a recent article stating how some of our ditches have become highly concentrated with salt to the point its salt water.

# Legalized Cannabis: How Municipalities are Adapting

Bottom Line Up Front - Neil Dubord , Chief Constable of Delta Police

Pure Sun Nursery - growing Marijuana facility

- 26% of greenhouses are converted into cannabis grow
- these nurseries are on ALR land (Agricultural Land Reserve)
- The conversion from vegetable to cannabis growing has impacted the food supply
- They are operating as an industry in some areas on Industrial Lands and being taxed agricultural so paying very little tax

### Municipalities and the Affordable Housing Crisis

Dr. David Wachsmuth, Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance, McGill University

Is part of a think Tank called UPGo (Urban Politics and Governance Lab)

The gov't has moved away form gov't creating housing to relying on the private sectors to develop housing

Downsides of the market driven approach for affordable housing:

- 1. Markets cannot address the needs of the poorest individuals in our society
- 2. Housing markets are not designed to provide affordable housing
  - 1. They are designed to sell

Development vs. No development debate in our communities play a role

Even when the housing market works well, it's because those who want to sell their houses have people who can afford to buy them wanting houses

What's the role of short term rentals (AirBnb) in the affordable housing crisis?

- 130,000 AirBnb rentals are up for reservation every day in Canada
- A surprisingly small amount of people using AirBnb are people sharing their homes. Most are Condo units or Apartment (commercial entities)
- 2% or more of the housing in large cities that could be a home for a family are taken up by short term rentals. Montreal is the worst.
- Smaller communities are becoming more affected by this