

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 21-19
Minutes**

Date: August 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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

Absent: R. Bodner, Councillor

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
B. Garrett, Director of Corporate Services
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)

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

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem:

Those in attendance stood for O Canada.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

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

That the agenda dated August 12, 2019 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Councillor Bruno declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 6 as the lots subject to the requested development agreements about his daughter's and son in law's property. Councillor Bruno refrained from discussing or voting on item 6.

Councillor Beauregard declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 9 as he is employed by Sullivan Mahoney, the solicitor for Rankin companies. Councillor Beauregard refrained from discussing or voting on item 9.

Councillor Danch declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 9 as Rankin Construction Inc. is a customer of his business. Councillor Danch refrained from discussing or voting on item 9.

6. Adoption of Minutes:**(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 20-19, held on July 22, 2019.**

Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 20-19, held on July 22, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, and 13.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

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

That items 1 to 14 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. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-122, Subject: Recommendation Report: Proposed Expansion of the Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the expansion of the project area for the Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement to include 176 Elm Street, be approved.

5. **Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-123, Subject: Environmental Advisory Committee Memorandum on the Vale-Community-Based Action Plan**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to send a letter to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting clarification with respect to the safe soil levels of the Port Colborne Community Based Risk Assessment Chemicals of Concern and levels for use in Ontario Regulation 153/04.

7. **Memorandum from Nancy Giles, EA to CAO and Mayor and Staff Liaison to the Grant Policy Committee Re: Recommendations of Grant Policy Committee**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the memorandum from Nancy Giles, EA to CAO and Mayor and Staff Liaison to the Grant Policy Committee Re: Recommendations of Grant Policy Committee, be received for information; and

That donation/sponsorship requests be approved for a total of \$10, 325 for the second allocation for the year 2019 as follows:

Community Living Port Colborne Wainfleet – to provide financial assistance to the children of Port Colborne who are unable to register for recreation programs due to lack of funds - \$1,700

Friends of Port Colborne Lighthouses – to assist with the cost of insurance to allow tours of the Port Colborne Lighthouses - \$1,400

Friends of Roselawn Centre – to assist with the cost of purchasing a new stove for the Roselawn Centre - \$1,200 (Note: these funds will only be disbursed if the City proceeds with the project)

Niagara Nutrition Partners – to assist with the purchase of food to run the nutrition programs in Port Colborne schools - \$2,500

Port Colborne Fair Trade Town Committee – to purchase a new banner, advertising and printing for the Fair Trade Crawl and a 10 year celebration cake - \$725

Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum Auxiliary – to assist with renovations to Arabella's Tea Room - \$2,800.

8. Bryan Elliott, Ice Dogs Game Coordinator Re: Request for Proclamation of Niagara Ice Dogs Day in Port Colborne

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Friday, August 30, 2019 be proclaimed as "Niagara Ice Dogs Day" in the City of Port Colborne, in accordance with the request received from Bryan Elliott, Ice Dogs Game Coordinator.

11. Niagara Housing Statement Final Summary Report (Report PDS 27-2019)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Niagara Housing Statement Final Summary Report, be received for information.

12. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Provincial Policy Statement Review – Draft Policies

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Steve Clark, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Provincial Policy Statement Review – Draft Policies, be received for information.

14. City of Thorold Re: Bill 115 – Beer Retailing in Ontario

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of Thorold Re: Bill 115 – Beer Retailing in Ontario, be received for information.

CARRIED.

9. Presentations:

Nil.

10. Delegations:

- (a) **Sandeep Chera, Operations Manager, B.C. Investments Ltd., Operating as Storage Guyz Port Colborne Re: Request Street Name Change of Ramey Road, Port Colborne**

Sandeep Chera presented a request to change the name of Ramey Road, north of Highway 140, to better identify the location of his business. A copy of the request is attached.

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

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to provide a report back to Council with respect to a policy and practice regarding re-naming of City roads.

CARRIED.

11. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Nil.

13. Councillors' Items:

(a) Rural road cleanup (Wells)

Councillor Wells thanked the Director of Engineering and Operations and the roads crew for cleaning up a rural road manure spill.

(b) Parking at Pleasant Beach (Wells)

In response to concerns expressed by Councillor Wells with respect to property owners near Pleasant Beach allowing beach goers to park their vehicles for a fee, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that this practice is not allowed and staff is continuing to enforce parking at the beach while preparing a report to Council to try to address the illegal parking.

(c) Railway crossing – Sugarloaf and Elm Streets (Bagu)

In response to Councillor Bagu's request for an update, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that Trillium Railway has scheduled the repair of the railway crossing at Sugarloaf and Elm Streets for September.

(d) Speeding at the West end of Stanley Street (Bagu)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Bagu about vehicles speeding as they cut through the West end of Stanley Street to access Clarence Street, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that he will forward the concern to the Niagara Regional Police. The Director of Engineering and Operations advised that a consultant is being hired to conduct traffic studies in the City and the intersection will be included in the report to Council.

(e) City customer service (Bagu)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Bagu, the City Clerk advised that the phone system is expected be live answered in the fall as a first step in the roll out of the customer service project over the next year. The Chief Administrative Officer requested for Councillors to report customer service issues to him.

(f) Communication to Councillors about operations (Bagu/Bruno)

In response to a request by Councillors Bagu and Bruno for staff to provide communication to Councillors ahead of time regarding work being done in the City, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that communication is a prominent feature in the strategic plan that is being developed and staff is looking to make improvements in the future.

(g) Councillor attendance at senior staff meetings (D. Kalailieff)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Kalailieff about Councillor attendance at senior staff meetings, the Chief Administrative Officer noted that Councillors receive the minutes of the meetings and that the meetings are very operational whereas Council's role is to provide policy oversight but that he would discuss with staff a better approach to providing information to Councillors in a more meaningful and timely way.

(h) Trees on West Street (Danch)

Councillor Danch advised that the tree trimming on West Street appears to be incomplete as some of the trees still have dead branches on them.

(i) Trees on West Street (Kalailieff)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Kalailieff, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that the City has a tree replacement plan for the trees on West Street, which will occur during optimal seasonal planting time in the fall.

(j) Eagle Marsh Drain (Kalailieff)

In response to a request by Councillor Kalailieff for an update about the Eagle March Drain, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that staff is doing maintenance, repairs, and logistics Thursday and Friday. The Director advised that on the weekend, staff checked the automation system installed on the drain gate and it and the alarm are functioning. The Director further advised that staff will continue to proactively monitor the drain. The City Clerk advised that processes for providing residents with more up to date information is a function that can be reviewed during the update of the City's website.

(k) Sidewalk on Glenwood Avenue (Kalailieff)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Kalailieff on behalf of a resident on Glenwood Avenue, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that he will check on the status of the sidewalk repair.

(l) Garbage cans in the downtown core (Kalailieff)

In response to an inquiry by Councillor Kalailieff with respect to the expected date for the installation of new garbage cans in the downtown area, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that the funds were not approved by Council in the 2019 budget.

(m) Larry Peyton, annual MS Bike Ride (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff informed that Larry Peyton, a Port Colborne octogenarian, will be participating again this year in the annual MS Bike Ride on August 18, 2019.

(n) Lighthouse pins (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff displayed her lighthouse pin from the Friends of the Lighthouses group and encouraged people to purchase a pin to support the group. Councillor Kalailieff also complimented the lighthouse tours that are run by the not-for-profit group during Canal Days.

(o) Special Olympics bocce tournament (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff advised that she, several Councillors, and staff attended the Port Colborne Optimist Club's bocce tournament on August 10 to raise funds for Special Olympians.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**1. Motion by Councillor A. Desmarais Re: Living Wage Employer**

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

Whereas more and more people working for low wages are facing impossible choices such as whether to buy food or heat the house, whether to feed the children or pay the rent. The results can be spiralling debt, constant anxiety and long-term health problems. In many cases the adults in a family are working long hours, often at two or three jobs, just to pay for basic necessities, and

Whereas the living wage is the hourly rate of pay that enables wage earners living in a household to:

- Feed, clothe and provide shelter for their family
- Promote healthy child development
- Participate in activities that are an ordinary element of life in the community
- Avoid the chronic stress of living in poverty, and

Whereas the living wage for the Niagara Region has been calculated to be \$17.99 per hour (The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network – Calculating the Living Wage in the Niagara Region 2018), and

Whereas we, the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne strive to make decisions and take actions that have a positive impact on our community, our staff, and the people we serve.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne becomes a Living Wage Employer at the Supporter Level immediately; and

That Council directs Chief Administrative Officer Scott Luey to work with responsible departments to achieve Leader Level status at the time of the 2020 budget deliberations.

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

That the rules respecting delegations, as outlined under Section 10 of the Procedural By-law, be suspended in order permit members of the public to speak regarding Councillor Desmarais' motion for the City to become a Living Wage Employer.

CARRIED.

Lori Kleinsmith and Anne Coleman answered questions by Council about becoming a Living Wage Employer.

Moved in referral by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That consideration of the motion by Councillor Desmarais Re: Living Wage Employer be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer to address the implications and cost of becoming a Living Wage Employer; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer report back with recommendations before the 2020 budget process.

CARRIED.

2. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2019-124, Subject: Clarence Street Crosswalk, Investigation Regarding Safety Concerns

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

That staff be directed to implement Option "A", the temporary installation of median delineators on Clarence Street, east and west of Catharine Street and to install additional signage stating "Stop for Pedestrians", at an estimated installation price of \$3,000, the funds to cover the cost of this works be taken from G/L # 0-500-74210-3215.

CARRIED.

3. Chief Administrative Officer, Report 2019-126, Subject: Transit Update

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

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2019-126, Subject: Transit Update, be received for information.

CARRIED.

6. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-127, Subject: Proposed Development Agreements for Lawrence Barnai, 1628 Minor Road

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

That two development agreements be entered into with Lawrence Barnai for 1628 Minor Road and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute said agreements.

CARRIED.

9. Rankin Construction Inc. Re: Peer Review for Port Colborne Quarries Site Alteration Permit

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

That the correspondence received from Tom Rankin, P. Eng., CEO Rankin Construction Inc. Re: Peer Review for Port Colborne Quarries Site Alteration Permit, be received for information.

CARRIED.

10. Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Re: SME Project Stream of the Climate Action Incentive Fund for Small and Medium Sized Businesses

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

That the correspondence received from Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament Niagara Centre Re: SME Project Stream of the Climate Action Incentive Fund for Small and Medium Sized Businesses, be received for information.

CARRIED.

13. Town of Fort Erie Re: Whistleblowing Policy

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

That the resolution received from the Town of Fort Erie Re: Whistleblowing Policy, be received for information.

CARRIED.

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately
8:08 p.m.
CARRIED.

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MAYOR'S REPORT – AUGUST 12, 2019

CANAL DAYS

Last weekend Mother Nature cooperated with magnificent weather for our concerts, boat cruises, fishing tournament, fireworks, car and kite shows, Museum activities and more at our 41st Annual Canal Days.

I want to extend our appreciation to staff, volunteers and sponsors who came through once again and made Canal Days a resounding success.

A special thank you to their families who give up their parents, grandparents, sons and daughters for the weekend while they worked behind and in front of the scenes to help us showcase our city.

It all comes together with a great team.

As we look ahead to next year, I would ask you to check out our website and complete the Canal Days survey before Thursday. It only takes about 5 minutes and your opinion is important to us.

GOVERNANCE

Last Tuesday we had a meeting of the regional mayors to discuss governance and the week prior Environics brought the results of their survey and poll to Regional Council – they are going to bring the same presentation to our council at an upcoming meeting.

I will be sending council an email enclosing the following:

- A report for "One City" prepared by a business group mainly from north Niagara
- A report for "Four cities" prepared by the City of Niagara Falls
- A copy of the Environics Survey
- Notes from the Mayor's meeting

Going forward now that we have this information together, I think we need to formulate our unity and how we want to see things moving forward.

So please review all of this information and we can have staff bring back a report to consider. The CAOs are also meeting on the governance issue. If you have any questions, please contact myself or the CAO.