



The Municipal Corporation of the  
Town of Fort Erie

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

**Council Chambers via Video Teleconference**

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Redekop acknowledged the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the New Credit, and Anishinaabe people, many of whom continue to reside in this area.

**2. Roll Call**

Present (In Council Chambers): His Worship Mayor Redekop

Present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Councillors Butler, Dubanow, Lubberts, McDermott, Noyes, and Zanko

Staff (Via Zoom Teleconference): K. Dolch, J. Janzen, T. Kuchyt, E. Melanson, C. Schofield, J. Stirton, and K. Walsh

This meeting was held in compliance with the electronic participation provisions of Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended.

**3. Announcements/Addenda**

None.

#### 4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

- (a) Councillor Butler

Councillor Butler declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Closed Session Item 5.(a) Re: Thunder Bay Beach Lands as her company does business with one of the partners that is in negotiations with the municipality. She excused herself from this part of the meeting.

#### 5. **Closed Session**

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** Council does now go into closed session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the following:

- (a) Pursuant to Subsection 239 (2) (c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and

Pursuant to Subsection 239 (2) (f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Re: Thunder Bay Beach Lands

**(Carried)**

*Mayor Redekop asked each member who was in attendance electronically to confirm no one else was present with them, and that they were not recording this portion of the meeting. Each member confirmed they were alone and not recording the meeting, as did Mayor Redekop.*

Ms. Dolch provided an overview of the matter, which was confirmed by Ms. Stirton. A question and answer period followed, with direction provided by Council to staff.

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Councillor Zanko

Seconded by: Councillor Noyes

**That:** Council does now rise and reconvene from closed session at 5:52 p.m. with report that staff proceed as directed.

**(Carried)**

## 6. Report

**CAO-13-2021** Natural Resources Canada - Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees Funding Initiative: Support for Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Request for Information Submission

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

**That:** Council endorses the letter in support of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees Initiative attached as Appendix "2" to CAO-13-2021; and further

**That:** Council directs staff to continue to collaborate with NPCA and other partners in identifying planting opportunities and programs aligned with municipal priorities to be included in the full funding application should the Request for Information submission as an expression of interest be successful. **(Carried)**

## 7. New Business

(a) "Growing Canada's Forests" - Request from Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

**Whereas** the federal government has announced the "Growing Canada's Forests" program as part of its 2 Billion Trees initiative, making substantial matching funding available to support reforestation efforts across the country, and

**Whereas** this is a timely opportunity to attract federal investment towards implementing nature-based climate solutions in our communities through a strong and coordinated multi-partner approach across the Niagara Peninsula watershed, and

**Whereas** the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is convening partners and collaborators towards a 10-year planning program for a Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada's Forest Funding Program due

May 27, 2021, and

**Whereas** the NPCA has a well-established track record of reforestation with private and public landowners, non-governmental organizations, nature clubs, academic institutions and community groups, has the scientific know-how to identify land and tree species with the biggest ecological and climate benefits, and has partnerships in place to mobilize volunteers to plant and monitor trees, and

**Whereas** the proposed opportunity aligns with the Town of Fort Erie's objectives, has the potential to provide multiscale benefits;

**Now therefore be it resolved;**

**That:** Council endorses a letter in support of NPCA's Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees initiative, and further

**That:** Council directs staff to continue to collaborate with NPCA and other partners in identifying planting opportunities and programs aligned with municipal priorities to be included in the full funding application should the Request for Information submission as an expression of interest be successful.

## **8. Consideration of By-laws**

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** The by-law package containing:

60-2021: To Set the 2021 Tax Rates and to Levy Taxes for the Year 2021

61-2021: To Appoint Temporary Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for 2021 Summer Season

62-2021: To Authorize the Entry into a Lease Agreement with the Crystal Beach Hill Cottagers' Organization (Erie Road Parking Lot)

63-2021: To Authorize the Entry into a Licence Agreement with the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management (Farmers' Market – Queen's Circle)

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64-2021: To Accept and Declare Lands as Public Highway on the North Side of Thunder Bay Road (3040 Thunder Bay Rd)(5040455 Ontario Inc. – S. Ruston & A. Rungi)

is given first and second reading.

**(Carried)**

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Councillor Lubberts

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

**That:** By-law Nos.:

60-2021

61-2021

62-2021

63-2021

64-2021

are given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

**(Carried)**

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

**That:** By-law No. 65-2021: To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2021 and Special Council Meeting held on May 17, 2021 is given first and second reading.

**(Carried)**

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

**That:** By-law No. 65-2021 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

**(Carried)**

## 9. Scheduling of Meetings

None.

**10. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Noyes

**That:** Council adjourns at 6:06 p.m. to reconvene into a Regular Meeting of Council on May 31, 2021. **(Carried)**

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Mayor

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Clerk