

The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

Special Council-in-Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021

Council Chambers via Video Teleconference

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

2. Roll Call

Present (In Council Chambers): His Worship Mayor Redekop, Councillors Dubanow, Lubberts, McDermott, and Noyes

Present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Councillors Butler, and Zanko

Staff (In Council Chambers): K. Davis, T. Kuchyt and C. Schofield

Staff (Via Zoom Teleconference): K. Dolch, J. Janzen, E. Melanson, 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. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Butler declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item No. 5.1 Report No. PDS-88-2021, 3285 Thunder Bay Road – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, as her

company has done business with one of the partners involved with the subject lands. She abstained from discussing and voting on the matter.

3.A Addenda

There was one Addendum being a revision on the Agenda under Report No. EDTS-04-2021 "Explanatory Notes" regarding the 2nd recommendation and the revision of Report No. EDTS-04-01-2021 accordingly.

4. Corporate and Community Services

Chaired by Council McDermott.

4.1 Reports

EDTS-04-01-2021 Supplementary Report - Short Term Rental Report - 2021 Pilot Program Year Review and Analysis

Recommendation No. 1 Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council directs that Table "9" as detailed in Report No. EDTS-04-2021 be replaced with the revised Table "9" attached to Report No. EDTS-04-1-2021 as Appendix "1". (Carried)

EDTS-04-2021

Short Term Rental Report - 2021 Pilot Program Year Review and Analysis (Postponed from the October 4, 2021 Council-in-Committee Meeting - Moved by Mayor Redekop -Recommendation No. 3)

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED, WERE APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 4, 2021:

That: Council receives for information purposes Report No. EDTS-04-2021 regarding a review of the 2021 Short-Term Rental Pilot Program, and further

That: Council directs that commencing January 4, 2022:

- a) Short-Term Rental Licence fees be increased on a two-tier system of \$750.00 for 1 and 2 bedrooms and \$1,250.00 for 3 bedrooms or more.
- b) The maximum number of bedrooms in a Short-Term Rental be limited to 3, and the maximum occupant limits for Short-Term rentals shall be as set out in Table "6" on page 11 of Report No. EDTS-04-2021.
- c) The time limit for guests visiting Short-Term Rentals shall be 11:00pm each day.
- d) Annual fire and building inspections shall be carried out for each Short-Term Rental application.
- f) The number of Short-Term Rental licences issued shall be limited to 250 in any given year with current licence holders being provided the first opportunity to renew a licence by March 31st of the following year provided they have complied with all rules during the previous year, and further

That: Council directs staff to obtain a legal opinion regarding initiating land use controls for Short-Term Rentals in core mixed-use, commercial, and specific historic residential areas, such other zones as staff might consider, and any incidental issues regarding zoning, and further

That: No further Short-Term Rental licences be issued beyond the current issued licences and applications currently being processed, pending receipt of the further report from staff regarding land use controls.

That: Council consider the financial implications of the increase in staff to support the program changes during the 2022 Operating Budget deliberations.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WERE POSTPONED TO THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING:

That: Council directs that commencing January 4, 2022:

e) Penalties shall be increased as set out in Table "9" on page 18 of Report No. EDTS-04-2021, and further

That: Council directs that a By-law be submitted to amend Business Licensing By-law No. 217-05 – Schedule "13" accordingly.

Recommendations:

That: Council directs that commencing January 4, 2022:

e) Penalties shall be increased as set out in Table "9" on page 18 of Report No. EDTS-04-2021. (Carried)

That: Council directs that a By-law be submitted to amend Business Licensing By-law No. 217-05 - Schedule "13" accordingly. (Carried)

5. Planning and Development Services

Chaired by Councillor Dubanow.

5.1 Report

PDS-88-2021 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision - 3285 Thunder Bay Road -Upper Canada Consultants Planning & Engineering Ltd. - Craig Rohe (Agent) -Westwind Niagara Developments Inc. - Alfred Beam (Owner)

Recommendation No. 2 Moved by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council receives for information purposes Report No. PDS-88-2021 regarding a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for 3285 Thunder Bay Road. (Carried)

6. Infrastructure Services

Chaired by Councillor Lubberts.

6.1 Report

IS-46-2021 Crystal Beach Street Name Signs

Recommendation No. 3
Moved by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council accepts and approves the concept of district specific street name signs, and further

That: Council directs staff to engage the Crystal Beach BIA to hold a public design competition for a logo to support the Crystal Beach 100th Anniversary, and further

That: Council directs that, upon the decision of the design competition, the Town will provide the street signs for installation, and further

That: Council directs staff to develop a policy regarding district street sign implementation.

Recommendation No. 4 Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Report No. IS-46-2021 be postponed to the November 15, 2021, Council-in-Committee meeting. (Carried)

7. Adjournment

Recommendation No. 4
Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council-in-Committee hereby adjourns at 7:13 p.m. (Carried)

Mayor
Clerk