



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 9, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Redekop, Chair at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was read by the Clerk.

3. Roll Call

Present: His Worship Mayor Redekop, Councillors Butler, Dubanow, McDermott and Zanko

Absent: Councillor Lubberts
Councillor Noyes

Also Absent: Regional Councillor Insinna

Staff: R. Brady, J. Janzen, T. Kuchyt, J. Inglis, J. Tessmer,
C. Schofield and K. Walsh

4. Announcements/Addenda

There was one Addendum under Item 10. New Business / Enquiries to amend the Response to Enquiry Re: Enquiry by Councillor Lubberts at the November 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting regarding the Cost of the Municipal Natural Asset Management Program, by including the attachment which had been missing from the Agenda as posted.

Mayor Redekop made the follow announcements:

- He attended a lengthy Regional Council meeting last Thursday which dealt with the report of the Ombudsman respecting the hiring of the former Chief Administrative Officer. There was about two and a half hours of closed session meetings where Regional Councillors received advice on both civil and criminal aspects of the Ombudsman's report. They then reconvened into open session and after they had given legal counsel direction with respect to

outstanding civil legal actions, they passed a resolution to refer the Ombudsman report to the Niagara Regional Police, the police authority for Niagara and they will process it. Presumably they will hand it off to the Ontario Provincial Police to pursue further investigations. The investigations, as designated in the motion, are not necessarily to be confined to the strict process of hiring the CEO. If the police find something further, which police periodically want to do, they will presumably investigate further.

- There will be a Crime Stoppers Flag Raising at the Town on January 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- On behalf of all Members of Council, Mayor Redekop wished all residents of Fort Erie a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.
- He reflected on what this Council has accomplished over the past year:
 - They were able to limit the 2019 tax and water/wastewater rate increases to 1.37% and 3.98% respectively, despite having to roll into those numbers much larger increases by the Region of Niagara for both, which has a significant impact on the total rates. For 2020 Fort Erie will again experience lower increases in both the levy and water/wastewater (about 2%) even when combined with the significantly higher projected increases by Niagara Region for the tax levy (5.8%) and water/wastewater rates (5.15%).
 - Council has continued to invest heavily in restoring our road network spending in excess of \$1.5 million in road resurfacing and continued road reconstruction to ensure our roads effectively serve residents, businesses and visitors. That trend will continue in 2020 as Fort Erie expends significant sums to maintain all of the infrastructure i.e. roads, bridges, water and wastewater lines, storm systems, buildings, equipment, parks and recreational facilities.

Most notably, Fort Erie is the only municipality in Niagara and one of the few in the Province, that will have established the financing plan to cover its long-term infrastructure costs through a comprehensive Asset Management Plan that identifies all infrastructure, its condition and funding necessary to ensure the viability of that infrastructure.

- In 2019 new parks were completed at Bay Beach and Crystal Ridge. New parks are scheduled in 2020 for Albert Street and Douglas Park on Bertie Street. The Town will continue the multi-

year plan of revitalizing and upgrading neighbourhood parks and increasing the level of service for maintaining those parks and storm water management ponds, which can act as passive parks.

- Council has had several contentious issues to deal with i.e. beach operations and parking at Bay Beach, short term rentals, and cargo/shipping containers. Council held public meetings, listened to residents on all sides of the issue in determining policies which are subject to periodic review as a means of ensuring that we take into account the impacts of policies adopted and changing dynamics.
- The Town has continued the unprecedented residential housing boom which began four years ago and shows no sign of abating. The new Affordable Housing Committee and Council have collaborated on establishing a housing strategy that should assist the Town to diversify its housing mix and create the environment for more affordable equity and rental units to be constructed.
- Perhaps the most challenging issue of 2019 has been the future of the E.J. Freeland Community Centre following the announcement in March by the YMCA of Niagara that it was closing the facility. Over a series of meetings with the Task Force that the Town established to save programming at the facility, the Niagara Y, Boys and Girls Club and many residents and organizations, it appears that the Town is on the verge of finding a solution to ensure a continuation of programming and services at the facility.
- Mother Nature visited Fort Erie with a vengeance on two occasions recently, leaving a trail of devastation along the Lake Erie shoreline in particular and throughout the Town. Town staff anticipates that it will cost several million dollars to rebuild certain damaged facilities such as the walkway at Waverly Beach. Representatives from the Provincial Government were in Fort Erie in early November to view the damage both to public and private property and will make a determination within the coming weeks as to whether the Town and private property owners will qualify for Provincial disaster assistance. It is notable that the Town, Canadian Niagara Power and the Niagara Parks Commission supplemented by the Fort Erie Fire Department, worked effectively to minimize the impacts of those storms on local residents.

- On the governance side, Fort Erie put forth a strong position for the continuation of the current two-tier system in Niagara, provided movement is taken to realign some services and to share others where it makes financial sense. A critical analysis was made as to the viability of Fort Erie as a single tier municipality responsible directly for all services and programs. It was an option presented to the Provincial ministers and representatives by Fort Erie as the governance review unfolded.
- One other significant change in 2019 was the decision to alter the method of delivery of economic development services which will be provided directly from Town Hall commencing January 1, 2020. Senior staff at the EDTC will be hired by the Town and have begun to coalesce with Town staff.
- Significant work has been done during the current year by all municipal committees. The Community Health Services Committee has worked diligently to attract new physicians and primary care services to the Town. Over the course of 2019, the number of residents without a family physician was reduced from 35% to under 10%. This figure will be further reduced once two new physicians commence practice in 2020.
- While this is a tribute to the responsiveness and diligence of the Members of Council, it is also a tribute to the hard work, dedication and commitment of Town staff who have now accumulated over three years without any lost time as a result of a workplace injury. This is something unheard of in a place of employment in Canada and something for which we should all be very proud. From the CAO, Tom Kuchyt, the Senior Directors and Management team to all of the employees who have made our community a better place, he expressed deep gratitude. We can all expect a continuation of good things for Fort Erie in 2020.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor McDermott declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item No. 9.9.2 3(e) being the Community Gaming Development Corporation Minutes re: the YMCA Allocation as his son works for the YMCA of Niagara. He abstained from discussing or voting on the matter.

6. Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings

- (a) 2020 Budget Meeting Schedule

Council-in-Budget Committee Meetings: #3 - Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - General Levy Operating Budget and Assessment Analysis, Library Budget; #4 - Wednesday, January

29, 2020 (if required). All budget meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers. Budget By-laws: Monday, January 20, 2020 - Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates; Monday, February 10, 2020 - General Levy Budget and General Capital Budget; and Monday, March 16, 2020 (if January 29, 2020 meeting required).

7. Regional Councillor Report

RC Insinna was not present.

8. Presentations and Delegations

- (a) Sandra Fishman and Winnie Swalm, Co-Chairs, Communities-in-Bloom Committee

Re: Progress Report and Projected Goals for 2020

Ms. Swalm introduced herself and Ms. Fishman who serve as co-chairs of the Communities-in-Bloom Committee. She provided background information starting in 2003/2004 when Communities-in-Bloom began. Since then Fort Erie, municipal, business, institutional and residential, has experienced success and wins at the Provincial, National and International level. Entering into the higher levels involves inviting qualified judges to evaluate their efforts in fulfilling the criteria and values of the Communities-in-Bloom Program. In 2015, their most recent major involvement, they won at the silver level in the International competition.

Ms. Swalm stated they believe they have much to gain and are present tonight with the following requests:

1. To approve the revised mandate of the Communities-in-Bloom Committee;
2. A small increase in their 2020 budget;
3. A request for some extra clerical/graphic help for 2020 to provide skills that they as a Committee do not have in order to carry out their tasks;
4. Approval for the Communities-in-Bloom Committee to enter the International competition in 2020.

Ms. Swalm explained that she will speak to the first two requests and Ms. Fishman will speak to the next two. She stated they examined their current mandate and realized that it is narrow in scope, dealing mainly with a community property/garden competition and awards night. They believe that they have grown beyond that in their experience with the creation and

promotion of healthy green space and its associated criteria. They propose the following mandate for the Communities-in-Bloom Committee in 2020:

To instill Communities-in-Bloom values across Fort Erie through education and promotion as set down by the organization, Communities-in-Bloom Canada. Such values include exemplary practices in the following criteria: landscaping, forestry, floral displays, turf and ground cover, heritage and environmental awareness with community involvement being an integral part and binding component in all efforts to create a healthy green community. Such criteria will be promoted across Fort Erie to residential, business, institutional and municipal property through such events as awards and recognition opportunities, garden tours, special workshops to motivate and educate, and on-going programs.

Ms. Swalm explained the small increase in their budget from \$13,000 to \$15,000 is to cover increased costs of necessary items i.e. promotional and advertising, essential to the program, as well as membership and participation in Communities-in-Bloom. As in the past, the supplemental budget request is for additional staff support. The creation of effective brochures and other information require special skill, graphic art, editing and computer skills that they as a Committee cannot do effectively. This will greatly assist and enhance their communication with the public and their targeted audience and she requested that Council consider this when they approve the supplemental budget.

Ms. Fishman stated they are here this evening to gain Council's support to enter the Town of Fort Erie in the International competition in 2020. She provided an overview on how the competition works:

- They will host two International Judges for two days;
- It happens in July;
- They will be visiting municipal, residential, corporate and institutional sectors;
- The evaluation criteria will be on tidiness, environmental action, heritage, conservation, landscaped areas, floral displays with an infinite emphasis on community involvement in all of the criterias;
- The Community-in-Bloom Committee must host an event for the Judges to attend;

- On the last morning, they meet with the Judges for a debriefing meeting where the Judges will discuss all of the areas that they excelled at and the areas that need their attention. They get their score at the International Symposium at the end of September. The Symposium is a five day event which includes seminars, an opportunity for networking and exchanging new ideas with other municipalities.

Ms. Fishman explained they will receive the evaluation form on the last day at the awards gala. They return to Fort Erie and work on any recommendations the Judges have given them. The Committee is expected to return to the competition within three years. In 2018/2019 the Committee received special permission to stay in the “friends” category because it was a new Committee with a new Councillor. They explained that they needed more time to educate the Committee members on the program. Usually when a Committee has not competed in five years, they make you start back at the beginning at the Provincial level which is another reason they are requesting to participate this year. This past October, some of the Committee members attended a Communities-in-Bloom Workshop held by the Communities-in-Bloom National Director which was hosted in the Town of Lincoln. Other communities from the Niagara Region participated i.e. Port Colborne and Thorold. From the feedback they received, Fort Erie seems to have become a leader in the Niagara Region in Communities-in-Bloom. They were humbled and offered to help.

Ms. Fishman stated they also had the opportunity to discuss with Martin Quinn, National Director of Communities-in-Bloom, new ideas and asked for some direction for the Committee. After he went through their profile book and their 2015 evaluation form, he highly recommended they participate in 2020. He reassured them that they were already 90% there and all they had to do was show their improvements. They realize the clerical work is their greatest challenge which is why they are recommending the hiring of a part-time contract employee that can help them with their schedules, profile book and graphic design which would fall under the supplemental budget. This program is about growing and greening our space and fostering civic pride. Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities that are involved in this program can be proud of their efforts which provide real, meaningful environmental solutions that benefit all of society. She thanked Council for their consideration.

9. Consent Agenda Items

9.1 Request to Remove Consent Agenda Items

Item 9.9.2 3(e), being the Community Gaming Development Corporation October 23, 2019 Minutes was removed to be dealt with separately due to Councillor McDermott's pecuniary interest.

9.2 Consent Agenda Items for Approval

1. Minutes

- (a) Approve - Council-in-Committee Meeting, as amended - November 12, 2019
- (b) Approve - Council Meeting - November 18, 2019
- (c) Approve - Closed Session Special Council Meeting - December 2, 2019
- (d) Approve - Council-in-Committee Meeting - December 2, 2019
- (e) Approve - Council-in-Budget Committee Meeting #2 - December 4, 2019

2. Correspondence

- (a) Receive - Fort Erie SPCA - Board of Directors Minutes - November 5, 2019
- (b) Proclamation - Crime Stoppers - January as Crime Stoppers Awareness Month and Flag Raising Request

That: Council proclaims January as "Crime Stoppers Awareness Month" and approves the request for their flag to be flown at Town Hall on January 6, 2020. **(Carried)**

- (c) Refer to Staff - Niagara Region - Analysis of Niagara Region's Role in Tourism
- (d) Receive - Niagara Region - On-Demand Transit - Pilot Authorization (Simulation Results)

3. Board/Committee Minutes

- (a) Receive - Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee - October 29, 2019

- (b) Receive - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - November 6, 2019
- (c) Receive - Community Health Care Services Committee - October 9, 2019
- (d) Receive - Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee - September 16, 2019; October 21, 2019
- (f) Receive - Crystal Beach Beautification Committee - November 1, 2019
- (g) Receive - Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area Board of Management - November 5, 2019
- (h) Receive - Fort Erie Active Transportation Advisory Committee - June 11, 2019; July 16, 2019; September 10, 2019; October 8, 2019
- (i) Receive & Approve Recommendation - Environmental Advisory Committee - November 17, 2019 regarding:

(i) 576 Albany Street Planting Plan: EC Overlay be removed from the portion of the property less than 70 m from the front lot line subject to the applicant adding a minimum of 4 spice bushes within the buffer area and submitting a \$5,000 cash security to be held for a period of 2 years following the completion of construction of the dwelling and associated accessory structure. EAC will undertake a site visit after that time (at the request of the owner) to advise the building department on whether the security should be released. **(Carried)**

4. Other Matters

Consent Agenda Resolution

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council approves the Consent Agenda Items as recommended, save and except Item 9.9.2 3(e).

(Carried)

9.3 Items Removed to be Dealt with Separately

- (e) Receive – Community Gaming Development Corporation – October 23, 2019

Resolution No. 1A

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

That: Council approves Consent Agenda Item 9.9.2 3(e), as recommended. **(Carried)**

10. New Business/Enquiries

- (a) Response to Enquiry

Re: Enquiry by Councillor Lubberts at the November 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting regarding the Cost of the Municipal Natural Asset Management Program

Mr. Brady read the response to enquiry into the Minutes which is appended to the Agenda.

- (b) Notice of Resignation - Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee - Cole McGaeghan

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Councillor Zanko

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council accepts the resignation of Cole McGaeghan from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, and further

That: Council directs staff to proceed with filling the vacancy in accordance with the Procedural By-law. **(Carried)**

- (c) Councillor McDermott

Councillor McDermott referred to the Regional budget and stated that he understood that the ProKids Program was taken out of the budget. He questioned why they couldn't find a way to keep it in the budget, maybe with a lesser amount of money as ProKids is a very successful program that has gone on for years. Through his experience in youth programs, it's been used by people that could not ordinarily afford to get involved. He wondered if it's prudent to take this program out. It's important that youth who are financially challenged, get the benefit of some opportunities, whether it's baseball or a sports

program that ProKids was funding. He's very disappointed if that's the case because he thinks it's a program of great value for young people who need that step up. He would like someone to bring it up that we fund it at a lesser rate because opportunities like this for youth that don't have a lot of money are just not there.

The Mayor responded that this was a topic of lengthy discussion at the Region and people were speaking on both sides. Commissioner Jugli spoke about this in the context of a large suite of programs that the Region is trying to deliver with respect to affordability, homelessness and other programs that are available. \$250,000 was recommended by staff at the Region from the ProKids Program and the Niagara Poverty initiative to be deferred to 2022. The ProKids Program is delivered from the Niagara Y and there had been consultation with the Niagara Y with respect to this program. There are about 2,400 children that are able to participate. It's a cap of \$100 per child, so the dialogue that took place was essentially that if the Niagara Y wanted to make a presentation to Regional Council, they could. The Mayor explained under spirited questioning, Commissioner Jugli defended the decision that staff was recommending, and felt at this point some of the other programs they're trying to fund to address issues of low income, poverty, would be more beneficial as opposed to this particular program. She advised them that the Y felt that it wasn't something that was going to interfere significantly with the programming they deliver. That was the context in which the decision was made to go along with staff's recommendation on this, in the face of a 5.8% tax increase. The Mayor moved two amendments, one to take out of the budget the wayfinding program, a \$400,000 item that came out of the capital budget. The other was a \$750,000 item related to the organization that's going to result in a reduction in the number of employees in the Audit Department at the Region. Regional staff were planning on taking that \$750,000, which is an operating budget item, and shifting it into capital reserves. That didn't make sense and the majority of Council agreed that it should stay in the operating side, which will bring the 6% projected increase down to .8%. We will have to deal with that when we deal with our operating budget.

The Mayor stated there are a couple of bigger drivers with respect to the operating budget, the expansion of Regional transit to try to bring more people into the system. That's a large number because of the expansion and there's some facilities that need to be constructed. Those two alone account for a 3%

increase. It was not an easy budget. He will try to get some additional information for Councillor McDermott and other Members of Council so they have a clear understanding. He thinks on the vote there were about two thirds of Councillors present who supported taking it out of this year's budget and about a third that felt it should be put in. It's a difficult issue.

(d) Councillor Butler

Councillor Butler stated that she wanted to confirm the request for the Communities-in-Bloom budget is for an increase from \$13,000 to \$15,000 and does a motion have to be made. Mr. Janzen responded that at this point, all of the submissions were due on Friday internally at the Town. They will be reviewing those but he believes that it's included in an existing supplementary request for 2020. Councillor Butler questioned if it also includes the request for funds for the competition. Mr. Janzen asked if the Director of Planning might comment since it was from his department. Mr. Brady responded that some of the items brought forward this evening are not the ones that are in the supplemental budget. The notion of having a contract employee placed within the context of the Communities-in-Bloom as opposed to what they had last year, where they had a student, isn't something that staff is recommending but they will be recommending an approach. The Mayor added that when the operating budget comes forward, he asked Mr. Janzen to ensure he has a good handle on what the parameters of the request of the Communities-in-Bloom Committee is.

(e) Councillor Butler

Councillor Butler advised that she has been receiving emails and phone calls from some residents with respect to the Brock initiative. She questioned if there is a reason that we didn't attend. Mr. Kuchyt responded that he believes she is referring to the climate change group they put together and the invite that went out to all municipalities. Seven decided that they would be part of this group. At the time he looked at it, we didn't have any staff available to sit on the committee. He told the group that he wanted to be kept informed of the progress and any information, draft reports and so on. Looking back, if it's Council's wish, he could probably sit on that committee. His concern is it's going to be a long, drawn out process and he thinks that we need answers sooner rather than later. The Mayor has a motion coming forward as well on how to address climate change. He doesn't see any results or reports coming out of this committee

for at least a year but if it's Council's wish, he will sit on the committee and could provide regular updates.

Mayor Redekop added, within the context of the resolution which he hopes passes this evening relative to climate change, if Mr. Kuchyt could at least make some further enquiries and include in a report to Council what benefits or whether we will be moving forward with the Brock initiative would be helpful. So that can be part of the report, if that's agreeable.

(f) Councillor Butler

Councillor Butler advised that her other question is with respect to Regional Councillor Insinna. She wanted to ask him a question with respect to his insight with the Region and the problem with Shirley Road. She asked if we could make a notation of that and send him an inquiry and a follow-up. The Mayor responded that the Councillor has his email address. She could send him an email with respect to that and copy the Councillors. He will not be at Council until the next Regular Council Meeting being January 20, 2020.

(g) Mayor Redekop

Mayor Redekop stated that we've heard from the Communities-in-Bloom delegation that they're looking for a change in their mandate that would require some type of dialogue between the Communities-in-Bloom Committee and Planning staff with respect to the changes being suggested and then some recommendations from staff. Mr. Brady responded there has been some dialogue but he doesn't believe that staff agrees with the change of mandate that's being suggested. As he mentioned earlier, there's also the idea that they would have their own staff member that would report to them. Last year the Town provided a co-op student throughout the summer to provide them with assistance and Planning staff thought that worked out well. Obviously, the Communities-in-Bloom Committee want to have more control of the situation. Planning will be bringing what staff thinks is a reasonable approach to this but they are not on the same page at the present time.

Mayor Redekop stated it might be helpful for him to get a clear indication of the changes to the mandate and then he'll circulate that to Members of Council. He questioned who is the Council representative, and then he confirmed that it is Councillor Butler. He stated she may already have that information so perhaps

they can chat about this to see where to go. He doesn't want to bring a notice of motion forward until he has a better understanding of the changes because it seems to him that we have an organization or committee that's thinking it can do more or needs to shift emphasis, we need to look at that. He advised that he will follow-up with Councillor Butler.

11. Motions

Mayor Redekop gave the Chair to Councillor Zanko in order to bring forward his Motion.

(a) Mayor Redekop

Re: Climate Change Impacts

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

That: Council directs staff to prepare a report and provide recommendations with respect to anticipated impacts in the near and long term of climate change, policies that the Town of Fort Erie currently has in place to address those impacts and what policies, programs and strategies could be adopted, created and implemented in order to meet the increasing challenges presented by climate change to infrastructure, programs and services for which the Town of Fort Erie is responsible.

Councillor Dubanow requested a recorded vote, the results of which are as follows:

Yes

No

Councillor McDermott

Councillor Butler

Councillor Zanko

Councillor Dubanow

Mayor Redekop

(Carried)

Councillor Zanko returned the Chair to Mayor Redekop.

12. Notice of Motion

(a) Councillor Dubanow

Councillor Dubanow gave notice motion to request a report from staff on a public education campaign on the official plan, secondary plan, zoning by-laws and how this could potentially affect land use in Fort Erie.

(Returnable January 20, 2020)

13. Reports

CAO-32-2019 Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games – 13 for 13 Cultural Programs

Mayor Redekop requested that the recommendations be dealt with separately.

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

That: The Town of Fort Erie participate in the 13 for 13 Cultural Program by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games. **(Carried)**

Resolution No. 4A

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

That: Council appoints Councillor McDermott to the Town's 13 for 13 Cultural Program Working Group. **(Carried)**

PDS-74-2019 Extension of Agreement Between The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and Jeffrey Kline - 0 Dominion Road

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council agrees to extend the agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and Jeffrey Kline to May 27, 2022 and that the owner be so advised. **(Carried)**

PDS-75-2019 Award of Tender for Erie Beach & Burleigh Road Subdivision - Miscellaneous Road Works - Contract No. PDS-19T-EBBR19

Resolution No. 6
Moved by: Councillor McDermott
Seconded by: Councillor Butler

That: Council accepts and approves the tender submission for the Erie Beach and Burleigh Road Subdivision – Miscellaneous Road Works Contract No. PDS-19T-EBBR19 from Brennan Paving Limited in the amount of \$465,136.25 (including 13% HST). **(Carried)**

IS-46-2019 Award of Contract No. ISE-19P-SANCTV - Sanitary Sewer Closed Circuit Television Inspection & Assessment

Resolution No. 7
Moved by: Councillor Zanko
Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council accepts and approves the proposal from 284612 Ontario Limited (o/a Bob Robinson & Son Construction) to complete sanitary sewer closed circuit television inspection and assessment, Contract No. ISE- 19P-SANCTV, at an upset limit of \$163,214.94(including 13% HST); and further

That: Council accepts and approves the proposal from 284612 Ontario Limited (o/a Bob Robinson & Son Construction) to complete the Scope Extension work to Contract No. ISE-19P-SANCTV for sanitary sewer closed circuit television inspection and assessment, at an upset limit of \$53,309.45 (including 13% HST). **(Carried)**

14. Consideration of By-laws

Councillor Dubanow requested that By-law No. 154-2019 be removed from the by-law package and dealt with separately.

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Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: The by-law package containing:

155-2019: To Declare Lands as Public Highway on the Terminus of Commerce Parkway (Part 2 on Reference Plan 59R-16513)

156-2019: To Adopt the Preliminary Capital Budget for the Town of Fort Erie for the Year 2020

157-2019: To Adopt the 2019-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the Town of Fort Erie and to Repeal By-law No. 40-13

is given first and second reading.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: By-law Nos.:

155-2019

156-2019

157-2019

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

(Carried)

Resolution No. 9A

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: By-law No. 154-2019 To Adopt a Whistleblower Policy for The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, is given first and second reading.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 9B

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: By-law No. 154-2018 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

Councillor Dubanow requested a recorded vote, the results of which are as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor McDermott	
Councillor Butler	
Councillor Zanko	
Councillor Dubanow	
Mayor Redekop	

(Carried)

Resolution No. 10

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

That: By-law No. 158-2019: To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting held on December 2, 2019, Council-in-Budget Committee Meeting #2 held on December 4, 2019 and Council Meeting held on December 9, 2019 is given first and second reading.

(Carried)

Resolution No. 11

Moved by: Councillor Zanko

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

That: By-law No. 158-2019 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal.

(Carried)

15. Scheduling of Meetings

- EDTC Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:00 at the EDTC Office
- Transit Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 3:00 in Conference Room No. 2
- Fort Erie Public Library Board Meeting on December 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Centennial Library Branch

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 12

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council adjourns at 7:18 p.m. to reconvene into a Regular Meeting of Council on January 20, 2020. **(Carried)**

Mayor

Clerk