



The Municipal Corporation of the
Town of Fort Erie

Council-in-Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: His Worship Mayor Redekop and Councillors Christensen*, Dubanow, Flagg, Lewis, McDermott, and Noyes

*(Arrived at 6:02 p.m. via Zoom)

Staff: B. Bradnam, A. Carter, A. Dilwaria, S. Hansen, A. Herlovitch, J. Janzen, C. McQueen, C. Millar, C. Patton, C. Schofield, K. Walsh

3. Announcements/Addenda

None.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings

(a) Open House

Re: Fort Erie Short Term Rental Land Use Study - Wednesday, November 23, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. - Via Video Teleconference.

(b) 2023 Budget Meeting Schedule

Re: Council-in-Budget Committee Meetings: #1 - Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - Capital Budget & Forecast and User Fee Analysis; #2 - Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - Water and Wastewater Operating Budget; #3 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - Library, General Levy Operating Budget & Assessment Analysis; #4 - Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (if required). All Budget Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Budget By-laws: Monday, December 12, 2022 - Preliminary Capital Budget and User Fees By-law; Monday, January 23, 2023 - Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates By-law; Monday, February 27, 2023 - General Levy Budget By-law and General Capital Budget By-law.

(c) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 63 Idylewylde Street - Owner: Frank Alessio - Agent: Urban Environments (Greg Hynde) - Monday, December 5, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2022.

6. Public Meetings

None.

7. Consent Agenda Items

None.

7.1 Request to Remove Consent Agenda Items

7.2 Consent Agenda Items for Approval

7.3 Items Removed to be Dealt with Separately

8. Planning and Development Services

Chaired by: Mayor Redekop

8.1 Presentations and Delegations

All visual and oral presentations can be viewed as recorded at: www.youtube.com/townofforterie

(a) Geoffrey Aldridge, 3765 Rebstock Road

Re: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Report No. PDS-73-2022)

Mr. Aldridge provided a PowerPoint Presentation which can be found on the Town's website.

8.2 Reports

PDS-73-2022 Proposed Provincial Bill 23 - *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

Recommendation No. 1

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council receives Report No. PDS-73-2022 regarding the Province of Ontario proposed Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and directs staff to forward Report No. PDS-73-2022 to the Province of Ontario, drawing attention to the Town's comments. **(Carried)**

8.3 New Business/Enquiries

(a) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for Council-in-Committee Business Subdivision

Recommendation No. 2

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council appoints the following Chair and Vice-Chair to the Planning and Development Services Business Subdivision of Council-in-Committee for the period of November 21, 2022 to March 14, 2024:

Councillor Dubanow, Chair

Councillor Christensen, Vice-Chair

(Carried)

8.4 Business Status Report

None.

9. Infrastructure Services

Chaired by: Mayor Redekop

9.1 Presentations and Delegations

9.2 Reports

9.3 New Business/Enquiries

- (a) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for Council-in-Committee Business Subdivision

Recommendation No. 3

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council appoints the following Chair and Vice-Chair to the Infrastructure Services Business Subdivision of Council-in-Committee for the period of November 21, 2022 to March 14, 2024:

Councillor Noyes, Chair

Councillor Lewis, Vice-Chair

(Carried)

9.4 Business Status Report

None.

10. Corporate and Community Services

Chaired by: Mayor Redekop

10.1 Presentations and Delegations

10.2 Reports

CAO-16-2022 Annual Accessibility Status Report - 2022

Recommendation No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council receives the Accessibility Status Report 2022, attached as Appendix "1" to Report No. CAO-16-2022, as the annual Accessibility Status Report required under the Accessibility for *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. **(Carried)**

CAO-17/LC-16-2022 Land Matters: October 20, 2022 Land Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation No. 5

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

That: Council receives the October 20, 2022, Land Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix "1" to Report No. CAO-17/LC-16-2022, and further

That: Council approves the recommendations contained in Appendix "2". **(Carried)**

CS-18-2022 2022 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Recommendation No. 6
Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council receives Report No. CS-18-2022 regarding the 2022 3rd Quarter Financial Report for information purposes, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer \$150,000 of Climate Change studies and initiatives savings to the General Levy Rate Stabilization Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer \$138,500 in WSIB rebates and grants to the General Levy Rate Stabilization Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to establish a Heritage Reserve and transfer the \$50,000 approved in 2022 Operating Budget to the reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer the \$869,612 remaining of the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (GFESS) Theatre funds to the South Niagara Hospital Reserve and to close the GFESS Theatre Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer the \$1,300 remaining of the Battlefield Park Pavilion Reserve funds to the Parkland Reserve and to close the Battlefield Park Pavilion Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer the \$166,000 remaining of the Transit Capital Reserve funds to the IT Equipment Reserve and to close the Transit Capital Reserve, and further

That: Council allocates \$87,065 in Transit Development Charges (DC) to Town Transit operations to fund the capital component of transit contracts.

Recommendation No. 7
Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: The second recommendation be amended to provide that Council establishes a Climate Change Reserve to finance climate change studies and initiatives, and Reserve By-law No. 93-12 be amended accordingly, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer \$150,000 of Climate Change studies and initiatives savings to the new Climate Change Reserve. **(Carried)**

Following approval of the amendment, Recommendation No. 6 was voted on, as amended, as follows:

That: Council receives Report No. CS-18-2022 regarding the 2022 3rd Quarter Financial Report for information purposes, and further

That: Council establishes a Climate Change Reserve to finance climate change studies and initiatives, and Reserve By-law No. 93-12 be amended accordingly, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer \$150,000 of Climate Change studies and initiatives savings to the new Climate Change Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to transfer \$138,500 in WSIB rebates and grants to the General Levy Rate Stabilization Reserve, and further

That: Council directs staff to establish a Heritage Reserve and transfer the \$50,000 approved in 2022 Operating Budget to the reserve, and further

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That: Council directs staff to transfer the \$166,000 remaining of the Transit Capital Reserve funds to the IT Equipment Reserve and to close the Transit Capital Reserve, and further

That: Council allocates \$87,065 in Transit Development Charges (DC) to Town Transit operations to fund the capital component of transit contracts. **(Carried)**

10.3 New Business/Enquiries

- (a) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for Council-in-Committee Business Subdivision

Recommendation No. 8

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council appoints the following Chair and Vice-Chair to the Corporate and Community Services Business Subdivision of Council-in-Committee for the period of November 21, 2022 to March 14, 2024:

Councillor McDermott, Chair

Councillor Flagg, Vice-Chair

(Carried)

- (b) Councillor Dubanow

Councillor Dubanow commended Infrastructure Services Staff and Contractors for the excellent work completed during the extreme snowfall event. He added that the efficiency of snow removal in Fort Erie is exceptional, especially in comparison to other municipalities.

- (c) Councillor Dubanow

In response to the negative comments surrounding the cancellation of the Santa Claus Parade, Councillor Dubanow stated that the volunteers made the right decision ahead of the significant snowfall, and he supports their decision. He added that the volunteers who organize the event spend upwards of 300 hours on the event and are in unpaid positions. Councillor Dubanow said he is thankful for the work the Santa Claus Parade volunteers do and is looking forward to attending the parade next year with his family.

(d) Councillor Noyes

Councillor Noyes advised that the Lincoln County Humane Society will be meeting tomorrow and that she will present a councillor brief if any of the councillors wish to bring forward any questions or comments.

Councillor Noyes enquired whether there is anywhere in Town to obtain dog tags physically.

Mayor Redekop responded that there are 2 locations: Ruffin's on Concession Road and Thor's on Dominion Road. There is a kiosk where you enter your information at those locations, and then a tag is mailed to you.

Mayor Redekop enquired with Mr. McQueen what the licence cost was before the contract with LCHS, what the cost is now and what the cost is with the online charge. Mr. McQueen advised he will obtain the information and provide it to Council.

Mayor Redekop also stated that the Fort Erie SPCA is still in business, attending public events to raise the profile of the organization and soliciting donations.

(e) Mayor Redekop

Mayor Redekop commended Infrastructure Services Staff and Contractors for the excellent work completed during the extreme snowfall event. He suggested that the debrief conducted at the Infrastructure Services Sub-committee should be added to the Council Agenda so that Council can be aware of the debrief results.

Mr. Walsh responded that the debrief took place this afternoon and summarized that the Town expended approximately 600 working hours in response to the 2 days of snowfall and 2 days of drifting snow that followed. Mr. Walsh acknowledged some hiccups; however, the Town still met all legislated and policy requirements. He added that the most efficient way for residents to contact Town Staff during snowfalls events is to call Town Hall; that line extends to staff working after hours.

(f) Mayor Redekop

Mayor Redekop noted that previous Councillor Richard Berry passed away over the weekend. Councillor Berry served on three terms of council from 1994 to 2003. Mayor Redekop added that Richard Berry had a good sense of humour and that they could laugh at things even when they disagreed. Mayor Redekop noted that Town Flags will remain at half mass until the funeral.

10.4 Business Status Report

None.

11. Scheduling of Meetings

- Lincoln County Humane Society, November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Accessibility Advisory Committee, November 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., Town Hall, Committee Room 1
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, December 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Fort Erie Lions Club
- The Regional Municipality of Niagara Inaugural Meeting of Council, November 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber Niagara Region Headquarters

12. Adjournment

Recommendation No. 9

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council-in-Committee hereby adjourns at 6:50 p.m. **(Carried)**

Mayor

Clerk