



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Council Meeting Minutes **Monday, April 26, 2021** **Council Meeting** **Electronic Online Participation** **7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Hallman, C. Gordijk, B. Fisher, J. Gerber and J. Pfenning

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director of Information and Legislative Services D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works J. Molenhuis, Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation S. Jackson, Director of Development Services H. O’Krafka, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer P. Kelly, Fire Chief R. Leeson, Director / Curator Castle Kilbride T. Loch, Manager of Information and Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk T. Murray, Manager of Planning / EDO A. Martin

1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2021-79

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT a Closed Meeting of Council be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with Section 239(2), (b) and (e) and (3.1) for the purposes of:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual

(e) litigation or potential litigation

(3.1) Educational or training session

CARRIED.

2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Resolution No. 2021-81

Moved by: Councillor C. Gerber Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council reconvenes in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4.1 Councillor J. Gerber read the Land Acknowledgement

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

5.1 By-laws – Item 14.3 By-law No. 2021-26, to Appoint an Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Resolution No. 2021-82

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT Item 14.3 be added to the agenda under BY-LAWS as By-law No. 2021-26 - By-Law To Appoint an Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2021-83

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT By-law No. 2021-26 be introduced, read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT – None Disclosed

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Council Meetings Minutes Monday April 12, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-83

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting April 12, 2021.

CARRIED.

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2021-15

Public Meeting

Draft Procedural By-law Amendments

Resolution No. 2021-84

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT report ILS 2021-15 be deferred.

CARRIED. AS AMENDED.

Mayor Armstrong noted that staff have advised there has been no comments received on this report and requested that this report be deferred.

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Audited Financial Statement

Mike Arndt, CPA, CA

Mike Arndt outlined the Audited Financial Statement and advised on impacts due to COVID-19. He noted that considering the hardships many have faced, but the Township is in a solid financial state.

Mr. Arndt acknowledged Council's comments that there are pending infrastructure costs that are forecasted to put the Township into a deficit and noted that had it not been for Government funding there would have been a deficit in 2020.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer noted that the surplus the Township carries is allocated to future projects and advised that the opportunity to build on investments and infrastructure is strong.

9.1.1 REPORT COR 2021-17
2020 Audited Financial Statements

Resolution No. 2021-85

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Report COR 2021-17 regarding the 2021 Annual Financial Report be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer outlined the report.

10. DELEGATIONS

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 COR 2021-016

2021 Final Tax Levy By-law

11.4 DS 2021-016

1st Quarter 2021 Building Statistics Summary

11.6 PW 2021-08

Award of Contract – Utilities Service Vehicle

11.7 PW 2021-010

Region of Waterloo Projects – Snyder’s Road East and Notre Dame Drive

11.8 PFRS 2021-007

Award Petersburg Park Playground

11.9 PFRS 2021-008

RFP Award St. Agatha Park Playground

11.10 ILS 2021-14

Road Opening By-law

Sandhills Multi-use Trail

Resolution No. 2021-86

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report Nos. COR 2021-016, DS 2021-016, PW 2021-08, PW 2021-010, PFRS 2021,007, PFRS 2021-008 and ILS 2021-14 be approved.

CARRIED. AS AMENDED.

The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately.

11.5 PFRS 2021-006

Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services First Quarter Activity Reports

Resolution No. 2021-87

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services Activity Reports for the first quarter of 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services confirmed that the modernization of the elevator in the New Hamburg Community Centre complies with the inspection that was completed by the TSSA to bring the elevator up to code.

The Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services confirmed that the Splash Pad has traditionally opened at the end of May; however, advised that an opening date has yet to be confirmed.

The Director of Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services advised that staff will be directed to investigate the old water fountain at Huron and Peel Streets.

11.2 PW 2021-09

**1ST Quarter 2021 Operations Activity Report
January – March 2021**

Resolution No. 2021-88

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the Public Works Operations 1st Quarter Activity Report for the months of January, February and March be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering confirmed that the data regarding the insurance claims are for the time period from January to March 2021.

11.3 FR 2021-03

First Quarter Activity Report

Resolution No. 2021-89

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

That the Fire Department Activity Report for the first quarter of 2021 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Fire Chief confirmed that efforts continue on public education through the pandemic, noting that it has been challenging and print media is not traditionally budgeted for

therefore social media and the website have been used. The Fire Chief advised that a joint cooperative with the Baden Outlook, at no cost to the Fire Department was underway.

12. REPORTS

12.1 INFORMATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

12.1.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2021-13

Combined Quarterly Activity Report

January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-90

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the Information and Legislative Services Quarterly Activity Report for January 1 to March 31, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services outlined the report and noted that a piece of correspondence has been received by a member of the public. That piece is attached as Appendix A.

The First Peoples Group introduced themselves and provided information on their individual backgrounds.

Melissa Hammell, Vice-President, First Peoples Group, outlined the work of First Peoples Group providing details on other consultation processes they have undertaken, in particular, the Sir John A. MacDonald statue in the City of Kingston.

Cassidy Caron outlined the public engagement plan, outlining each step of the proposed engagement process and also noting that the Working Group has had discussions on how to ensure the survey is as accessible as possible. Key individuals continue to be identified and will be contacted directly.

First People's Group also confirmed that the Mississauga's of the Credit will be consulted through the process.

It was noted that one on one conversations with members of Council, will occur as well, any member of the public is welcome and encouraged to contact First People's Group to have a safe space for all the work they are doing during this process.

Council requested that the agendas and minutes be published to maintain a transparent process and Council agreed to appoint Councillors Pfenning and Fisher to the Working Group.

The First People's Group confirmed that the recommendations resulting from the similar consultation process at the City of Kingston were based on what the citizens said and not the opinion of First People's Group.

First People's Group confirmed that they do seek to have an Elder(s) take part in the engagement and it would be that Elder(s) that would receive the honorarium.

Nigel Gordijk appeared as a delegation, his prepared statement is attached as Appendix B.

Council directed staff to amend the Terms of Reference for Committees of Council to include a provision for a dedicated member of the IBPOC Community. The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that for the Inclusion and Diversity Committee composition would be all members who self-identify as part of the IBPOC Community.

John Bailey appeared as a delegation, his prepared statement is attached as Appendix C.

Cheyenne Thorpe appeared as a delegation, her prepared statement is attached as Appendix D.

Nancy Birss appeared as a delegation, her prepared statement is attached as Appendix E.

Dennis and Pat Mighton appeared as a delegation. They expressed their excitement and welcomed the First People's Group for the consultation process to begin. They expressed their disappointment in not having been notified of the consultation process and questioned how more information will be communicated and voiced their concerns for how more people will be notified and those that do not engage in social media. The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that the Working Group, along side First People's Group are looking at various options to communicate to residents in a non-digital format as well.

David Atkinson appeared as a delegation, his prepared statement is attached as Appendix F.

Aimee Coslovich appeared as a delegation. She noted that the perception in the media depicts the Township as an entirely racist community, which she find inaccurate, and it is upsetting to residents. She thanked First People's Group for working with the Township on the Prime Ministers Path consultation and addressing the needs of the community in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Cheyenne Thorpe addressed Council again, expressing the connection of the Prime Ministers Path, the racial divide in the community, and how the harm that has been experienced is being dismissed.

John Bailey addressed Council again, expressing the difficulty with the process First People's Group is facing and appreciates their guidance and leadership. He advised that he has been asked to speak on this matter on behalf of others that are afraid to speak themselves and he commends anyone that does speak out on issues.

David Atkinson indicated that he feels comments made are not an accurate portrayal of racism in Wilmot. Mr. Atkinson was reminded of the decorum requirements for Council Meetings.

Robert Watts, First People's Group addressed Council and provided closing remarks, noting that the work they do is to focus on issues of reconciliation, dignity and nation building. He noted that these issues will be taken seriously and will be dealt with in that manner. He encouraged patience, and respect as the consultation process unfolds.

12.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

12.2.1 REPORT DS 2021-015

Sign By-law Variance

Cressman Meats

562 Huron Street, New Hamburg

Resolution No. 2021-91

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council approve minor variances to Township Sign By-law 2002-68 for a sign to be installed at 562 Huron Street in New Hamburg as follows:

- to allow a sign in front of the required building line on a property having a frontage of less than 15m; and
- to reduce the required side yard setback from 3.0m to approximately 1.0m

CARRIED.

The Manager of Planning / EDO outlined the report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

14. BY-LAWS

14.1 By-law No. 2021-23

2021-23 Final Tax Levy Rates

14.2 By-law No. 2021-24

By-law to Open a Road

Resolution No. 2021-92

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT By-law Nos. 2021-23 and 2021-24 be introduced, read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.1 Councillor A. Hallman noted there has been an uptake in crime in the New Dundee area and reminded everyone to lock their doors.

16.2 Councillor A. Hallman encouraged everyone to register for the COVID-19 vaccine and to reach out if they require assistance.

16.3 Councillor J. Gerber extended congratulations to staff member Lacey Smith and her husband on the arrival of their daughter.

16.4 Councillor J. Pfenning also encouraged essential workers to register for their vaccine.

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

18.1 By-law No. 2021-25

Resolution No. 2021-93

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT By-law No. 2021-25 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on April 26, 2021 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution NO. 2021-94

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.