



**TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, February 8, 2021
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo
Deputy Mayor Leo Meloche
Councillor Peter Courtney
Councillor Donald McArthur
Councillor Michael Prue
Councillor Marc Renaud
Councillor Patricia Simone

Giovanni (John) Miceli, CAO
Paula Parker, Clerk
Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk

All members of Council participated in the meeting through video conferencing technology from remote locations. Public participation was conducted via livestream.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution # 20210208-025

Moved By Councillor Renaud

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That the minutes **BE ADOPTED** and that those confidential minutes of the closed sessions of Council remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2020
- 4.2 Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2020
- 4.3 Special Council Meeting Minutes - Planning - January 11, 2021
- 4.4 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2021
- 4.5 Special In-Camera Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2021
- 4.6 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2021

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS

- 5.1 Request to Change Parking Time in Front of Queen Charlotte Building - Robert Iannucci, Nucceli's Frozen Yogurt
- 5.2 Request to Change Parking Time in Front of Queen Charlotte Building - Bryce May, Happier Camper Canada

Resolution # 20210208-026

Moved By Councillor McArthur

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That:

- 1. The delegations in item # 5.1 and item # 5.2 BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. Parking BE SIGNED as 2 hour parking on Dalhousie Street in front of the Queen Charlotte building.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES

There were no reports.

REPORTS – PARKS, FACILITIES, RECREATION AND CULTURE

There were no reports.

REPORTS – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

8.1 Meadow View Estates Subdivision - Phase 1 - Accept and Assume Underground Infrastructure

Resolution # 20210208-027

Moved By Councillor Renaud
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That:

- 1. The recommendations in the letter from the consulting engineer, Stantec Consulting Ltd dated December 21, 2020 regarding Meadow View Estates Subdivision - Phase 1 BE ACCEPTED; and,**
- 2. The underground infrastructure for Meadow View Estates Subdivision - Phase 1 BE ACCEPTED and ASSUMED.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

8.2 Meadow View Estates Subdivision Phase 2 - Accept and Assume Underground Infrastructure

Councillor Prue requested a friendly amendment that the report coming to Council in the spring include the section of pipe repair on a 1 year maintenance.

Resolution # 20210208-028

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Simone

That:

1. The recommendations in the letter from the consulting engineer, Stantec Consulting Ltd dated December 21, 2020 regarding Meadow View Estates Subdivision - Phase 2 BE ACCEPTED;
2. The underground infrastructure for Meadow View Estates Subdivision – Phase 2 BE ACCEPTED AND ASSUMED; and,
3. The report coming to Council in the spring include the section of pipe repair on a 1 year maintenance.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS - PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

9.1 Removal of Part Lot Control – Kingsbridge Phase 5

Resolution # 20210208-029

Moved By Councillor Prue
Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That:

1. The application for Removal of Part Lot Control for Part of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 1, being Blocks 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 through 32 inclusive, 34, 35, 36 and 37 on Plan 12M-669, known locally as Kingsbridge Subdivision, BE APPROVED; and,

2. **By-law 2021-003 being a by-law to remove certain lands from Part Lot Control be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE

There were no reports.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Resolution # 20210208-030

Moved By Councillor McArthur
Seconded By Councillor Simone

That the following information reports BE RECEIVED:

- 11.1 **Building Activity Report for Months of October, November & December 2020**
- 11.2 **Pending Playground Equipment Removal from Wigle and Briar Ridge Parks**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Resolution # 20210208-031

Moved By Councillor Prue
Seconded By Councillor McArthur

Item # 11.2 - That Administration BE DIRECTED to immediately begin public consultation on Briar Ridge and Jack Purdie parks for playground equipment to be funded from the Reserve Fund General.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution # 20210208-032

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That the following consent correspondence BE RECEIVED:

- 12.1 Impending Closure of Ontario Fire College - Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 137**
- 12.2 Ontario Fire College - Lake of Bays Resolution**
- 12.3 Extension Request for Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Township of Asphodel-Norwood Resolution**
- 12.4 Request for Revisions to the Municipal Elections Act - Lake of Bays Resolution**
- 12.5 Request for Municipal Infrastructure Funding Opportunities - Lake of Bays Resolution**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Resolution # 20210208-033

Moved By Councillor Simone
Seconded By Councillor Courtney

Item # 12.1 & # 12.2 - **WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and**

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Augusta and the Town of Lake of Bays and requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the College is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents. Should the College continue to be closed as announced, that the Funds associated with the operation of the Fire College be retained for the exclusive use of the Ontario Fire Service to offset the financial impact of Fire fighter training; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Municipal Representation, Essex Region Source Protection Committee - Essex Region Conservation Authority

Resolution # 20210208-034

Moved By Councillor Courtney

Seconded By Councillor Simone

That:

- 1. The correspondence dated January 25, 2021, from ERCA regarding Essex Region Source Protection Committee, Municipal Representation BE RECEIVED; and,**
- 2. The Town of Amherstburg ENDORSE the appointment of Kevin Webb as the City of Windsor's representative on the Essex Region Source Protection Committee.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

13.2 2021 Census of Population - Statistics Canada

Councillor Courtney amended the motion to include the purchase of a ¼ page advertisement in the River Town Times and social media posts with respect to the census questionnaire.

Resolution # 20210208-035

Moved By Councillor Courtney

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That:

- 1. The correspondence from Statistics Canada BE RECEIVED;**
- 2. The Town of Amherstburg SUPPORTS the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca; and,**
- 3. Administration BE DIRECTED to place a ¼ page advertisement in the River Town Times and to create social media posts advising and encouraging residents to partake in the census questionnaire.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

OTHER MINUTES

14.1 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2021

Resolution # 20210208-036

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That:

1. **The Drainage Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021, BE RECEIVED; and,**
2. **By-law 2021-009 being a by-law to provide for the Bridges Over the Owen Bondy Drain based on the Drainage Report by N.J. Peralta Engineering Ltd. BE PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED by giving first and second reading and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Councillor Courtney asked about the public consultation process for the recreation amenities such as the skate park and he further advised that he would bring a motion forward in New Business.

The Director of Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Culture advised that the public consultation plan for all proposed locations would include all the amenities that a specific location would potentially host.

2. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding Community Benefit Charges and Community Use By-laws (Resolution # 20190826-426)

The Director of Corporate Services advised that this item would impact overall fiscal policy and not just a specific budget year. She advised that the report is still scheduled to come before Council for consideration.

3. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding festivals and events and possible alternate locations to hold them (Resolution # 20190909-447).

The Director of Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Culture advised that some portions of the Council direction have been actioned and a report will still be coming forward

4. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the policy regarding charitable donations (Resolution # 20190909-446).

The Director of Corporate Services advised that work is in progress and the policy is forthcoming.

5. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding staff parking for businesses in the downtown core (Resolution # 20200224-080).

The Manager of Licencing and Enforcement advised that the report will be before Council in the next couple of months.

6. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding a speed limit reduction in the downtown core and residential areas (Resolution # 20201013-317).

The Director of Engineering and Public Works advised that additional research is underway and public consultation may be sought with a report to be brought after consultation.

7. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding the joint use agreement for the tennis courts at Villanova Catholic High School (Resolution # 20201117-408).

The Director of Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Culture advised that Administration has reached out to the Windsor Essex County District School Board and is currently speaking with the Town of LaSalle.

8. Councillor Prue asked for an update with respect to the report regarding the south end of Boblo Island (Resolution # 20191015-497)

The Manager of Planning Services advised that Administration is still currently working with solicitors and the report is still forthcoming for Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution # 20210208-037

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Simone

That Administration BE DIRECTED to bring a report to Council addressing what the Town can do to further advance the issue of affordable housing and to assist in creating in affordable housing.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

2. Resolution # 20210208-038

Moved By Councillor Courtney
Seconded By Councillor Prue

That:

1. **Administration BE DIRECTED to bring back a report to Council for the February 22, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, on possible land use options, plans and recommendations for Jack Purdie Park and the north end of H. Smith Murray Park aka Centennial Park, based on zoning and legislative requirements; and,**
2. **Safe forums and dates BE PRESENTED for public consultation and feedback on those options, plans or recommendations written within the report.**

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

3. Councillor Prue asked if the Boards and Committee would soon be back to meeting in person once again.

The Clerk advised that this has been addressed in a report that will be before Council at the February 22, 2021, Regular Council Meeting.

4. Councillor Prue advised of an email Council received with respect to radon gas on Golfview Drive and asked if the concern could be raised by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor at County Council.

The Mayor advised that he will bring the concern to County Council. Councillor McArthur advised that the Windsor Essex County Health Unit has a page on their website with respect to radon gas information.

5. Resolution # 20210208-039

Moved By Councillor McArthur

Seconded By Councillor Renaud

That Administration BE DIRECTED to approach the Greater Essex County District School Board regarding the dirt piling up at the General Amherst High School construction site and to inquire as to what the intended use is for the dirt.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

BY-LAWS

18.1 By-law 2021-011 - Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 20210208-040

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded By Councillor McArthur

That By-law 2021-011 being a by-law to Confirm all Resolutions of the Municipal Council Meeting held on February 8, 2021, be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign same.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Deputy Mayor Meloche
Seconded By Councillor Courtney


That Council rise and adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

The Mayor put the Motion.

Motion Carried



MAYOR – ALDO DICARLO



CLERK – PAULA PARKER