

**Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**Regular Council Session
6:00 p.m.
In the Council Chamber**

52 Frank Street, Strathroy

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden
Deputy Mayor Brad Richards
Councillor Marie Baker
Councillor John Brennan
Councillor Larry Cowan
Councillor Frank Kennes
Councillor Steve Pelkman

Absent With Notice:

Councillor Neil Flegel
Councillor Sandi Hipple

Also Present:

Fred Tranquilli, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Brianna Hammer-Keidel, Deputy Clerk/Communications Co-ordinator (Recorder)
Joe Pilon, Director of Information Technology
Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community Services
George Elliott, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Brian George, Director of Fire Services
Doug Payne, Manager of Human Resources
Matthew Stephenson, Director of Building, Planning & Waste Management
Ruth Alcainho, Deputy Clerk/Insurance Co-ordinator
Demetri Makrakos, Economic Development Officer
Daniel Rolph, Postmedia
Laurie Montag
Jessica Doupe
Bertine Manders

2. Motion to Amend the Agenda

Moved by Councillors Cowan and Baker

THAT: an In Camera session be added to the agenda to discuss a real estate matter involving the acquisition or disposition of land in accordance with s. 293 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, and further;

THAT: the notice requirements set out in the Council Procedure By-law be waived. **Carried.**

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest. None.

4. In Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Pelkman and Deputy Mayor Richards

THAT: Council move In Camera to discuss a real estate matter involving the acquisition or disposition of land in accordance with s. 293 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act and a procedural matter to approve In Camera meeting minutes. **Carried.**

5. Report on In Camera Matters

Mayor Vanderheyden reported that progress was made on a real estate matter involving the acquisition or disposition of land, and that the minutes of the January 6, 2020 in camera session were approved.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards and Councillor Kennes

THAT: the following meeting minutes be approved as written:

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020. **Carried.**

7. Communications

7.1. Rob & Laura Healey

Request to reduce speed limit on Parkhouse Drive from Glendon Drive to Mill Road.

Moved by Councillors Baker and Brennan

THAT: the request be referred to the Municipal Traffic Committee for analysis. **Carried.**

7.2. Women's Rural Resource Centre

Letter of thanks following a donation to WRRRC.

7.3. Middlesex London Health Unit

Monthly Board of Health Update for January 2020.

7.4. St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

- 2020 Budget
- Meeting Highlights – December 2019

7.5. Township of Madoc

Resolution from the Township of Madoc supporting the Township of Springwater resolution regarding Joint and Several Liability Consultation.

7.6. Rainy River District Municipal Association

Resolution to address fair and equitable property taxation revenue on railway right-of-ways collected by Municipalities in Ontario.

7.7. Village of Merrickville – Wolford

Resolution with respect to the village’s concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

Moved by Councillors Brennan and Kennes

THAT: communications items 7.2 – 7.7 be received for information. **Carried.**

8. Unfinished Business. None.

9. Reports from Departments

9.1. Community Services – Deputy Mayor Brad Richards, Chair

9.1.1. Tender Award - Gemini Painting

Moved by Councillors Baker and Kennes

THAT: Report CS 2020-02 entitled Painting Tender Approval – Gemini Sportsplex be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council approve the awarding of the tender to Limited Edition Painting and Decorating for the value of \$55,000.00 plus HST. **Carried.**

9.1.2. Tender Award - Aquatic Park Pool Basin Painting

Moved by Councillors Pelkman and Cowan

THAT: Report CS 2020-03 entitled Painting Tender Approval – Aquatic Park Pool Basin be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council approve the awarding of the tender to Limited Edition Painting and Decorating for a value of \$19,300.00 plus HST. **Carried.**

9.1.3. Joint Use Agreement – Strathroy Community Christian School

Moved by Councillors Kennes and Brennan

THAT: Report CS 2020-05 entitled Joint Use Agreement – Strathroy Community Christian School be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council approve and execute the agreement between the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc and Strathroy Community Christian School. **Carried.**

9.2. Building & Planning Services – Councillor John Brennan, Chair

9.2.1. Subdivision Assumption – South Creek Phase 1 (Johnstone Homes)

Moved by Mayor Vanderheyden and Councillor Kennes

THAT: the report be received for information, and further;

THAT: the necessary assumption by-law be forwarded to Council for consideration of adoption. **Carried.**

9.3. Engineering Services – Councillor Larry Cowan, Chair

9.3.1. Tender Award – Caradoc Street Reconstruction Contract 3

The Director of Engineering & Public Works delivered a short review of the project. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2020 with the majority of approvals received. The project cost increase is due to planned boring operations under the CN Rail tracks, and traffic control and phasing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards and Councillor Kennes

THAT: Council receive Report EPW 2020-003 for information, and further;

THAT: Council approve an increase in the 2020 Capital project funding for the Caradoc Street Reconstruction project from \$9,000,000 to \$9,950,000 based on revised funding allocations including OCIF, Gas Tax, County of Middlesex, Development Charges, Rates Capital Reserves and the Tax Levy, and further;

THAT: Council approve the Development Charges contribution of \$2,290,000 for the Storm Sewer works based on the previous 2015 Hemson Development Charge Background Report for the reallocation of funds collected for the Duke Street storm sewer outlet between Caradoc Street and Victoria Street under item 10.2.2 in appendix C table 1 adjusted for the lack of specific grant funding for these works, and further;

THAT: Council award the Caradoc Street contract to Omega Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$8,479,570.32 including HST, conditional upon final approval of the CN Rail approvals for the rail crossing works. **Carried.**

9.4. Legal & Legislative Services – Councillor Marie Baker, Chair

9.4.1. Insurance Renewal – 2020-2021 Policy Terms

Moved by Councillors Pelkman and Kennes

THAT: Council authorize staff to take the necessary steps to effect the renewal of the 2020-21 Municipal General Commercial Liability and Property Insurance Coverage including fleet and equipment, with Frank Cowan Company in accordance with the supplementary report. **Carried.**

9.5. Chief Administrative Office – Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden, Chair

9.5.1. Human Resources Hiring Report – Supervisor of Parks and Recreational Facilities

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards and Councillor Pelkman

THAT: the hiring report for the Supervisor of Parks and Recreational Facilities be received for information. **Carried.**

9.5.2. Human Resources Hiring Report – Manager of Public Works

Moved by Councillors Cowan and Baker

THAT: the hiring report for the Manager of Public Works be received for information. **Carried.**

9.5.3. Capital Budget Updates

Moved by Councillors Brennan and Kennes

THAT: the following capital budget updates be received for information:

- Community Services
- Information Systems
- Human Resources
- Engineering and Public Works. **Carried.**

10. Reports from Boards and Committees

10.1. Committee of Adjustment – January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillors Cowan and Kennes

THAT: the reports from Boards and Committees be received for information. **Carried.**

11. Consideration of Bylaws

11.1. Moved by Councillors Kennes and Brennan

THAT: the following by-law receive first, second, and third and final reading:

By-law 10-20

A by-law to establish development charges. **Carried.**

11.2. Moved by Councillors Baker and Kennes

THAT: the following by-law receive first, second, and third and final reading:

By-law 11-20

A by-law to confirm the designated signing authorities for the Municipality's bank accounts and legal documents. **Carried.**

11.3. Moved by Councillors Pelkman and Kennes

THAT: the following by-law receive first, second, and third and final reading:

By-law 12-20

A by-law to authorize the execution of a joint use agreement between Strathroy Community Christian School and the Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc.

Carried.

11.4. Moved by Councillor Kennes and Deputy Mayor Richards

THAT: the following by-law receive first, second, and third and final reading:

By-law 13-20

A by-law to assume portions of streets and services within the Plan of Subdivision known as Plan 33M662: Newman Drive, Barker Street, and Bennett Crescent (South Creek Subdivision, Mount Brydges). **Carried.**

12. New Business. None.

13. County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Richards reported that Dr. Chris Mackie of the Middlesex-London Health Unit delivered a report on public health services in Middlesex County. KPMG is about to begin an audit. The County road and bridge study was reviewed. County Council is supporting the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's concerns regarding Bill 156 (Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act).

14. Enquiries or Comments by Members

Deputy Mayor Richards informed members of Council about the Coldest Day of the Year event scheduled for Saturday, February 22 at Strathroy Library. Refreshments and winter wear will be available to those in need, thanks to many local sponsors.

Councillor Cowan noted that the Tri-Township Arena was recently featured in a social media post from the Strathroy & District Historical Society. Construction of the facility began in 1974 and the steel frame was constructed at a total cost of \$336,000.

Councillor Brennan, along with Councillor Hipple and Strathroy-Caradoc Police Chief Mark Campbell, is taking part in the Sleepless in the City event on Thursday, February 20 to raise awareness of homelessness in our community. Participants are seeking donations for the cause.

Councillor Kennes and Councillor Hipple recently attended a stakeholder consultation with the Ministry of the Environment regarding the future of Conservation Authorities.

Councillor Baker wished the Sleepless in the City participants well. Councillor Baker is happy to see the Caradoc Street improvements moving forward, but noted that it is a big project that will require everyone's patience this summer.

Mayor Vanderheyden thanked Rob Ellis for visiting the community and speaking to students at local high schools about safe work. The Mayor is speaking to a high school Politics class this week as well. The Leaders Lunch hosted by the Chamber of Commerce is taking place on Friday, February 21. Mayor Vanderheyden and Councillor Kennes are attending OGRA next week. The Mayor noted that the County budget process started on February 17 and will continue this week. The Mayor attended a SWIFT meeting; phase one of the broadband project is underway. Biz After Biz is taking place on February 20 at Caradoc Sands.

15. Schedule of Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, March 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Council Workshop - **Saturday**, March 21, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, April 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards and Councillor Brennan
THAT: the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m. **Carried.**

Mayor

Clerk