

**Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

**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 Neil Flegel
Councillor Sandi Hipple
Councillor Frank Kennes
Councillor Steve Pelkman
Councillor Marie Baker
Councillor Larry Cowan

Absent With Notice:

Councillor John Brennan

Also Present:

Greg McClinchey, Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Tranquilli, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Clerk
Brianna Hammer-Keidel, Deputy Clerk/Communications Co-ordinator (Recorder)
Matthew Stephenson, Director of Building, Planning & Waste Management
George Elliott, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community Services
Brian George, Director of Fire Services/Fire Chief
Doug Payne, Manager of Human Resources
Joe Pilon, Director of Information Technology
Kristen Frisa, Middlesex Banner
Mark Peacock, Lower Thames Conservation Authority
Bonnie Carey, Lower Thames Conservation Authority

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest. None.

3. Presentations, Delegations, Petitions

3.1. Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Bonnie Carey presented highlights of the Lower Thames Conservation Authority's operations in 2018/2019.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2019

Moved by Deputy Mayor Richards and Councillor Baker

THAT: the following meeting minutes be approved as written:

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2019. **Carried.**

5. Communications

5.1. City of Hamilton

Correspondence regarding proposed public health changes.

5.2. Hon. Doug Ford

Response to Council resolution regarding funding for library services in Ontario.

5.3. Municipality of South Huron

Resolution supporting the re-establishment of a combined OGRA & ROMA conference.

5.4. Township of Armour

Resolution opposing Bill 115 allowing the sale of beer and wine in corner stores.

Moved by Councillors Pelkman and Flegel

THAT: the communications items be received for information.

Moved by Councillor Kennes and Deputy Mayor Richards

THAT: staff be directed to prepare a report regarding the re-establishment of a combined OGRA and ROMA conferenced. **Carried.**

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Correspondence to Premier Doug Ford Re: Provincial Program Cost-Sharing Concerns

Moved by Councillors Hipple and Kennes

THAT: the outgoing correspondence be received for information. **Carried.**

7. Reports from Departments

7.1. Building, Planning and Waste Management

7.1.1. Extension of Draft Plan of Subdivision - 24608 Saxton Road, Strathroy (Southgrove Meadows Inc.)

A request has been received for a three (3) year extension to the approval of the draft plan of subdivision for Southgrove Meadows, which is set to expire in August 2019. Three-year extension requests normally provide time for the applicant/owner to clear conditions and undertake a phased approach to development. The Director noted that staff recommend approving the extension as the developer has been active and work is proceeding.

Moved by Councillors Cowan and Kennes

THAT: Council supports an extension of three (3) years to the draft plan of subdivision approval, and that the resolution be forwarded to the County of Middlesex for consideration of approval. **Carried.**

7.1.2. Site Plan Control Agreement – 940 Wright Street, Strathroy (Bluewater Trailers)

The purpose of the site plan control application and plan is to permit development of a trailer sales and assembly facility on the subject lands located at 940 Wright Street, Strathroy. The Official Plan Amendment and zone change application received approval in Spring 2019. The site plan includes a building for sales and manufacturing, a large area for outdoor storage of trailers, signage, landscaping, and parking details.

Moved by Councillor Pelkman and Deputy Mayor Richards

THAT: the site plan be approved and staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaw to approve Council entering into a site plan agreement. **Carried.**

7.1.3. Subdivision Agreement – Delaware West (Aar-Con Enterprises Corp.)

Further to earlier direction from Council regarding this development, Wilson Street at Longwoods Road is to remain open and provide access to the subdivision, and Wilson Street at Adelaide Road is to be closed and dismantled. A bulb, or hammer-head, will be constructed to permit three-point turns for snow plows and garbage trucks. Members of Council generally supported a very clear visual barrier in the form of grass and signage, in addition to curbing, to signal that Wilson Street at Adelaide Road is no longer a thoroughfare.

Moved by Councillors Baker and Hipple

THAT: the subject report be received for information, and further that Council enter into a subdivision agreement with Aar-Con Enterprises Corp. regarding the Delaware West Subdivision, File No. 39T-SC1703. **Carried.**

7.2. Chief Administrative Office – Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden, Chair

The Chief Administrative Officer informed members that a new Fire Prevention Officer has commenced working for the Municipality. David Lambert will be on contract until the end of 2019.

7.2.1. Request for Road Closure and Noise Exemption – Block Party

Members reviewed a request from Rusty Wrench Brewing Co. for a road closure and noise exemption to permit a Block Party fundraiser on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The requested closure is for Front Street between Frank Street and Caradoc Street. A letter of support was also received from the Strathroy Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.).

Moved by Councillor Pelkman and Deputy Mayor Richards

THAT: the road closure and noise exemption request be accepted. **Carried.**

7.2.2. Disability Administration Change

The Manager of Human Resources reviewed an upcoming administrative change that will see employees receive all Short Term Disability or WSIB benefits (payments) directly from the insurance carrier. The Municipality will only pay any top up amounts owed. The planned implementation date is January 1, 2020.

Moved by Councillors Kennes and Cowan

THAT: that the report be received and accepted for information purposes. **Carried.**

8. Reports from Boards and Committees

8.1. Tri-Township Arena Board Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2019

8.2. Strathroy-Caradoc Police Services Board Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2019

Moved by Councillors Kennes and Pelkman

THAT: the meeting minutes be received and filed. **Carried.**

9. Consideration of By-laws

9.1. By-law 37-19

Moved by Councillors Kennes and Flegel

THAT: By-law 37-19, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc and 2695851 Ontario Ltd. (Re: Bluewater Trailer Sales Facility), receive first, second, and third and final reading. **Carried.**

9.2. By-law 39-19

Moved by Councillors Baker and Cowan

THAT: By-law 39-19, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a subdivision agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc and Aar-Con Enterprises Corp. (Re: Delaware West Plan of Subdivision), receive first, second, third and final reading. **Carried.**

10. New Business. None.

11. County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Richards reported that London Firehouse Subs presented a donation to Middlesex-London Paramedic Service for a CPR training Manikin. County Council members also heard a presentation from Chris Mackie of the Middlesex-London Health Unit outlining provincial funding cut-backs, the potential impact on services, and the potential funding impact for local governments. Several County economic development projects are underway. The Warden's charity golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 12 with proceeds going toward palliative care suite improvements at Strathmere Lodge.

12. Enquiries or Comments by Members

Councillor Pelkman reported that Colin Brabender has been hired by the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service. Agreements have been reached with the civilian and uniform police associations. A team lead by Fred Tranquilli, Doug Payne, and Kim Merklinger negotiated the agreements within parameters set by the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Services Board.

Councillor Hipple congratulated all 2019 graduates. Councillor Hipple attended the VON Run Walk & Roll in Mount Brydges and noted good attendance and thanked the volunteers. Another great Canada Day event was hosted at Komoka by Del-Ko-Brydge; thanks was offered to the volunteers for organizing the community event.

Deputy Mayor Richards attended Canada Day celebrations and thanked volunteers. The Deputy Mayor noted the number of people who attend the Downtown Strathroy Market and reported that vendors are happy with sales.

Mayor Vanderheyden reminded drivers to respect the bollards when Downtown Strathroy is closed for the Market. The Mayor has also heard many great comments about the Market and sees that people are excited to come downtown. The Mayor congratulated all 2019 graduates and thanked Canada Day and VON event volunteers. The Middlesex Community Living Annual Report is now available. Residents were reminded that school is out for the summer and to be mindful to ensure everyone has a safe summer.

13. Schedule of Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – **Tuesday**, August 6, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – **Tuesday**, September 3, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillors Kennes and Flegel

THAT: the meeting adjourn at 7:00 p.m. **Carried.**

Mayor

Clerk