



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Olena Hankivsky
Councillor Les Andrews
Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge
Councillor Chris Collins
Councillor Claire Holloway Wadhvani
Councillor Vicki Mink
Councillor Adam Pearson

Staff: David Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
David Baxter, Director, Finance
Todd Davis, Director, Planning and Development
Julia Snoek, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Jason Williams, Director, Protective Services
Mike van den Broek, Engineering Manager
Brian Gilmer, Director, Corporate Services/Clerk
Shrishma Davé, Manager Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope were held at 56 Queen Street, Port Hope, Ontario

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

3. Delegations

3.1 Anthony Jenkins regarding 65 Ward Street

Anthony Jenkins was in attendance and made a presentation regarding 65 Ward Street.

Moved by Councillor Pearson
Seconded by Councillor Collins

The presentation by Anthony Jenkins regarding 65 Ward Street be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

Delegation was excused at 7:17 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That Consent Agenda items 1 through 2 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

4.1 Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Minutes of the Board of Directors, March 16, 2023

4.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023

5. Corporate Services - Councillor Vicki Mink

5.1 Staff Reports

5.1.1 Report CS-09-23 re: 2022 Municipal Election - Candidate Financial Statement Filing Compliance

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Mayor Hankivsky

That Report CS-09-23 be received for information.

CARRIED

5.2 New Business

None

Corporate Services Committee adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

6. Finance - Councillor Les Andrews

6.1 Staff Reports

6.1.1 Report FS-08-2023 re: Write-off, Cancellation, Reduction and Refund of Taxes, Section 357 (1) and 358 (1) of the Municipal Act

No one was present to speak to their appeal.

Moved by Councillor Pearson

Seconded by Councillor Mink

1. That pursuant to Section 357(5a) any applicant in attendance be given the opportunity to address Council regarding their application; and
2. That the write-off, cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes estimated in the amount of \$6,241.35 identified in "Attachment 2" be approved in accordance with Sections 357(1) and 358(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, as amended; and
3. That a resolution be presented to Council to delegate to the Treasurer the authority to make decisions regarding tax adjustments pertaining to specific years and that the delegation of authority by-law be updated accordingly.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Report FS-09-23 re: Alternative Work Arrangements

Moved by Councillor Mink

Seconded by Councillor Pearson

That a resolution be presented to Council to adopt the Alternative Work Arrangements Policy and to direct staff to develop the operational procedures for the associated program.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Report FS-10-23 re: OMERS Pension Plan for Council Members

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

That Report FS-10-23 be received for information.

Amendment:

Moved by Mayor Hankivsky
Seconded by Councillor Holloway Wadhwani

That the motion be amended to include, "and that a by-law to be brought forward for Council to participate in OMERS Pension Plan for Council Members.

CARRIED

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

1. That Report FS-10-23 be received for information; and
2. That a by-law to be brought forward for Council to participate in OMERS Pension Plan for Council Members.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Report FS-11-23 re: Community Grants

Moved by Councillor Pearson
Seconded by Councillor Mink

That Report FS-11-23 be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2 New Business

None.

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

7. Planning and Development - Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

7.1 Staff Reports

7.1.1 Report PD-09-23 re: Termination of Existing Lease at the Capitol Theatre

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Mayor Hankivsky

That Report PD-09-23 re: Termination of Existing Lease at Capitol Theatre be deferred to a meeting following the presentation of the Tourism Strategy anticipated on May 16, 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 New Business

Councillor Holloway Wadhvani requested information regarding the proposed Garden Hill subdivision and concerns raised by the residents. Staff provided an overview of the OLT appeal filed by the applicant on April 17, and the next steps in the process.

Planning and Development Committee adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

8. Parks, Recreation & Culture - Councillor Adam Pearson

8.1 Staff Reports

None.

8.2 New Business

Councillor Pearson provided a Parks, Recreation and Culture Update.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

9. Works and Engineering - Councillor Claire Holloway Wadhvani

9.1 Staff Reports

9.1.1 Report WE-09-23 re: PHAI Industrial Site Remediation: Lions Park and Chemtron Lagoon

Moved by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That a resolution be presented to Council to direct staff to continue to work with Atomic Energy Canada Limited (AECL) and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to finalize and implement the Restoration Plan for both Lions Park and Chemtron Lagoon.

CARRIED

9.1.2 Report WE-10-23 re: Sylvan Glen Bridge Replacement

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Staff Report WE-10-23 be received for information.

CARRIED

9.2 New Business

A question and answer period ensued regarding the Community Climate Action Plan and county roads.

Works and Engineering Committee adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

10. Protective Services - Councillor Chris Collins

10.1 Staff Reports

None.

10.2 New Business

10.2.1 Notice of Motion regarding Safe Shelter of Residents

Moved by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

Seconded by Councillor Holloway Wadhvani

Whereas the need for shelter in Northumberland County exceeds current capacity of shelter spaces; and

Whereas the winter warming room located in Cobourg to serve all residents of Northumberland experiencing homeless is closing for the season; and

Whereas as a result a greater number of Port Hope citizens will once again be left without safe, accessible shelter; and

Whereas an Ontario Superior Court Judgement released on January 27 by Justice Michael J. Valente ruled that evicting individuals experiencing homelessness from temporary shelter, including tents, where no other shelter option is made available, is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedom's Section 7 right to life, liberty and security;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Port Hope respects the right to safe shelter of all residents and shall uphold the rights of residents experiencing homelessness to shelter in peace in our community; and

Further be it resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to Northumberland County Council and all Northumberland County lower-tier municipalities for support.

Withdrawn

Moved by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

Seconded by Councillor Holloway Wadhvani

WHEREAS Article 25 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the right to housing and shelter; and

WHEREAS Canada's National Housing Strategy Act recognizes the right to housing as a fundamental human right as defined in international human rights law; and

WHEREAS Port Hope recognizes that challenges of homelessness and affordable housing exist in our community; and

WHEREAS all levels of government have a role to play in the protection of human rights, including the right to housing and shelter;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Port Hope endorses Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, recognizing the right to shelter and housing as a fundamental human right;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to Northumberland County Council and all Northumberland County lower-tier municipalities.

Amendment:

Moved by Mayor Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Holloway Wadhvani

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Port Hope shall establish a Housing Committee to examine issues along the full spectrum of shelter and housing in our community for the purpose of advising council and staff.

CARRIED

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Todd Attridge

Seconded by Councillor Holloway Wadhvani

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CARRIED

Protective Services Committee adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

11. Question Period

Council - Councillor Mink provided a library update.

Media - None

Public - John Dorion, 59 Pine Street, regarding Item 6.1.4, provided comments regarding the vetting process for community grants.

Alistair Keating, address unknown, regarding Item 10.2.1, requested information regarding why the original proposed motion was retracted and a new motion put forward instead. He requested further information on the implications of the revised motion on unhoused residents.

Liz Mormont, 103 Walton St, asked Members of Council whether they felt uncomfortable or proud to put forward a motion regarding unhoused and homeless persons.

Tony Jenkins, regarding Item 10.2.1, requested information regarding when applications would be available for the proposed Housing Committee.

12. Adjournment

Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Olena Hankivsky, Mayor

Brian Gilmer, Clerk