

The Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope Committee of the Whole Minutes

August 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Olena Hankivsky

Councillor Les Andrews Councillor Todd Attridge

Deputy Mayor Claire Holloway Wadhwani

Councillor Vicki Mink Councillor Adam Pearson Councillor Darrell Toms

Staff: Candice White, CAO

Todd Davis, Director, Development Services Jason Williams, Director, Protective Services

Shrishma Davé, Manager, Legislative Services / Municipal

Clerk

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

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m.

- 1.1 Moment of Silent Reflection
- 1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Hankivsky read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3. Correspondence

3.1 AMO regarding AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments (Deputy Mayor Holloway Wadhwani)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Holloway Wadhwani **Seconded by** Councillor Toms

That the correspondence from AMO regarding AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments be received for information.

Carried

3.2 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus re Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper (Deputy Mayor Holloway Wadhwani)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Holloway Wadhwani **Seconded by** Councillor Andrews

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and WHEREAS the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

WHEREAS small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

THAT the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Philip Lawrence, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South; David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland-Peterborough South; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Carried

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Report PD-17-24 re: Digital Main Street Program 2022-2024

Moved by Councillor Pearson **Seconded by** Councillor Mink

That Report PD-17-24 regarding Digital Main Street Program 2022-2024 be received for information.

Carried

4.2 Report PD-18-24 re: Reinstatement of Draft Plan Approval, Talbot Drive Phase 2 (SU03-2018)

Moved by Councillor Attridge Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That Council approve the reinstatement of the Draft Approval for Plan of Subdivision (File No. SU03-2018) in Part of Lot 2, Concession 1, Part 1 of 39R10543 Except 39M815, for a three-year period ending September 3, 2027.

Carried

4.3 Report PD-19-24 re: Telecommunication Tower Protocol

Moved by Councillor Attridge **Seconded by** Councillor Pearson

That Council adopt the proposed Telecommunication Tower Protocol for future telecommunication tower infrastructure planning and development within the Municipality of Port Hope.

Carried

4.4 Report PS-11-24 re: Fire Response Services Agreement - Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. (CFM)

Moved by Councillor Pearson **Seconded by** Councillor Toms

That a by-law be presented to Council to repeal and replace the agreement and corresponding By-law 73/2011 between the Municipality of Port Hope and Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. specific to providing emergency response services and training.

Carried

4.5 Report PS-12-24 re: Fire Communications Tower Agreement with Northumberland County

Moved by Councillor Toms **Seconded by** Councillor Andrews

That a by-law be presented to Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Licence and Access Agreement, with the County of Northumberland, for the communication base located at 200 Fox Road.

Carried

4.6 Report CAO-02-24 re: 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Process

Moved by Deputy Mayor Holloway Wadhwani **Seconded by** Councillor Mink

- 1. That Council support the development a Strategic Plan Process for the period of 2025-2028.
- 2. That Council direct staff to prepare and present a Strategic Planning Roadmap for the period of 2025-2028 at the September 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried

5. Notice of Motions

None.

6. Updates and New Business

Mayor Hankivsky provided updates regarding Salmon Fishing Regulations Consultation and Pedestrian Safety Reminder. The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief update on the File Factory clean-up and the Walton Dig.

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the livestream was not available for the final approximately 45 minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Question Period

Council - Councillor Mink requested clarification from Mayor Hankivsky regarding the proposed personship of the Ganaraska River that is being pursued by Alderville First Nation.

Media - none

Public - E. White, Mill St, requested information about whether it would be possible to get regular updates regarding policing issues. He further requested information about whether the Municipality could invest in new audio equipment in Council Chambers, as he was experiencing difficulty hearing Council Members.

- C. Horn, Trew Rd, re: Item 4.3, requested information regarding whether the requirement to comply with the federal Environmental Assessments Act and demonstrate compliance be further elaborated in the Telecommunication Tower Protocol.
- S. Horn, Trew Rd, re: Item 4.3 requested information regarding environmental impacts of telecommunication towers, and why there was no requirement for an environmental impact analysis in the Protocol. He requested further information about whether there would be verbiage in the Protocol to protect land owners and ensure they are aware of their rights and the implications of signing an agreement.
- C. Green, no address provided, asked whether Council could clarify news release headlines regarding the PHAI Public Attitude Survey Results at the next CNL quarterly update, in particular with relation to a headline stating that clean-up was not a top issue for residents. He further requested clarification regarding whether the Municipality would be taking a more active role in representing residents with questions or concerns they may have with the project.
- S. Kahn, Oak Hill Rd, re: Item 4.3, requested information regarding the cost of removing cell towers once they were no longer in use, and how those monies would be budgeted.
- J. Sculthorpe, 1685 Willow Beach Rd, advised that walking in the rural community could be dangerous, and requested that more communication from the Municipality be circulated in the rural community on how to properly walk in roadways in order to ensure pedestrian safety. He provided further comments on Question Period and Council Members answering questions posed by the public.

8. Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Olena Hankivsky, Mayor	
Shrishma Davé, Clerk	_