

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of The Corporation of The City of Elliot Lake

Monday, September 27, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present
D. Marchisella, Mayor
L. Cyr, Councillor
E. Pearce, Councillor
N. Mann, Councillor
S. Finamore, Councillor
C. Patrie, Councillor
T. Turner, Councillor

Present
D. Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Halloch, Director of Public Works
A. Sonnenburg, Director of Finance and Treasurer
J. Thomas, Director Emergency Management
S. Antunes, Special Project Manager
N. Bray, Director of Clerks and Planning Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Cyr declared on item 6.3 - Memo from the Chief Administrative Officer - Potential Acquisition of Land for Municipal Purposes.

Councillor Pearce declared on Item 12.1 - Notice of Motion by Councillor Patrie - Request to Withdraw Appeal

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 September 13, 2021 - Regular.

Res. 348/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: N. Mann

That the following minutes be adopted:

September 13, 2021 - Regular.

September 21, 202 - Special

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5.1 St. Joseph's General Hospital

re: Presentation of Strategic Plan 2022-2026

Presenters: Jeremy Stevenson, CEO and Bruce Beakley, VP of Human Resources, Strategy and Transformation

6. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS

6.1 Report of the Director of Emergency Services

re: designate a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)

Res. 349/21

Moved By: L. Cyr

Seconded By: T. Turner

That the report of the Director of Emergency Services dated September 22, 2021 be received;

And that Council pass a resolution designating Jordan Eady as Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the City of Elliot Lake, while Sarah Robb is on temporary leave, as he was the successful applicant for the position of temporary CEMC / Assistant to the Director of Emergency Services;

And That the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management be advised of Mr. Eady's appointment in order that he be provided access to training and receiving on-going advice and assistance for all aspects of emergency management.

For (6): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Against (1): S. Finamore

Carried

6.2 Report of the Special Projects Manager

re: Award tender for new dehumidifier for municipal pool

Res. 350/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: L. Cyr

That Staff Report dated September 15, 2021 from the Special Projects Manager be received;

And that the City of Elliot Lake enter into a contract with Ainsworth for supply and installation of a new dehumidifier for the pool in the amount of \$393,375.96;

And that council approve an additional \$88,375.96 from the facilities reserve;

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

6.3 Memo from the Chief Administrative Officer

re: Potential Acquisition of Land for Municipal Purposes

As this matter deals with the potential acquisition of land by the municipality it may be discussed in closed session as per Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act

L. Cyr, Councillor left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Res. 351/21

Moved By: N. Mann

Seconded By: T. Turner

That this matter be discussed in closed session

For (6): D. Marchisella, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

6.4 Memo from the Chief Administrative Officer

re: Potential Disposition of Property on Fox Drive

As this matter deals with the disposition of property owned by the municipality it may be discussed in closed session at per Section

L. Cyr, Councillor joined the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Res. 352/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: L. Cyr

That this matter be discussed in closed session

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

7. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Referral from the Finance and Administration Committee

re: Facility Users Program - Liability Insurance

Res 353/21

Moved By: N. Mann

Seconded By: C. Patrie

That the report of the Director of Finance/Treasurer re: Facility Users Program be received;

And that Bylaw 21-03 User Fee be amended to include Schedule D: Facility User Rating Guide - \$5M Liability Limit

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

7.2 Referral from the Public Services Committee

re: Hillside Drive North Capital Roads Project Staff Report

Res. 354/21

Moved By: L. Cyr

Seconded By: N. Mann

That Staff Report dated September 13th, 2021 of the Director of Public Works be received;

AND THAT the report be forwarded to Council for pre-approval of the proposed

capital road project on Hillside Drive North from Hutchison Avenue to Highway 108

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

7.3 Referral from the Finance and Administration Committee

Re. 2021 Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

Res. 355/21

Moved By: N. Mann

Seconded By: T. Turner

THAT the memo of the Director of Financial Services and Treasurer re. the August 2021 Unaudited Statement of Financial Position be received.

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

8. OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTING

8.1 Letter from the Chair of the Elliot Lake Residential Development Commission

re: Dissolution of the Elliot Lake Residential Development Commission
- *proposed motion attached*

Res. 356/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: C. Patrie

Whereas the Elliot Lake Residential Commission was established in June 2001 under the auspices of the Elliot Lake Act;

And whereas the Commission's mandate is to purchase and develop crown land for establishment of waterfront residential properties;

And whereas it has become more and more difficult for the commission to fulfill its mandate due to a lack of available property for development in the areas designated for such development;

And whereas the members of the Commission advised Council in October 2020 that the Commission had fulfilled its mandate and was no longer able to proceed with residential development projects that benefitted the economy of the City;

It is hereby resolved that Council dissolve the Elliot Lake Residential Commission effective as soon as logistically possible:

It is further resolved that the monies from the Residential Development Commission be transferred to City reserves and designated for economic development projects as required under the Elliot Lake Act of 2001.

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Community Recreation Hub Update - standing item

9.2 Arts and Culture Hub Update - standing item

9.3 Residential Waterfront Development Options - standing item

As this matter deals with the potential acquisition or disposition of property owned by the municipality it may be discussed in closed session under Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act

9.4 Covid-19 Update - standing item

Moved by: C. Patrie

Seconded by: S. Finamore

That council amend the City's Vaccine Passport Policy to allow for a grace period to October 30, 2021 for youth aged 12-17 actively participating in indoor organized sports to be fully vaccinated

For (2) S. Finamore and C. Patrie

Against: N. Mann T. Turner E. Pearce, L. Cyr. and D. Marchisella

Defeated

10. PETITIONS

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Letter from Dr. Phillipe Morel

re: OHIP Optometry Services - request motion of support (draft motion prepared)

Res. 357/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: N. Mann

Whereas to date the provincial government has not yet made a binding commitment to cover the operating costs of optometrists to deliver eye exams; and

Whereas insured eye exams in Ontario are funded at the lowest level in the entire country; and Whereas the fees for seniors' eye exams would have to increase by 60% to reach the next lowest province, Manitoba, and by more than 125% to reach the next lowest-funded, Quebec; and

Whereas the number of seniors in Ontario has increased by more than 70% over the past 30 years and the province's own projections indicate these numbers will almost double from 2.6 million in 2020 to 4.5 million by 2046; and Whereas it is vital that there continue to be a sustainable high quality eye care system that residents in Elliot Lake can access today and in the future;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Council of Elliot Lake add its voice to the many cities, institutions and people calling on the Provincial government to enter into good faith formal negotiations with the Ontario Association of Optometrists, with the goal of bringing service and funding levels in optometry in Ontario up to more equitable levels with the rest of Canada; and

That this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Christine Elliott, and our local MPP Michael Mantha.

For (7): D. Marchisella, L. Cyr, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Carried

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

E. Pearce, Councillor left the meeting at 9:05 pm.

12.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor Patrie

re: Request for E4M to withdraw appeal

Moved By: C. Patrie
Seconded By: L. Cyr

That the Council hereby resolve to request that E4M withdraw their appeal and that staff be directed to Contact E4M and make this an official request of Council.

And that staff be directed to lobby the government to change the process and not allow Integrity Commissioners to move forward with appeals without the approval of council which causes financial hardship on a municipality

For (3): D. Marchisella, S. Finamore, and C. Patrie

Against (3): L. Cyr, N. Mann, and T. Turner

Defeated

E. Pearce, Councillor joined the meeting at 9:29 pm.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADDENDUM

15. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

15.1 By-Law 21-83

Being a by-law to authorize the entering into of a contract for the supply and installation of a new dehumidifier for the municipal pool

Res. 358/21

Moved By: E. Pearce

Seconded By: T. Turner

That By-Law 21-83 be passed.

Carried

15.2 By-Law 21-80

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the City of Elliot Lake and Michael and Beverly Honsberger for additional property on Esten Drive

Res. 359/21

Moved By: N. Mann

Seconded By: S. Finamore

That By-Law 21-80 be passed.

Carried

15.3 By-Law 21-84

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake.

Res. 360/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: L. Cyr

That By-Law 21-84 be passed.

Carried

16. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

17. CLOSED SESSION (if applicable)

Res. 361/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: T. Turner

That council proceed to a closed session at the hour of 940 PM

For (6): D. Marchisella, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, C. Patrie, and T. Turner

Against (1): L. Cyr

Carried

L. Cyr, Councillor left the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Res. 362/21

Moved By: T. Turner

Seconded By: E. Pearce

That council return to Open Session at the hour of 10: 50 PM

Carried

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

18.1 By-Law 21-85

Being a by-law confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held September 27, 2021.

Res. 363/21

Moved By: T. Turner

Seconded By: E. Pearce

That By-Law 21-85 be passed.

For (5): D. Marchisella, E. Pearce, N. Mann, S. Finamore, and T. Turner

Against (1): C. Patrie

Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 364/21

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: N. Mann

That this meeting adjourn at the hour of 10:52

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk