



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.
Electronic Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kidd at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Carman Kidd; Councillors Jesse Foley, Patricia Hewitt, Doug Jelly, Jeff Laferriere, Mike McArthur and Danny Whalen

Present: Christopher W. Oslund, City Manager
David B. Treen, Municipal Clerk
Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services
Doug Walsh, Director of Public Works
Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation
Laura-Lee MacLeod, Treasurer
Brad Hearn, IT Administrator

Regrets:

3. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

4. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2020-239

Moved by: Councillor Jelly

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

None.

6. Review and adoption of Council Minutes

Resolution No. 2020-240

Moved by: Councillor McArthur

Seconded by: Councillor Laferriere

Be it resolved that City Council approves the following minutes as printed:

- a) Regular meeting of Council – April 7, 2020.

Carried

7. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes

7.1. Potential Disposition of Land

Applicant: First Cobalt

Property: Portion of Lorrain Avenue

Purpose: The applicant owns on either side of the Road Allowance and requires contiguous ownership.

Mayor Kidd outlined that the purpose of this public meeting is to present to Council and the public details related to proposed disposition of land, being a portion of Lorrain Avenue. The meeting also allows the public to provide comments on the proposed disposition prior to Council making a decision.

Mayor Kidd declared this to be an open public meeting and request the Clerk, Dave Treen to outline the details of the proposed disposition.

Municipal Clerk Dave Treen, utilizing powerpoint outlined that an application had been received from Story Environmental on behalf of First Cobalt for the purchase

of a portion of Lorrain Avenue located on the boundary between Bucke Twp. and Lorrain Twp. First Cobalt currently owns on either side of the subject property and are desirous of having continuous ownership. Council authorized staff to continue with a potential disposition through Resolution No. 2020-199 at the March 24, 2020 Regular meeting.

The subject property and immediate area was illustrated using an aerial photograph and it was noted that a reference plan is currently being prepared and is required to legally describe the property to allow for the sale as well as for Stopping Up and Closing up that portion of the Lorrain Avenue.

Staff is recommending a direct disposition with the owners and they have offered \$500 plus associated costs. Notice of this public meeting was provided via the Community Bulletin in accordance with the City's disposition of land By-law No. 2015-160.

Mr. Treen indicated there were no public comments submitted prior to the meeting and that the next steps include the adoption of a By-law to Stop Up and Close that portion of Lorrain Avenue as well as an Administrative Report for the Purchase and Sale of the subject property.

Mayor Kidd stated that if there are any members of the public wanting to speak to this issue to input their comments into the chat box. Mayor Kidd inquired if there were any comments from members of Council.

Councillor Jelly inquired if the disposition of the land would impact any residents to the south of the subject property. It was indicated that the Refinery is located within Lorrain Twp. and there is one residential dwelling to the south of the Refinery and the individual has been given a key to the gate at the Refinery for access purposes.

The Director of Corporates Services indicated there are no comments within the Chat box. Mayor Kidd declared that this public meeting is closed and Council will give due consideration to the application.

7.2. Potential Disposition of Land

Applicant: Sharon Hetu & Roger Laferriere

Property: Portion of Paget Street

Purpose: The applicant's residence is adjacent to an unopened portion of Paget Street and are desirous of implementing some landscaping features that would assist in preventing further land slippages adjacent to the Wabi River.

Mayor Kidd stated that the purpose of this public meeting is to present to Council and the public details related to the proposed disposition of land, being a portion of Paget Street. The meeting also allows the public to provide comments on the proposed disposition prior to Council making a decision.

Mayor Kidd declared this to be an open public meeting and request the Clerk, Dave Treen to outline the details of the proposed disposition.

Municipal Clerk Dave Treen, utilizing powerpoint outlined that the owners of 120 Paget Street (adjacent to the Wabi River) have had discussions with the Director of Public Works with respect to land slippages and are desirous of implementing some landscaping features that would assist in preventing further land slippages and the land upon which the features would be installed is part of the road allowance for Paget Street.

Council authorized staff to continue with a potential disposition through Resolution No. 2020-220 at the April 7, 2020 Regular meeting.

Utilizing an aerial photograph the subject property and immediate area was illustrated.

Staff is recommending a direct disposition of the land with the applicant and the donation of the land to the applicant in the best interest of both parties. The City would also cover the legal fees associated with the transfer. Notice of this public meeting was provided via the Community Bulletin in accordance with the City's disposition of land By-law No. 2015-160.

Mayor Kidd stated that if there are any members of the public wanting to speak to this issue to input their comments into the chat box. Mayor Kidd inquired if there were any comments from members of Council.

Councillor Hewitt inquired as to the associated costs being borne by the municipality. Director of Public Works, Doug Walsh stated that based on discussions with the applicants, City Manager and himself there have been slippages on both portions of the applicant's land and Paget Street and further commented that there is a gas main within the Paget Street Road Allowance; however it is not part of this disposition. Doug noted that the property owners have indicated that they will cover any costs related to the landscaping features on their property and the subject property that they are acquiring and for those reasons staff is recommending that the City cover the associated costs for the disposition.

Councillor Whalen outlined that he is in favour of the disposition of land as there is more benefit to the disposition inquired if there were costs associated with the established of the road allowances. City Manager, Chris Oslund outlined that there would have been costs many years ago at the time.

The Director of Corporates Services indicated there are no comments within the Chat box. Mayor Kidd declared that this public meeting is closed and Council will give due consideration to the application.

8. Question and Answer Period

Director of Corporate Services, Shelly Zubyck outlined the following questions contained within the Chat Box:

- Museum Taxes: Inquiry as to whether Council would be dismissing property taxes for museums. City Manager, Chris Oslund indicated that staff would have to look into the matter before responding.
- Landfill Closure: Inquiry as to when the landfill would be open to the public. Mayor Kidd stated the rationale for closure was for the protection of the landfill attendant (handling cash); however, the matter is to be discussed at an upcoming Public Works committee meeting (i.e. amnesty weeks/weekends), no clear date on reopening.
- Transit: Inquiry as to whether Transit fare will be free in May. City Manager, Chris Oslund indicated that the Transit Committee is scheduled to meet on April 29, 2020 and staff will be recommending to continue with free transit. Chris did outline that there have been people utilizing the service for the purpose of joyriding, and the rational for maintaining the service is to allow essential workers to get to work and those that do not have any other means of transportation to get groceries. Want to encourage people to limit their use of the transit unless it is for essential services.
- Potholes: Inquiry as to when potholes in Dymond will be fixed. Director of Public Works, Doug Walsh outlined that crews are currently hand filling potholes throughout the City and the new Spray Patcher is anticipated to arrive next followed by training and subsequent deployed.

9. Presentations / Delegations

None.

10. Communications

- a) Stewart Strathearn, Mayor – Town of Midland

Re: Support – Waive Property Taxes for 2020

Reference: Received for Information

- b) Honourable Steve Clark, Minister – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Re: Update – Planning applications

Reference: Received for Information

- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Update – Bill 189 Coronavirus Support and Protection Act

Reference: Received for Information

- d) Honourable Steve Clark, Minister – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Re: Update – Provincial Emergency

Reference: Received for Information

Resolution No. 2020-241

Moved by: Councillor Foley

Seconded by: Councillor Hewitt

Be it resolved that City Council agrees to deal with Communication Items 10. a) to 10. e) according to the Agenda references.

Carried

11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2020-242

Moved by: Councillor McArthur

Seconded by: Councillor Jelly

Be it resolved that the following minutes and/or reports be accepted for information:

- a) Minutes of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board meeting held on March 18, 2020.

Carried

12. Committees of Council – Internal Departments

None.

13. Reports by Members of Council

Councillor Whalen reported on the following:

- CS & PW Mtg: Corporate Service and Public Works Committee meetings held last week with most of the discussions related to cash flows for the City, thus there are motions coming forward this evening related to those discussions.

14. Notice of Motions

None.

15. New Business

- a) **Administrative Report No. CS-016-001-2020 – Property Tax Instalment – Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (deferred from the April 7, 2020 Regular Council meeting)**

Resolution No. 2020-243

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Foley

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-016-2020;

That Council agrees to waive penalty on Property Tax Accounts effective the May 15, 2020 Property Tax Instalment;

That Council agrees to the review the timing of the Final 2020 Property Tax Billing and applicable due dates;

That Council respectfully requests that both the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board and the Timiskaming Board of Health consider a deferral of municipal contributions for a period of three months.

Carried

b) Charitable requests for support for tax reductions, tax exemptions and waiving of various fees and infrastructure charges

Resolution No. 2020-244

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Laferriere

Whereas Council for The City of Temiskaming Shores is entrusted with the financial well-being of the municipality; and

Whereas this financial well-being is in large part supported by the tax revenues collected; and

Whereas Council has been and is often requested to assist with tax reductions, tax exemptions and the waiving of various fees and infrastructure charges; and

Whereas Council has been and is often asked to provide direct financial support or financial guarantees; and

Whereas the reductions, exemptions and support often have immediate impact on the total tax revenues and as such the financial well-being of the municipality.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for The Corporation of The City of Temiskaming Shores hereby brings into effect the requirement that all tax reductions, tax exemptions, waiving of fees and waiving infrastructure charges hereby be supported by the submission of financial reports to the municipality; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution apply to all current and future reductions, exemptions and requests; and

Further be it resolved that these financial reports be in way of most current registered audit, charitable status reporting, lottery license reports or business plan; and

Further be it resolved that all ongoing reductions, exemptions and requests be supported with yearly reporting; and

Further be it resolved that staff develop a Policy for the implementation of the parameters contained in this motion.

Carried

Recorded Vote

For Motion
Councillor Hewitt

Against Motion
Councillor Jelly

Councillor Jelly
Councillor Laferriere
Councillor McArthur
Councillor Whalen
Mayor Kidd

Councillor Foley

c) Memo No. 006-2020-CS – Amendment to Lease for Dr. Smith and Dr. Lacasse

Resolution No. 2020-245

Moved by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Hewitt

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 006-2020-CS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-laws to amend By-law No. 2020-029 (Dr. Smith) to add a 60 ft² examination room and By-law No. 2019-142 (Dr. Lacasse) to remove a 60 ft² examination room for consideration at the April 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

d) Administrative Report No. CS-017-2020 – Community Choir Lease

Resolution No. 2020-246

Moved by: Councillor McArthur
Seconded by: Councillor Laferriere

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-017-2020; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into a lease agreement with the Community Choir for the rental of space at the New Liskeard Community Hall for consideration at the April 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

e) Administrative Report No. PW-010-2020 – Shelly Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Roof Replacement

Resolution No. 2020-247

Moved by: Councillor Jelly

Seconded by: Councillor Hewitt

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. PW-010-2020; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Blanchfield Roofing Co. Ltd. for the replacement of the roof at the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena as detailed in Request for Quotation PW-RFQ-004-2020 – Option B at a total upset cost of \$421,620.00 plus applicable taxes for consideration at the April 21, 2020, Regular Council meeting.

Carried

f) Memo No. 007-2020-RS – Splash Pad Project

Resolution No. 2020-248

Moved by: Councillor Laferriere

Seconded by: Councillor Foley

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 007-2020-RS for information purposes and directs staff to consider a deferral of the Splashpad Project as part of the 2020 Capital Budget review.

Carried

16. By-laws

Resolution No. 2020-249

Moved by: Councillor McArthur

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that:

By-law No. 2020-038 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2019-018 (Appointment of members to the Public Library Board)

By-law No. 2020-039 Being a by-law to authorize a Lease Agreement with the Community Choir for the rental of space at the New Liskeard Community Hall

By-law No. 2020-040 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Blanchfield Roofing Company Limited for the replacement of the roof at the Shelly Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

By-law No. 2020-041 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2019-142 (lease agreement with Dr. Lynne Lacasse for the rental of space at the Haileybury Medical Centre)

By-law No. 2020-042 Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2020-029 (lease agreement with Dr. Phillip J. Smith for the rental of space at the Haileybury Medical Centre)

be hereby introduced and given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2020-250

Moved by: Councillor Hewitt

Seconded by: Councillor Jelly

Be it resolved that

By-law No. 2020-038;

By-law No. 2020-039;

By-law No. 2020-040;

By-law No. 2020-041; and

By-law No. 2020-042.

be given third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

17. Schedule of Council Meetings

- a) Regular – Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- b) Regular – Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Note: Mayor Kidd outlined that the municipality is looking into the potential for a Town Hall meeting for the business community which would include the NL BIA and the Chamber of Commerce.

18. Question and Answer Period

Councillor Jelly indicated that the Legions across Canada will be flying their flags at half-mast tomorrow (April 22, 2020) in support of the tragedy in Nova Scotia and requested that the Canadian flag at City also be flown at half-mast. City Manager, Chris Oslund outlined staff would lower the flag.

Councillor Laferriere raised concerns with the continued closure of the Landfill Site and is of the opinion that various options could be implemented for the safety of the attendant and has seen evidence of illegal dumping of refuse. The argument of social distancing should not be the basis for the closure, certain options could be implemented.

Councillor Hewitt concurred and stated that there are a number of people at home doing spring cleaning and there has to be some method of collecting fees and still protecting the attendant. This is the time of the year that people want to use the landfill.

Director of Corporate Services, Shelly Zubyck outlined that there are no comments within the Chat Box.

19. Closed Session

None.

20. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2020-251

Moved by: Councillor Laferriere

Seconded by: Councillor McArthur

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2020-043 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on **April 21, 2020** be hereby introduced and given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2020-252

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Hewitt

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2020-043 be given third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2020-253

Moved by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Laferriere

Be it resolved that City Council adjourns at 7:05 p.m.

Carried

Mayor – Carman Kidd

Clerk – David B. Treen