

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville was held on the above date in the City Hall John D. Evans Room at the hour of 1:45 p.m.

It is noted that there was a City Council In Camera (closed session) Meeting at 1:00 p.m. At 1:00 p.m., City Council was requested to consider approval of the following resolution. This took place in a very brief Open session, immediately prior to entering into In Camera session.

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Sandison

THAT City Council enter into In Camera session to consider the following items, pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

- In Camera Report No. DCS-2020-18 regarding potential acquisition or disposition of land (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act)
- In Camera Report No. DCS-2020-19 regarding potential acquisition or disposition of land (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act)
- Review of the Regular In Camera Minutes of March 9, 2020.

- CARRIED -

1. CALL TO ORDER**1.1. ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT His Worship Mayor Panciuk

Councillor Carr	Councillor McCaw
Councillor Culhane	Councillor Sandison
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Malette	Councillor Williams

(Matt MacDonald, City Clerk)

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

2.1 City Clerk, Matt MacDonald, opened this session of Council with a Moment of Reflection.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Williams declared a pecuniary interest in Reports Item 8.a.2 (Covid-19 Relief Measures Related to By-law 2019-126 – Establishment of Municipal Accommodation Tax) as he is a director with The Quinte Accommodations & Attractions Association. He will therefore be refraining from discussion and voting on this matter in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

Councillor McCaw declared an interest in Reports Item 8.b.2 (Encroachment Agreement for 225 Dundas Street East) as she is involved with the organization Fixed Fur Life. She will therefore be refraining from discussion and voting on this matter in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

4. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None.

5. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Carr

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020 and March 20, 2020 and Regular In Camera Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020 be approved.

- CARRIED -

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Order dated March 26, 2020

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Culhane

THAT the March 26th, 2020 Order of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal dismissing Appeals for B-77-1058 / B30/18 (55 Church Street) and B-77-1059 / B31/18 (59 Church Street), be received.

- CARRIED -

7.2 Letter from Ministry of Transportation

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Carr

THAT the letter from the Ministry of Transportation informing Council of federal and provincial approval for two projects submitted by the City of Belleville under the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) be received.

- CARRIED -

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO HEAR AND CONSIDER REPORTS, PASSING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Williams
Seconded by Councillor Malette

THAT Council rise and go into Committee of the Whole to hear and consider reports, passing of recommendations and resolutions with His Worship Mayor Panciuk in the Chair.

- CARRIED -

8. a. REPORTS**8.a.1 PROCEDURAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS DURING DECLARED EMERGENCY**

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

REC. NO. 169/20 THAT a By-law to amend By-law Number 2019-48, being a By-law to Provide Rules Governing the Calling, Place and Proceedings of Meetings of the City of Belleville Council and the Conduct of Its Members (Procedural By-law), be prepared for Council consideration.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Williams left the meeting due to his previously declared pecuniary interest.

8.a.2 COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURES RELATED TO BY-LAW 2019-126 – ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Sandison

170/20 THAT further to Report DF-2020-14 COVID-19 Relief Measures related to By-law 2019-126 – Establishment of Municipal Accommodation Tax

(MAT) Council approve the payment deferral of all MAT tax collected for the period January 1, 2020 through and including March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020; and

THAT Council approve the suspension of the collection of Municipal Accommodation Tax for the period April 20, 2020 through and including June 30, 2020; and

THAT Council permit local accommodators to retain any MAT tax collected for the period April 1, 2020 through and including April 19, 2020.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Williams returned to the Council meeting.

8.a.3 **INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - PUBLIC TRANSIT STREAM, BUS PURCHASE**

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Culhane

REC. NO. 171/20

THAT Section 15, Request for Tender, of the City's Purchasing By-law Number 2017-234, be waived; and

THAT the quote from Nova Bus Canada be accepted for the purchase of four (4) new Nova LFS 12 meter transit buses in the amount of \$2,418,009.47 plus \$314,341.23 HST for a total amount of \$2,732,350.70, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Acceptance Agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Belleville and the City Clerk be authorized to affix the Corporate Seal.

- CARRIED -

8. b. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

REC. NO. 172/20 THAT the following Agenda items be approved with the exception of Items 8.b.1 and 8.b.2.

- CARRIED -

8.b.1 ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR 273 FRONT STREET

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

173/20 THAT a by-law to approve and authorize an Encroachment Agreement (pertaining to 273 Front Street) between The Corporation of the City of Belleville, Park Provisioners Barbershop & Haberdashery, and Clothbuilders Holdings pursuant to Parts II and III of the Municipal Act 2001, be prepared for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED -

Councillor McCaw left the meeting due to her previously declared pecuniary interest.

8.b.2 ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR 225 DUNDAS STREET EAST

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Culhane

174/20 THAT a by-law to approve and authorize an Encroachment Agreement (pertaining to 225 Dundas Street East) between The Corporation of the City of Belleville and Fixed Fur Life Pet Services pursuant to Parts II and III of the Municipal Act 2001, be prepared for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED -

Councillor McCaw returned to the meeting.

8.b.3 **CONTRACT ENG2020-11, EAST AND WEST FAIRFIELD BRIDGES EXPANSION JOINT REPLACEMENT**

REC. NO. 175/20 THAT the tender submission from 2274084 Ontario Ltd. GMP Contracting for the Road Open Option B be accepted for Contract ENG2020-11 East and West Fairfield Bridges Expansion Joint Replacement in the amount of \$199,912.93 plus \$25,988.68 HST for a total dollar amount of \$225,901.61 this being the lowest bid received for the road open option; and

THAT the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Acceptance Agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Belleville and that the City Clerk be authorized to affix the Corporate Seal.

- CARRIED -

8.b.4 **DEDICATED PROVINCIAL GAS TAX FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

176/20 THAT a by-law to approve and authorize a Letter of Agreement, dated March 12, 2020, between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario (the "Ministry") and the City of Belleville (the "Municipality") related to Funding Provided by the Province of Ontario (the "Province") to the Municipality under the Dedication Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (this "Letter of Agreement") as referenced in the Director of Finance/Treasurer's Report No. DF-2020-13, Dedicated Provincial Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be prepared for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED -

8. c. COUNCIL INFORMATION MATTERS

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

REC. NO. 177/20 THAT the following Agenda items be received
save and except Item 8.c.2.b.

8.c.1 **BUILDING SECTION MONTH END
REPORT**

Report Period: March 2020

8.c.2 **REQUEST SUPPORT OF THE
FOLLOWING
LETTERS/RESOLUTIONS**

a) **Request Federal Government
Ensure the Excise Exemption for
100% Canadian Wines Remains in
Place**

Resolution from the County of Grey

b) **Proposal to Direct Payment of
Federal Funds to Municipalities to
Waive Property Taxes for the Year
2020 – Financial Help to Alleviate
the Suffering from COVID-19
Pandemic**

Resolution from the Town of Midland

- CARRIED -

With respect to Council Information Matters Item 8.c.2.b, the following
resolution was approved.

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor McCaw

REC. NO. 178/20 THAT Belleville City Council supports the
following proposal of the Town of Midland as
outlined in their correspondence to the Office of
the Prime Minister dated March 23, 2020:

“Proposal:

**1. Residential Properties (primary residence
only)**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and,
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$1,000,000.00; and,
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed about \$1,000,000.00

2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$10,000,000.00; and,
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,00.00 and \$50,000,000.00; and,
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00

3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.”

- CARRIED -

8. d. RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor McCaw
Seconded by Councillor Culhane

THAT Council rise and report.

- CARRIED -

9. BY-LAWS

Councillor McCaw left the Council meeting due to her previously declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Sandison

REC. NO. 179/20

THAT the following by-law be read a first time:

2020-86, a by-law to approve and authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement dated the 20th day of April 2020, between The Corporation of the City of Belleville and Fixed Fur Life Pet Services for 225 Dundas Street East, pursuant to Parts II and III of the Municipal Act, 2001

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Malette

180/20

THAT the following by-law be read a second time:

2020-86

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Carr

REC. NO. 181/20 THAT the following by-law be read a third time:

2020-86, a by-law to approve and authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement dated the 20th day of April 2020, between The Corporation of the City of Belleville and Fixed Fur Life Pet Services for 225 Dundas Street East, pursuant to Parts II and III of the Municipal Act, 2001

- CARRIED -

Councillor McCaw returned to the Council meeting.

9. a. FIRST READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Culhane
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

REC. NO. 182/20 THAT the following by-laws be read a first time:

2020-72, a by-law to amend By-law Number 2019-48, being a By-law to Provide Rules Governing the Calling, Place and Proceedings of Meetings of the City of Belleville Council and the Conduct of Its Members (Council Meetings During Declared Emergency – Electronic Participation)

2020-73, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 34, Registered Plan 21M-299, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-74, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 59, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-75, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 58, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-76, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 57, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-77, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 56, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-78, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 53, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-79, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 52, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-80, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 51, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-81, a by-law to provide that Subsection 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, does not apply to the lands identified as Block 50, Registered Plan 21M-301, City of Belleville, County of Hastings

2020-82, a by-law to approve and authorize a Letter of Agreement dated the 12th day of March 2020 between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, Represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the City of Belleville related to funding provided by the Province of Ontario to the municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

2020-83, a by-law to approve and authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Belleville and Meyer's Pier Patio & BBQ Inc. (Meyers Pier, 1 South Front Street)

2020-84, a by-law to approve and authorize the execution of a Release of Covenant document dated the 20th day of April 2020 by The Corporation of the City of Belleville in favour of the City of Belleville

2020-85, a by-law to approve and authorize the execution of an Encroachment Agreement dated the 20th of April 2020, between The Corporation of the City of Belleville and Park Provisioners Barbershop & Haberdashery and Clothbuilders Holdings for 273 Front Street, pursuant to Parts II and III of the Municipal Act, 2001

CARRIED -

9. b. SECOND READING OF BY-LAWS AND DISCUSSION

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Sandison

REC. NO. 183/20 THAT the following by-laws be read a second time:

2020-72	2020-79
2020-73	2020-80
2020-74	2020-81
2020-75	2020-82
2020-76	2020-83
2020-77	2020-84
2020-78	2020-85

- CARRIED -

9. c. THIRD READING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Sandison
Seconded by Councillor Culhane

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- CARRIED -

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

His Worship Mayor Panciuk spoke about the current situation as a result of the Covid-19 global pandemic. He reassured residents that local businesses and industries are ready to re-open and are waiting for direction from the provincial government. Mayor Panciuk also highlighted the ways in which the City of Belleville has assisted local businesses during this difficult time. He thanked residents and businesses for following the directions of Hastings and Prince Edward Public Health to minimize the impact of Covid-19. Mayor Panciuk then reviewed the events of the past month beginning with Premier Doug Ford's closure of public schools for the two weeks following March Break. He also spoke about the need for testing to more accurately monitor the spread of the virus and assist in determining when current restrictions could be carefully and gradually relaxed. Mayor Panciuk outlined ways the Economic and Strategic Initiatives department can assist employers. Mayor Panciuk also noted the current limit of two bags for garbage bags pick up without bagtags however the specific limits for tagged garbage bags remains the same. Mayor Panciuk reminded residents that although parking enforcement has been relaxed, illegal parking such as parking on sidewalks, will still be subject to parking fines.

Councillor Williams noted local businesses have been surveyed and reported the following recommendations:

- 1) A Buy Locally Owned campaign (the City of Belleville can communicate to residents those businesses still in operation)
- 2) Assisting businesses with e-commerce
- 3) General support for business

Councillor Malette agreed with Mayor Panciuk in addressing the issue of garbage pick up as unfortunately a small number of residents who took advantage of the current situation created an increase in cost to the municipality.

Councillor Carr thanked Mayor Panciuk and the Councillors who serve on the Health Board. He commented on the statistics available and how our region is doing well. Councillor Carr also noted the Public Health Agency of Canada has detailed information related to “community transmission” that is helpful to residents to understand the six categories listed under this form of transmission.

Councillor Thompson thanked Mayor Panciuk for his leadership. He also thanked the Public Health Board as well as local stores that have been diligent in enforcing new precautionary measures despite some resistance from patrons. Councillor Thompson asked about City parks and asked if re-opening is governed by the municipality or the province. Mayor Panciuk responded that all parks and open spaces will remain closed until provincial restrictions are lifted.

Councillor Kelly reminded everyone to keep checking in on friends and family during this time. He also noted the unfortunate situation where young workers are being verbally abused by customers. Councillor Kelly also spoke about area grandparents and the difficulties they have experienced in finding new ways to stay in touch with their grandchildren. He also thanked healthcare workers and first responders for their service during this crisis.

11. MOTIONS

There were no items brought forward under this section on today’s agenda.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no items brought forward under this section on today’s agenda.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Worship Mayor Panciuk announced that the flag at City Hall will be lowered to honour the lives lost in the tragic events in Nova Scotia over the past weekend. This is sadly the largest mass killing in Canadian history and he extended sympathies on behalf of the residents of Belleville.

Mayor Panciuk proclaimed the month of April as “Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Belleville and encouraged residents to make on-line donations.

He also proclaimed April 22nd as “Earth Day” in the City of Belleville. April 22nd also marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and to recognize this an additional 50 trees will be planted. He also encouraged residents to go to the City’s website for ideas to celebrate “Earth Day at Home”.

Mayor Panciuk noted May 8th is “Victory in Europe Day” recognizing the success of our forces during the Second World War. The Chimes at City Hall will ring at 7pm to recognize this anniversary and to promote peace throughout the world.

Mayor Panciuk spoke about the changes over the world that have occurred over the past month due to the COVID-19 Virus. The loss of life and economic disruption has been substantial. He gave heartfelt thanks to the following essential workers: our first responders and our healthcare professionals, those working in our grocery stores and pharmacies, truck and transit drivers, plant and factory workers and City staff.

Mayor Panciuk reassured residents the following services will also continue: Fire, Police and EMS, water services, electricity, gas, telephone and communication system. He also thanked our social service partners including our partners and staff with Hastings County who continue to assist those most vulnerable in the community. In particular, Mayor Panciuk thanked those continuing to provide meal programs, the Grace Inn for continuing to operate and also the United Way for their new program which offers grocery shopping for housebound seniors.

Finally, Mayor Panciuk thanked residents and businesses for their cooperation and sacrifice.

Councillor Sandison thanked Ruth Hatton for her work as a volunteer on the Green Task Force. She has recently stepped down from serving in this committee. He also mentioned work has begun on Highway 62 and Highway 14 for traffic signals at Foxboro.

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Williams
Seconded by Councillor Malette

REC. NO. 185/20 THAT By-law Number 2020-87, a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 20, 2020, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of April, 2020.

- CARRIED -

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Malette

THAT this session of Council be adjourned.

- CARRIED -

MAYOR

CLERK