



# The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 9, 2015**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **2. Invocation**

The Invocation was read by the Clerk.

### **3. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Redekop; Councillors Butler, Knutt, Lubberts, McDermott, Passero and Zanko

Also Present: Regional Councillor Annunziata

Staff: R. Brady, L. Bubanko, L. Coplen, J. Janzen, T. Kuchyt and K. Walsh

### **4. Announcements/Addenda**

Mayor Redekop made announcements regarding various events and items of community interest.

### **5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **6. Public Notice**

#### **(a) 2016 Budget Meeting Schedule**

Re: #2 – Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – Water & Wastewater Budget; #3 – Wednesday, January 13, 2016 – Library & EDTC Budget; #4 – Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – General Levy Operating Budget; #5 – Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – (if required). All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers.

(b) Adoption of 2016 Preliminary Capital Budget

Re: Council intends to adopt the 2016 Preliminary Capital Budget By-law at its meeting of Monday, November 23, 2015. Any person wishing to appear as a delegation must register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

## 7. **Regional Councillor Report**

Regional Councillor Annunziata provided a verbal report on various items of business at the Region.

## 8. **Presentations and Delegations**

(a) Shirley Cordiner, Chair and Ellen Balmain, CEO, Niagara Regional Housing

Re: Affordable Housing in Niagara

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Councillor Passero

Seconded by: Councillor Lubberts

**That:** Council extends the delegation beyond ten minutes for an additional five minutes. **(Carried)**

Ms. Cordiner delivered a power point presentation that gave an overview of the services of Niagara Regional Housing (NRH). Their mission is to expand opportunities that make affordable housing an integral part of building healthy and sustainable communities in Niagara. Ms. Cordiner stated that NRH is dedicated to the key directions of empowering households, connecting the service delivery network, and moving towards sustainable affordable housing.

Ms. Cordiner outlined the key services of the NRH Board of Directors being: administration of the Access Centre and the Centralized Waiting List for subsidized housing in Niagara; management and operation of 2,758 Public Housing units; legislative oversight of 66 Social Housing providers; administration of Social Housing programs; and coordination of the development of new affordable housing.

Ms. Balmain expanded on information regarding the Fort Erie waiting list and the available public housing. She outlined the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) being a 10-year plan to address homelessness and its challenges and offered suggestions on handling them.

## **9. Consent Agenda Items**

### **1. Approve Minutes**

- (a) Council Meeting - October 26, 2015
- (b) Council-in-Committee Meeting - November 2, 2015
- (c) Council-in-Budget Committee Meeting #1 - November 4, 2015

### **2. Correspondence**

None.

### **3. Committee Minutes**

- (a) Receive - Community Gaming Development Corporation - September 24, 2015
- (b) Receive - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - October 7, 2015
- (c) Receive - Fort Erie Public Library Board - October 20, 2015
- (d) Receive - Accessibility Advisory Committee - October 27, 2015

### **4. Other Matters**

#### **Consent Agenda Resolution**

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

**That:** Council approves the Consent Agenda Items as recommended.

**(Carried)**

## **10. Responses to Enquiries**

None.

## 11. New Business/Enquiries

(a) Appointment - Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management - Nancy Niznik

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Councillor Lubberts

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

**That:** Council appoints Nancy Niznik to the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the period ending November 30, 2018. **(Carried)**

## 12. Motions

(a) Councillor Butler

Re: Sidewalk Snow Plowing

**Whereas** the Town's commitments for Sidewalk Snow Plowing in the Winter Control Plan last revised in January 2015 include: to maintain safe, passable priority sidewalks for pedestrian traffic during winter months and to reduce the number of occasions that sidewalk conditions might discourage pedestrian traffic on our walking web, thereby creating a hardship for citizens and the business community, and

**Whereas** currently, there are three pieces of sidewalk snow plowing equipment for sidewalk clearing operations where one piece of equipment is operated by Roads staff upon completion of plowing and sanding operations when staff is available and with consideration of the limitations of Hours of Service legislation, and the operation of the other two pieces of contracted equipment commences immediately, and

**Whereas** an additional contracted sidewalk clearing machine would enable sidewalk clearing to commence immediately on all three routes,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved;**

**That:** Council directs staff to issue a contract for an additional piece of sidewalk clearing equipment, subject to the current Sidewalk Snow Plow Equipment contract conditions and in accordance with the Purchasing Policy, and further

**That:** Council supports the request for the 2016 supplemental base budget item in the amount of \$20,000 during the budget deliberations. **(Withdrawn)**

### **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

### **14. Consideration of By-laws**

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Passero

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** The by-law package containing:

134-2015: To Exempt a Certain Lot and Part of a Block in Registered Plan 59M-319 from Part Lot Control Pursuant to Section 50 of The Planning Act, 1990 - Bardol Avenue - 1419690 Ontario Inc. (Ward Campell)

135-2015: To Authorize The Execution of an Amending Subdivision Agreement with 800547 Ontario Limited (Ed Lenchyshyn) (Village Creek Estates Phase 2 – Stage 2)

136-2015: To Assume Primary Services in the Village Creek Estates Subdivision – Phase 2, Stage 1 (Plan 59M-390) (800547 Ontario Limited – Ed Lenchyshyn)

Is given first and second reading.

**(Carried)**

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Councillor Knutt

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** By-laws:

134-2015

135-2015

136-2015

are given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal. **(Carried)**

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Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Councillor Zanko

Seconded by: Councillor Knutt

**That:** By-law No. 137-2015: To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Meetings Held on November 9, 2015 is given first and second reading.

**(Carried)**

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

**That:** By-law No. 137-2015 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal. **(Carried)**

### **15. Scheduling of Meetings**

Various upcoming meetings were announced.

### **16. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: Councillor Knutt

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** Council adjourns at 6:58 p.m. to reconvene into Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. **(Carried)**

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Mayor

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Clerk