



The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 07, 2016
(2016 Operating Budget)

Present: Mayor Walter Sendzik
Councillors Sandie Bellows, Mike Britton, N. Carlos Garcia,
Matt Harris, David A. Haywood, Joseph Kushner, Bill Phillips,
Mathew Siscoe, Sal Sorrento, Jennifer Stevens, and Bruce Williamson

Absent: Councillor Mark Elliott

Officials Present: Dan Carnegie, Chief Administrative Officer
Shelley Chemnitz, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Bryan Shynal, Commissioner of Operations
Nicole Auty, Director of Legal and Clerks Services/City Solicitor
Jim Riddell, Director of Planning and Building Services
Kristine Douglas, Director of Financial Management Services
Jeanette Pillitteri, Director of Corporate Support Services
Dan Dillon, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services
David Oakes, Director of Recreation and Community Services
David Wood, Director of Fire and Emergency Management Services
Steve Solski, Executive Director of FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre
Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Rebecca Alfieri, Council and Committee Coordinator

Mayor Sendzik took the chair and called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:31 p.m.

1. Presentations

There were none this evening.

2. Public Meetings Pursuant to Planning Act

There were none this evening.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sendzik presented a verbal report on matters of community interest.

The Mayor reviewed the process for the 2016 Operating Budget meeting this evening, and for tomorrow, if necessary.

4. Adoption of the Agendas

Moved By: Councillor Phillips
Seconded By: Councillor Williamson

That Council adopt the agenda for the meeting of March 7, 2016, as presented.

Carried

5. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

6. Adoption of the Minutes (Council and General Committee)

6.1. Regular Meeting of Council, [February 22, 2016](#)

Moved By: Councillor Phillips
Seconded By: Councillor Siscoe

That Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Carried

6.2. General Committee Meeting, [February 22, 2016](#)

Moved By: Councillor Phillips
Seconded By: Councillor Siscoe

That Council adopt the minutes of the General Committee meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2016.

Carried

7. Delegations

7.1. Public Meeting (Pursuant to Notice By-law No. 2007-310, as Amended) 2016 Operating Budget (see [General Committee Agenda, March 7, 2016, Item 3.1](#))

The Mayor advised that public notice had been published in accordance with the City's Notice By-law to consider the 2016 Operating Budget.

Shelley Chemnitz, Commissioner of Corporate Services, presented the 2016 Operating Budget.

Councillor Siscoe, Budget Standing Committee Chair, addressed Council to present the draft operating budget for 2016 as approved by the Budget Standing Committee.

The Mayor advised that those who had registered with the City Clerk in advance of the public meeting would be heard first. George Darte, Adam Bradley, and Kim Bauer registered to be heard. Their comments are summarized below:

- George Darte addressed Council with regards to reducing waste, relative to city services. Mr. Darte agreed to participate in budget meetings for next year.

- Adam Bradley addressed Council regarding his concern regarding the Fire Fighter's budget and the issues with the arbitration process. Mayor Sendzik encouraged Mr. Bradley to send his concerns to Council.
- Kim Bauer addressed Council to state that he feels the Budget Standing Committee is an excellent addition to the process. Mr. Bauer also provided input as it relates to reductions.

The Mayor asked if anyone else present this evening would like to speak. No one else wished to speak to the matter.

Ms. Chemnitz made closing comments.

The public meeting was closed.

Moved By: Councillor Stevens

Seconded By: Councillor Siscoe

That Council receive the presentation regarding the 2016 Operating Budget, and refer it to General Committee, Item No. 3.1, for consideration later in the evening.

Motion to Refer Carried

8. Call for Notices of Motion

- 8.1. Request for Reconsideration of a Previously Decided Motion
Community Improvement Plan - Evaluation of New Applications and Municipal
Budget Implications
Re: 51 Lake Street and 136 James Street

Moved By: Councillor Stevens

That Council approve the reconsideration of the motion in the report from Planning and Building Services, Planning Services, respecting the Community Improvement Plan - Evaluation of New Applications and Municipal Budget Implications, dated January 18, 2016, Item 3.7 of the General Committee Minutes of February 29, 2015, being:

That the request to shift CIP incentive under the 2004 CIP pertaining to 51 Lake Street and 136 James Street not be approved unless CIP funding is increased by Council accordingly.

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Suspension of the Rules

Moved By: Councillor Stevens

Seconded By: Councillor Kushner

That Council suspend the rules in accordance with the Procedural By-law 2015-170, article A4, Suspension of Rules, to allow the motion to reconsider a previously decided motion to be considered at the Regular meeting of March 7, 2016.

Motion to Suspend Rules Carried

Council now voted on the request to reconsider the previously decided motion regarding the CIP incentive

pertaining to 51 Lake Street and 136 James Street.

Motion to Reconsider Carried

Council now voted on the original motion.

Original Motion to not approve CIP Incentive

That the request to shift CIP incentive under the 2004 CIP pertaining to 51 Lake Street and 136 James Street not be approved unless CIP funding is increased by Council accordingly.

Yeas: Councillors Haywood, and Williamson

Nays: Councillors Bellows, Britton, Garcia, Harris, Kushner, Phillips, Siscoe, Sorrento, Stevens, and Mayor Sendzik

Lost

Moved By: Councillor Stevens

Seconded By: Councillor Sorrento

That Council move In-Camera for advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege regarding questions pertaining to 51 Lake Street, and 136 James Street.

Carried

Council recessed to In-Camera at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Following the In-Camera session, the new motion regarding approval of CIP Incentive pertaining to 51 Lake Street, and 136 James Street was now voted on.

New Motion regarding CIP Incentive pertaining to 51 Lake Street, and 136 James Street

That the request to shift CIP incentive under the 2004 CIP pertaining to 51 Lake Street and 136 James Street be approved.

Yeas: Councillor Bellows, Britton, Garcia, Harris, Kushner, Phillips, Siscoe, Sorrento, Stevens, and Mayor Sendzik

Nays: Councillors Haywood, and Williamson

Carried

**8.2. Request for Reconsideration of a Previously Decided Motion
Corporate Insurance Coverage - April 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017**

*Mayor Sendzik declared a Conflict of Interest (Pecuniary), as he has personal business with one of the insurance companies in the RFP, and left the Chair.
Councillor Phillips took the chair.*

Councillor Kushner requested reconsideration of the motion regarding Item 3.3, and asked to go In-Camera.

Moved By: Councillor Kushner

Seconded By: Councillor Stevens

That Council move In-Camera for advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege regarding questions pertaining to Item 3.3.

Carried

Council recessed to In-Camera at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Following the In-Camera session, Councillor Kushner requested a motion to Suspend the Rules.

Suspension of the Rules

Moved By: Councillor Kushner

That Council suspend the rules in accordance with the Procedural By-law 2015-170, article A4, Suspension of Rules, to allow the motion to reconsider a previously decided motion to be considered at the Regular meeting of March 7, 2016.

Motion to Suspend Rules Carried

Moved By: Councillor Sorrento

That Council reconsider the previously decided motion regarding Report Number FMS-059-2016, Corporate Insurance Coverage - April 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, that was considered at the City Council meeting of February 29, 2016.

Councillor Harris requested a recorded vote.

Yeas: Councillors Bellows, Britton, Harris, Siscoe, and Sorrento

Nays: Councillors Garcia, Haywood, Kushner, Phillips, Stevens, and Williamson

Motion to Reconsider Lost

- 8.3. Request for Reconsideration of a Previously Decided Motion
Community Improvement Plan - Evaluation of New Applications and Municipal
Budget Implications
Re: 19 Beard Place

Councillor Siscoe declared a Conflict, as it relates to a business interest.

Moved By: Councillor Bellows

That Council approve reconsideration of the motion in the report from Planning and Building Services, Planning Services, respecting Community Improvement Plan - Evaluation of New Applications and Municipal Budget Implications, dated January 18, 2016, Item 3.7 of the General Committee Minutes of February 29, 2015, being:

That applications for Tax Increment Finance under the 2015CIP pertaining to 19 Beard Place not be approved.

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Suspension of the Rules

Moved By: Councillor Bellows

That Council suspend the rules in accordance with Procedural By-law 2015-170, article A4, Suspension of Rules, to allow the motion to reconsider a previously decided motion to be put at the Regular meeting of March 7, 2016.

Motion to Suspend Rules Lost

9. Motions

There were none this evening.

10. Resolve into General Committee

Council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and General Committee convened. General Committee adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

10.1. Adjournment of Meeting - March 7, 2016

Moved By: Councillor Bellows

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

That this meeting of March 7, 2016, be adjourned and reconvened on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to complete the remainder of the items on the agenda.

Carried



The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 08, 2016

(2016 Operating Budget)

10.2. Reconvene Meeting - March 8, 2016

General Committee reconvened on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:31 p.m., and adjourned at 9:27 p.m. and City Council reconvene.

Present: Mayor Sendzik

Councillors Sandie Bellows, Mike Britton, N. Carlos Garcia, Matt Harris, David A. Haywood, Joseph Kushner, Bill Phillips, Mathew Siscoe, Sal Sorrento, Jennifer Stevens, and Bruce Williamson (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

Absent: Councillor Mark Elliott

Officials Dan Carnegie, Chief Administrative Officer

Present: Shelley Chemnitz, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Bryan Shynal, Commissioner of Operations
Nicole Auty, Director of Legal and Clerks Services/City Solicitor
Jim Riddell, Director of Planning and Building Services
Kristine Douglas, Director of Financial Management Services
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11. Motion Arising from In-Camera Session

There was no scheduled In-Camera session this evening.

12. Motion to Ratify Forthwith Recommendations

Moved By: Councillor Siscoe

Seconded By: Councillor Phillips

That Council adopt those items approved FORTHWITH by the General Committee on Monday, March 7, 2016 and Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Carried

13. By-laws

13.1. Reading of the By-laws

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Garcia

That the following by-laws be read a first time, considered and passed; and

That they be signed and executed by the Mayor and the City Clerk.

By-law 2016-40 A By-law to confirm the proceedings and decisions of the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines at its meeting held on the 7th and 8th day of March, 2016. (One reading – with respect to ratification and adoption of City Council Minutes of March 7 & 8, 2016 and General Committee Minutes of March 7 & 8, 2016.) File No: 10.12.1

Carried

13.2. Reading of Additional By-laws

Moved By: Councillor Garcia

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

That the following additional by-laws be read a first time, considered and passed; and

That they be signed and executed by the Mayor and the City Clerk.

By-law 2016-41 A By-law to authorize an Agreement with BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Services Inc.

(One reading – with respect to 2016 -2017 insurance program for the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines. General Committee, February 29, 2016, Item No. 3.3.) File No: 10.53.1

Carried

14. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports

There were none this evening.

15. Adjournment and Reconvene

Moved By: Councillor Bellows
Seconded By: Councillor Harris

There being no further items of business, the meeting of March 8, 2016 was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Confirmed by:

City Clerk

Mayor