



A meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo was held on January 30, 2023 at 2:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Regina Street, South, Waterloo, Ontario and streamed live via YouTube.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 30, 2023

2:01 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy McCabe, Councillor Sandra Hanmer, Councillor Royce Bodaly, Councillor Hans Roach, Councillor Diane Freeman, Councillor Mary Lou Roe, Councillor Julie Wright

ABSENT: Councillor Jen Vasic

Mayor McCabe in the Chair

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor McCabe opened the meeting with the following Territorial Acknowledgement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we are gathering from today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabe and Neutral People. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share their land today.

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor McCabe provided Council with a moment of reflection.

January 29 is a solemn day; this year it marked the sixth anniversary of the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia. Yesterday, the Waterluminare LED lights in Uptown Waterloo were green in recognition of this day.

On January 29, 2017, 6 Muslims - Ibrahima Barry, Mamadou Tanou Barry, Khaled Belkacemi, Abdelkrim Hassane, Azzedine Soufiane, and Aboubaker Thabti were killed and 19 others injured in a hateful act of terror when a person wielding a gun entered the Centre culturel islamique de Québec in Sainte-Foy following evening prayers. This senseless killing was a result of Islamophobia, racism and bigotry.

In memory of the victims, in solidarity with the survivors and those who were injured, the families and friends who lost a loved one, and in recognition of those who put themselves in harm's way to protect others, we pause, reflect and take action.

This remembrance serves as a critical reminder of the work that must be done to eliminate Islamophobia, hate, racism and all forms of discrimination and prejudice locally and across Canada. A starting point is for residents to join the ongoing Green Square Campaign. The green square represents the green carpets of the Quebec City mosque, where the victims last prayed. It symbolizes that the deceased are believed to spiritually be in a green garden, a better place than their experience the night of the attack.

As a Council we will continue to respond and address all forms of hate and racism in our community.

Mayor McCabe also offered some brief words on Black History Month:

I would like to briefly acknowledge that we are a few days from Black History Month. Events and activities and reflections about Black History Month will start at our next Council Meeting on February 6th, and carry on throughout the month of February.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Hanmer declared a conflict with respect to items 5b) and 14b) due to a conflict of interest relating to the consideration of a member of the family in relation to a committee appointment.

Councillor Roach declared a conflict with respect to items 5b) and 14a) due to a conflict of interest relating to the consideration of a member of the family in relation to a committee appointment.

4. PRESENTATION

a) Integrated Planning and Public Works Business Plan

Ron Ormson, Commissioner, Integrated Planning and Public Works provided an overview of the IPPW business plan and key initiatives, and detailed the community impact of the different divisions. He then responded to questions of Council. Joel Cotter, Senior Director, IPPW, Director, Planning & City Planner responded to questions of Council. Leigh McDermott, Director, City Utilities responded to questions of Council. Bob Henderson, Director, Transportation Services responded to questions of Council. Beth Maxwell, Director, Building Standards & Chief Building Official responded to questions of Council.

5. CONSENT MOTION

Councillor Freeman requested that item 5a) SCADA Modernization Recommendations be removed from the consent motion.

Councillor Hanmer requested that item 5b) 2023 Generally Recruited Committee Appointments be removed from the consent motion.

That consent motion item (a) be approved.

- a) **Title:** City Regional Parkade Agreement Extension
Report No.: CAO2023-011
Prepared By: Justin McFadden

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Freeman:

1. That CAO2022-011 be approved.
2. That Council approve an extension from January 31, 2023 to June 30, 2023, of the Parkade agreement between The Regional Municipality of Waterloo and The Corporation of the City of Waterloo, dated July 9, 1991, as amended.
3. That the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to execute an amending agreement in a form substantially similar to that attached to CAO2023-011, and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

Carried Unanimously

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT MOTION

- a) **Title:** SCADA Modernization Recommendations
Report No.: IPPW2023-007
Prepared By: Todd Chapman

Todd Chapman responded to questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

1. That Council approve report IPPW2023-007.
2. That Council direct staff to proceed with the implementation phase of the SCADA modernization initiative, subject to the 2023 budget approval of Ref #526 – Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Implementation.

3. That the final report from Brock Solutions Inc. be posted on the City's website by February 1, 2023, as per the Province's Audit and Accountability Fund (AAF) Requirements.
4. That Council direct staff to forward this staff report to the Province of Ontario.

Carried Unanimously

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Hanmer left the meeting.
(Time: 2:50 p.m.)

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Roach left the meeting.
(Time: 2:50 p.m.)

b) Title: 2023 Generally Recruited Committee Appointments
Report No.: CORP2023-003
Prepared By: Kevin Gerlach

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

1. That staff report CORP2023-003 be approved.
2. That Council enact the appropriate by-laws to appoint the recommended members to local boards and committees.
3. That Council approve the proposed Fence Variance Committee Terms of Reference attached to staff report CORP2023-003 as Appendix A.
4. That Council approve the revised Committee of Adjustment Terms of Reference attached to staff report CORP2023-003 as Appendix B.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Hanmer having previously declared a pecuniary interest was absent for the taking of the vote.

Councillor Roach having previously declared a pecuniary interest was absent for the taking of the vote.

Councillor Hanmer joined the meeting. (Time: 2:51 p.m.)

Councillor Roach joined the meeting. (Time: 2:51 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting.

(Time: 2:51 p.m.)

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Title:** **2023-2026 Strategic Plan – Municipal Services Satisfaction Assessment (MSSA) Results Summary**
Report No.: CAO2023-008
Prepared By: Sandy Little

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting.

(Time: 2:53 p.m.)

Sandy Little introduced the council engagement session of the Strategic Plan and the Sarah Lewis, the Deloitte consultant, gave a presentation detailing the results of the Municipal Services Satisfaction survey. She discussed the demographics of the respondents, the satisfaction with the City and its services, and how the City provided opportunities for engagement. They then responded to questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Freeman:

1. That Council receives CAO2023-008 as information.

Carried Unanimously

- b) **Title:** **Summary of January 10, 2023 Proposed 2023 Budget Hybrid Public Information Meeting**
Report No.: CORP2023-005
Prepared By: Filipa Reynolds, Brad Witzel and Tony Iavarone

Daisy Arseneault, Resident of Waterloo and Andre Arseneault, Resident of Waterloo gave a presentation detailing the importance of Active Transportation, national funding strategies that could be utilized for snow clearing, and how snow clearing models tied to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. They also shared words from Stephen Herzog, Resident of Waterloo, regarding how snow got cleared from residential sidewalks, and the potential for Ward-by-Ward snow clearing. They then responded to questions of Council. Filipa Reynolds responded to questions of Council. Mark Dykstra responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting.

(Time: 3:41 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting.

(Time: 3:43 p.m.)

Eleanor Grant, Resident of Waterloo spoke about the need for sidewalks to get cleared, and the issue with snow plows creating barriers on the sidewalk and at crosswalks. She

then responded to questions of Council. Nicole Papke responded to questions of Council. Mark Dykstra responded to questions of Council.

Mason Fitzpatrick, Resident of Waterloo and Sean McCloskey, Resident of Waterloo gave a presentation detailing the different areas of the City where private owners were expected to clear their own sidewalks versus where the City took care of snow removal. They also compared the City of Waterloo to the City of Guelph's snow clearing practices and complaints procedure. They then responded to questions of Council.

Janice Jim, Resident of Waterloo, presenting on behalf of Teresa McQuillin, Resident of Waterloo spoke about the need to clear sidewalks from a disability perspective. They then responded to questions of Council.

Mark Dykstra gave an update to the community on the upcoming discussion paper and the impact on the budget.

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting. (Time: 4:31 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting. (Time: 4:34 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1. That Council receive CORP2023-005 as information.

Carried Unanimously

Council meeting recessed: (Time: 4:38 p.m.)

Council meeting reconvened: (Time: 4:45 p.m.)

- c) Title: 2023-2026 Strategic Plan – Council Workshop #1**
Report No.: CAO2023-010
Prepared By: Sandy Little

Sarah Lewis, Manager, Deloitte, facilitated the “Hot Off the Campaign Trail” workshop and asked each Councillor to share three main themes heard from constituents on the campaign trail.

Councillor Wright wanted to pass her thanks to the residents of Ward 7 who offered their time to share their thoughts. The main themes she heard on the campaign trail were about whether quality of life is eroding and whether we were making the right decisions as a City, access to affordable housing and a mismatch in the supply, and the election process and access to print materials, including meaningful engagement with residents.

Councillor Roe echoed some of Councillor Wright's comments regarding the election process, and offered the themes she heard on the campaign trail including: affordable housing and homelessness; traffic calming, pedestrian safety and connected systems, such as bike lanes, GRT connections, and trails; and community connectedness and excellence of service from the City, including winter maintenance and leaf collection.

Mayor McCabe shared Councillor Vasic's three themes on her behalf: traffic calming, safety and ease of mobility, including winter accessibility concerns; housing and homelessness; and covid-19 recovery, including supporting small businesses, a general lack of connectedness, and an enhanced arts and culture sector.

Councillor Freeman shared the main themes heard on her campaign: traffic and traffic speeds, specifically that they are not supportive of 30km/h speed limits; climate change and continuing to move forward with important efforts; and diversity, equity and inclusion, including how individuals are recognized in programs and intake forms, the opportunity to build a Reconciliation Contribution fund, and the role of the city within housing and homelessness.

Councillor Roach also echoed Councillor Roe and Councillor Wright as far as the election went, mentioning that there was a lot of election fatigue. The three main themes heard on his campaign were: affordable housing, including the price of rent; traffic concerns, with specific mention to the roundabouts in Conservation Meadows; and city services such as leaf collection and snow clearing.

Councillor Bodaly shared some of the different concerns he heard while campaigning, and offered the main themes: safe streets, including how to make streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, seniors, and youth; what the City is doing surrounding climate change; affordable housing, including homelessness and affordable units; and equity and inclusion, including a sense of belonging by the community.

Councillor Hanmer shared the main themes from her campaign: affordable housing, including appropriate rents and the "missing middle"; traffic calming measures, including 30km/h speed limits around school zones and issues with the roundabout at Ira Needles and Erb; active transportation and the connections across the City; and park maintenance, which may have fallen to the wayside during the pandemic.

Mayor McCabe shared some of the concerns she heard on the campaign trail, as well as the main themes: affordable and attainable housing; traffic and road safety, including that many residents don't want the speed reduced; climate change, including the need for climate friendly new builds; and community connectedness, and finding a sense of purpose within the community.

Sarah Lewis, Manager, Deloitte, continued her presentation and led Council through the next steps of the Strategic Planning stages. Sandy Little shared information on the Strategic Plan preparation steps.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

1. That Council receives CAO2023-010 as information and that each Council member speak about three main themes that they heard from constituents while on the campaign trail to help inform the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

Carried Unanimously

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McCabe wanted to thank the Arts and Culture team for their work on Winterloo this past weekend, and the Uptown Comfort Food Crawl, which managed to raise over 12,000 meals for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

Councillor Freeman wanted to shout out the volunteers working on outdoor rinks, and thank City staff who help facilitate those rinks.

Councillor Wright called attention to the Forest Heights Collegiate showcasing their art at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery in an exhibit called. "Ceramic Stories Revisited".

9. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

That the By-laws listed below be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, numbered sequentially commencing with By-law Number 2023-003 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Roach left the meeting.

(Time: 5:37 p.m.)

- a) By-law 2023-003 By-law to Provide for the Appointment of Community Representatives of The City of Waterloo on the Appeals Tribunal, Audit Committee, Committee Of Adjustment, Fence Variance Committee, and The Waterloo Public Library Board for the Term Ending November 14, 2026 (CORP2023-003, Council January 30, 2023)

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Roach having previously declared a pecuniary interest was absent for the taking of the vote.

Councillor Roach joined the meeting. (Time: 5:39 p.m.)

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Hanmer left the meeting. (Time: 5:39 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

- b) By-law 2023-004 By-law to Provide for the Appointment of Community Representatives of The City of Waterloo on Various Committees for the Term Ending November 14, 2024 (CORP2023-003, Council January 30, 2023)

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Hanmer having previously declared a pecuniary interest was absent for the taking of the vote.

Councillor Hanmer joined the meeting. (Time: 5:40 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

- c) By-law 2023-005 By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, January 30, 2023

Carried Unanimously

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That the meeting adjourn. (Time: 5:40 p.m.)

Carried Unanimously

READ AND APPROVED, February 27, 2023

Mayor

City Clerk