



A meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo was held on May 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Regina Street, South, Waterloo, Ontario and streamed live via YouTube.



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 8, 2023

2:00 PM

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

Councillor Roe in the Chair

### **1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No disclosure of pecuniary interest was declared by any member of Council at this point in the meeting.

### **2. CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Freeman:

That Council hold a closed meeting for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

- a) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (potential acquisition and disposition of land);
- b) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (unsheltered housing update, LIT Appeal, potential acquisition and disposition of land);
- c) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (unsheltered housing update, LIT Appeal, potential disposition of land);

- d) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act (licence agreement);
- e) the security of the property of the municipality or local board (unsheltered housing update);
- f) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization (licence agreement); and,
- g) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (licence agreement, potential acquisition and disposition of land).

**Carried Unanimously**

Council meeting recessed:

(Time: 2:01 p.m.)

Council meeting reconvened:

(Time: 4:37 p.m.)

### **3. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Roe 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.

### **4. MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Councillor Roe provided Council with a moment of reflection.

At the beginning of this Council meeting, we pause to think about the needs of our community. May we show wisdom and compassion in all our decisions.

### **5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No disclosure of pecuniary interest was declared by any member of Council at this point in the meeting.

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

That the previous meeting minutes be approved.

**a) April 3, 2023 – Council Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Roach, Seconded by Councillor Vasic:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 3, 2023 be approved as printed.

**Carried Unanimously**

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**a) Sustainable Waterloo Region**

Tova Davidson, Executive Director, Sustainable Waterloo Region gave a presentation updating Council on Sustainable Waterloo Region's past year, as well as on projects happening within the Region. She then responded to questions of Council.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**a) Title: Close-Out of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan and the 2023-2026 Draft Strategic Plan**

Report No.: CAO2023-019

Prepared By: Sandy Little

Sandy Little offered introductory remarks and offered a brief update on the current phase of the Strategic Plan.

Sarah Lewis, Manager, Deloitte gave a presentation outlining the draft vision, mission, and strategic priorities.

Irene O'Toole, Member, Waterloo Region Friends of Palestine spoke about the importance of community inclusion and visibility, and asked that anti-Palestinian racism be considered in the Strategic Plan's Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion objectives. Sanjay Govindaraj responded to questions of Council.

Council then discussed the draft vision, mission, and strategic priorities. Sarah Lewis and Trudy Parsons, Strategic Advisor, Deloitte responded to questions of Council. Sandy Little also responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting. (Time: 5:55 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting. (Time: 5:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

1. That Council receives CAO2023-019 as information.

**Carried Unanimously**

- b) Title: Revised Fee Assistance Leisure Access Program Policy**  
Report No.: COM2023-010  
Prepared By: Pamela Albrecht

Moved by Councillor Freeman, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1. That Council approve report COM2023-010
2. That Council approve changes to M-008 Fee Assistance Leisure Access Program Policy

**Carried Unanimously**

- c) Title: Funding Release for Laurel Creek Trail around Conservation Area**  
Report No.: IPPW2023-021  
Prepared By: Fariha Mannan

Chris Hodgson and Ron Ormson responded to questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

1. That Council approve report IPPW2023-021.
2. That Council approve the release of 2023 capital funding for the Laurel Creek Trail around Conservation Area project in the amount of \$106,000, as approved in the 2023 Capital Budget (Ref #683).

**Carried Unanimously**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Wright wanted to note that it is Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada, and wanted to bring attention to the situations in Alberta and Quebec.

Councillor Vasic wanted to thank St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School for their bike safety event held on May 5, 2023. She also wanted to offer congratulations to staff, specifically Amy Ross, for the helping to organize the spring conference of Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals.

Mayor McCabe spoke about Council for a Day, which happened on April 27, 2023, and how the youth give her hope with their great ideas and enthusiasm. She thanked the staff that organized the event, as well as the staff they visited on the day. Councillor Roach also commented on this, specifically mentioning that they had left him notes on his monitor, which resonated with him while they discussed the Strategic Plan earlier in the meeting.

Filipa Reynolds called attention to Tony Iavarone's final Council Meeting, and offered her thanks to him for all the great advice he has offered over the years. Tony Iavarone offered thanks to the corporate management team and to the great staff he has worked with over the years.

**10. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS**

Moved by Mayor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

That the By-laws listed below be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, numbered sequentially commencing with By-law Number 2023-033 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, May 8, 2023

**Carried Unanimously**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Wright, Seconded by Councillor Bodaly:

That the meeting adjourn.

(Time: 6:09 p.m.)

**Carried Unanimously**

**READ AND APPROVED, June 12, 2023**

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Mayor

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City Clerk