



A meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo was held on January 22, 2024 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 22, 2024

2:01 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 Freeman in the Chair

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Freeman opened the meeting with the following Territorial Acknowledgement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which many of us are gathered today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabe and Neutral peoples. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge and philosophies of the Indigenous people with whom we share this land today.

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Councillor Freeman 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.

3. 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.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Community Services Business Plan

Mark Dykstra, Commissioner, Community Services introduced the Community Services Business Plan for 2024-2026 and background information on what Community Services does. Jim Bowman, Director, Community Programming & Outreach Services provided an overview of the key initiatives and community impacts for his team, as well as the links to the Strategic Plan. Jillian Fleming, Director, Recreation Services offered the key initiatives and community impact of Recreation Services, providing examples for each. Robin Milne, Director, Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Services presented the key initiatives and community impacts for the 2024-2026 budget cycle. Kevin Van Ooteghem, Director, Facility Design and Management provided an overview of the key initiatives and community impacts for the Facility Design and Management team, including examples from the budget. Sandy van Solm, Deputy Chief, Fire Rescue Services presented the key initiatives and community impacts for Fire Rescue Services, providing examples of each. Nicole Papke, Director, Municipal Enforcement Services gave an overview of the key initiatives and community impacts for Municipal Enforcement Services. Mark Dykstra concluded the presentation with the menu items available for Council on budget day. They then responded to questions of Council. Brad Witzel also responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Vasic left the meeting. (Time: 3:04 p.m.)

Councillor Vasic joined the meeting. (Time: 3:06 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting. (Time: 3:07 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting. (Time: 3:08 p.m.)

Bob Mavin, Resident of Waterloo gave a presentation offering his thoughts on the proposed budget and its link to the Strategic Plan.

5. CONSENT MOTION

That consent motion items (a) through (b) be approved.

- a) **Title:** Waterloo City Centre – Lease Renewal – Raymond James
Report No.: COM2024-005
Prepared By: Liz Badley

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1. That Council approve report COM2024-005.

2. That Council approve the lease renewal for Raymond James Ltd. at the Waterloo City Centre according to the Terms and Conditions as outlined in report COM2024-005.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Lease Amending Agreement and any other necessary documents, subject to the satisfaction of the City's Solicitor.

Carried Unanimously

- b) Title: Neighbourhood Strategy Implementation and Supports in 2023**
Report No.: COM2024-003
Prepared By: Julie Legg, Halie Gilmore, Amy McCullough

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1. That COM2024-003 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT MOTION

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Title: 2023 Facility Accessibility Update**
Report No.: COM2024-008
Prepared By: Amy Ross, Swati Vekariya

Amy Ross and Swati Vekariya gave a presentation outlining the 2023 accessibility improvements, as well as the facility accessibility work plan and priority matrix. They then responded to questions of Council. Kevin Van Ooteghem also responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Bodaly left the meeting. (Time: 3:54 p.m.)

Councillor Bodaly joined the meeting. (Time: 3:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Roe:

1. That Council receive report COM2024-008 as information for the annual update on the status of Accessibility improvements at City owned facilities.

Carried Unanimously

b) Title: Supporting Neighbourhood-Led Initiatives Policy

Report No.: COM2024-004

Prepared By: Halie Gilmore, Julie Legg, Amy McCullough

Halie Gilmore and Julie Legg responded to questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Roach:

1. That Council approve report COM2024-004.
2. That Council approve the Supporting Neighbourhood-Led Initiatives Policy (M-016).

Carried Unanimously

c) Title: RIM Park Skate Park

Report No.: COM2024-006

Prepared By: Hala Al Amine

Robin Milne and Mark Dykstra responded to questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, Seconded by Councillor Hanmer:

1. That Council approve report COM2024-006.
2. That Council approve the release of the 2024 capital funding for the Neighbourhood Action Sports Parks – City Wide non-routine project in the amount of \$796,000, funded \$531,000 from the Parkland Dedication Reserve Fund (PUB) and \$265,000 from the Development Charges Reserve Fund (DC), as per the staff tabled 2024-2026 capital budget (ref #280), as approved for early release via CORP2023-049 Early Approval of Capital Projects on December 11, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

Social and Economic Prosperity Review Motion – Councillor Freeman
Motion to be tabled January 22, 2024 for Council consideration January 29, 2024.

Motion:

WHEREAS Current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangement are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with economy or inflation; and,

WHEREAS unprecedented population growth and the clear need for more affordable, attainable and sustainable housing will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges such as homelessness, the mental health and addictions crisis and support for asylum seekers and newcomers; and,

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers, including those on fixed incomes, seniors, small businesses and more cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;
- 2) a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, local area MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for further consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Vasic wanted to offer her three favourite things: third places like coffee shops, random conversations with people you'll never see again, and live music. She

then told a story about how she ended up at the benefit concert for the KW Symphony players at First United Church last Thursday, January 18.

Councillor Vasic also wanted to highlight that the Eastside Branch library hosted an event on January 19 with Lindsay Zier-Vogel, author of Dear Street, with a reading and community-based love letter writing.

Councillor Wright reminded everyone that Winterloo in Uptown is happening this coming weekend, as well as the Waterloo Comfort Food Crawl on Saturday, January 27.

10. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Bodaly, 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 2024-003 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law 2024-003 By-law Establishing (Widening) a Public Highway known as Woolwich Street
- b) By-law 2024-004 By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, January 22, 2024

Carried Unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hanmer, Seconded by Councillor Wright:

That the meeting adjourn. (Time: 4:32 p.m.)

Carried Unanimously

READ AND APPROVED, February 26, 2024

Mayor

City Clerk