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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – **REVISED**

Monday, March 24, 2025
Public Meeting: 2:00 PM

Councillor Freeman in the Chair

- 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION**
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

That the previous meeting minutes be approved.

- a) February 24, 2025 – Council Meeting**

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 24, 2025 be approved as printed.

- 5. DELEGATIONS**

- a) Abandoned Property**
Mr. Howard Aiken, Resident of Waterloo

- 6. CONSENT MOTION**

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

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a) **Title:** **Additional Appointment – Creative Sector Advisory Committee**

Report No.: CORP2025-006

Prepared By: Natalia Chebel, Samantha Belletti

Recommendation:

1. That staff report CORP2025-006 be approved.
2. That Council enact the appropriate by-law to appoint an additional recommended member, Peter Pearse-Elosia, to the Creative Sector Advisory Committee.

b) **Title:** **Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Elected Officials**

Report No.: CORP2025-004

Prepared By: Hanan Shafique

Recommendation:

1. That Council receives report CORP2025-004 as information.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT MOTION

8. STAFF REPORTS

a) **Title:** **2025 Waterloo Region Economic Development Strategy**

Report No.: CAO2025-006

Prepared By: Kristin Sainsbury

Presentation: Kristin Sainsbury
Laura Philippe, Manager, Business & Industrial Development, Region of Waterloo

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve report CAO2025-006.
2. That Council endorse the 2025 Waterloo Region Economic Development Strategy.
3. That Council approve \$50,000 funded from the Economic Development Reserve to support the City of Waterloo Economic Development Strategic Plan update.

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b) Title: **Noise By-law Update**
Report No.: COM2025-006
Prepared By: Christopher Mulhern, Amanda Norris

Presentation: Christopher Mulhern

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve report COM2025-006.
2. That Council approve a revised Noise By-Law exemption process and Noise Exemption fees as outlined in the report.
3. That Council consider adopting By-Laws to approve the new Noise By-Law including General Administrative Penalties By-Law Amendments and amendments to the Fees and Charges By-Law.

c) Title: **Award of Tender RFT25-01 Albert Street (Longwood Drive to Weber Street North) Watermain Replacement and Road and Drainage Improvements**
Report No.: IPPW2025-008
Prepared By: Mike Lupsa

Recommendation:

1. That report No. IPPW2025-008 be approved.
2. That Council approve the award of RFT25-01 Albert Street (Longwood Drive to Weber Street North) Watermain Replacement and Road and Drainage Improvements to Navacon Construction Inc. for the submitted price of \$1,065,260.60 plus unrecoverable HST in the amount of \$18,748.59 for a total award value of \$1,084,009.19.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the tender agreement between The Corporation of the City of Waterloo and Navacon Construction Inc., and any other documents related to this project, subject to the satisfaction of the City's Solicitor.

9. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN AT PREVIOUS MEETING

None

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Julie Wright – Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

Motion to be tabled March 24, 2025 for Council consideration April 14, 2025.

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo, in collaboration with the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, is actively attempting to mitigate salt pollution using existing policies, programs and site design measures that would be significantly more effective with supporting Provincial legislation; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

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WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating considering improved science and better salt management practices now available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Waterloo urges the province of Ontario to work on a priority basis with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and
2. The City of Waterloo urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. This resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), the Attorney General, and Premier Doug Ford.

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Letter of Permission to Larvicide – Region of Waterloo Public Health West Nile Virus Program**

Recommendation:

1. That the Mayor be authorized to sign the Letter of Permission to apply larvicide on the lands owned by The Corporation of the City of Waterloo.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

13. QUESTIONS

14. NEW BUSINESS

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15. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

Recommendation:

That the By-laws listed below be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, numbered sequentially commencing with By-law Number 2025-011 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law to Impose Fees and Charges on Persons (COM2025-006, Council March 24, 2025)
- b) By-law to Amend By-law No. 2018-050 Being a Zoning By-law Controlling Land Use Development within the City of Waterloo for Inclusionary Zoning (IPPW2025-014, Council March 3, 2025)
- c) By-law to Provide for the Appointment of Peter Pearse-Elosia of the City of Waterloo to the Creative Sector Advisory Committee for the Term Ending November 14, 2026 (CORP2025-006, Council March 24, 2025)
- d) Being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise (COM2025-006, Council March 24, 2025)
- e) By-law to Amend City of Waterloo By-law #2023-038 to Provide for the Update of Monetary Penalties and Administrative Fees Schedule (COM2025-006, Council March 24, 2025)
- f) By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, March 24, 2025

16. ADJOURNMENT

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