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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, May 5, 2025

Closed Meeting: 2:00 PM

Public Meeting: 6:30 PM

Councillor Wright in the Chair

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
2. **CLOSED MEETING**

Recommendation:

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

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board (Security Matter update);
- b) labour relations or employee negotiations (employee survey);
- c) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (disposition of city owned lands); and,
- d) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (potential disposition of city-owned lands).

COUNCIL MEETING WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 6:30 PM

3. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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4. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

That the previous meeting minutes be approved.

a) April 7, 2025 – Council Meeting

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 7, 2025 be approved as printed.

7. CONSENT MOTION

That consent motion item (a) be approved.

**a) Title: Joint Service Initiatives Committee
2024 Update**

Report No.: CAO2025-015

Prepared By: Michelle Lee

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive CAO2025-015 for information.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT MOTION

9. STAFF REPORTS

**a) Title: Regional Working Group Fireworks
Recommendations**

Report No.: COM2025-007

Prepared By: Nicole Papke

Presentation: Nicole Papke

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve report COM2025-007.

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2. That Council approve the three key recommendations to: reduce the number of days and times fireworks are permitted to only the day of the holiday (with two days for Diwali/Deepvali); prohibit the sale of fireworks in Waterloo starting January 2026, and increasing the administrative penalties.

b) Title: Significant Festivals and Events for By-Law Exemption
Report No.: CAO2025-013
Prepared By: Scott McGovern and Goretí Cardoso

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve report CAO2025-013
2. That the 2025 designated “Significant Festivals and Events” include:
 - Sun Life Financial Waterloo Busker Carnival
 - The Royal Medieval Faire
 - Kultrun World Music Festival
 - Afro Fest
 - Sun Life Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS

Formal Public Meeting

a) Title: Zone Change Application Z-17-20, Draft Plan of Subdivision 30T-17403, Activa Holdings Inc., 550 Roy Schmidt Road and 558 Conservation Drive
Report No.: IPPW2025-012
Prepared By: Amanda Wyszynski
Ward No.: Ward 3, Lakeshore Ward

Presentation: Amanda Wyszynski

Delegations:

1. Trevor Hawkins, Partner, MHBC Planning
2. Christopher Prest, Resident of Waterloo

REPORT TO FOLLOW

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11. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN AT PREVIOUS MEETING

None

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor McCabe – Federal and Provincial Stimulus Funding to Fast-Track Investments in Infrastructure to Protect Local Economies Motion

Motion:

WHEREAS the United States has imposed tariffs on key Canadian industries, and Canada has implemented counter-tariffs in response; and

WHEREAS tariffs are already disrupting local economies across Ontario, jeopardizing jobs, investment, and economic stability in communities of all sizes; and

WHEREAS we must protect our most vulnerable residents whose housing supports and services may be negatively impacted by an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS infrastructure investments in public transit, Light Rail Transit and improving the electricity grid will address the economic uncertainty created by the US imposed tariffs by creating good, local jobs while also addressing the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS in times of economic uncertainty, federal and provincial governments have historically stepped up with stimulus investments to support municipalities, create jobs, and maintain economic momentum; and

WHEREAS past stimulus initiatives, such as the 2009 Economic Action Plan, which funded 23,000 infrastructure projects across the country in response to the global financial crisis, and the 2020 COVID-19 stimulus plan, which provided critical economic relief during the pandemic, played a critical role in stabilizing local economies and ensuring communities could withstand economic downturns; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are uniquely positioned to drive economic recovery by facilitating major infrastructure projects that create well-paying jobs, attract investment, and improve public services for residents; and

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WHEREAS fast-tracking significant municipal projects as stimulus initiatives would help mitigate the negative economic impacts of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs while building critical infrastructure that benefits Ontarians for generations; and

WHEREAS projects such as recreation facility renewal projects, infrastructure adaptation and mitigation projects, light rail transit systems, water distribution systems, and other key infrastructure investments that support economic growth (see appendix), job creation, and sustainable urban development, are ready to serve as engines of economic resilience,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Waterloo Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to introduce comprehensive municipal stimulus strategies to fast-track large-scale investments in infrastructure, housing, transit, state-of-good-repair projects and other critical projects that will help safeguard local economies against the destabilizing effects of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs; and
2. These stimulus strategies also allow for funding of social housing programs including wrap around services for our most vulnerable residents; and
3. Council urges the federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with municipal associations such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Big City Mayors to identify and accelerate key projects such as those listed as follows, to serve as stimulus initiatives, ensuring that economic growth remains centered on protecting the livelihoods and well-being of the people within our Waterloo and across Waterloo Region:
 - **City of Waterloo Beaver Creek Road and Conservation Drive Pumping Stations** - construction of 2 new pumping stations required to enable the creation of over 4,500 new homes in Waterloo.
 - **City of Waterloo Albert McCormick Community Centre Renovation and Expansion** - a significant redevelopment to enhance its energy efficiency, accessibility, and overall functionality.

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- **City of Waterloo RIM Park GHG and Accessibility Retrofit Project** – a major renovation of a key community asset that represents approximately 47% of the GHG savings required to meet the City's 2030 GHG emission target (in 2030).

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

15. QUESTIONS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. 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 2025-019 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council, May 5, 2025

18. ADJOURNMENT

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