

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Council Meeting 03-19
Minutes**

Date: February 11, 2019

Time: 8:42 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor
B. Butters, Regional Councillor

Absent: F. Danch

Staff Present: M. Evely, Recording Clerk
S. Hanson, Acting Director of Planning & Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStream.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 18 Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the agenda dated February 11, 2019 be confirmed, as
circulated or as amended
CARRIED.

4. **Disclosures of Interest:**

Nil.

5. **Adoption of Minutes:**

No. 19 Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 02-19, held on January 28, 2019, be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

6. **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**

Nil.

7. **Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:**

No. 20 Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Items 1 to 16 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Item:

1. **Motion by Councillor Desmarais Re: Affordable Housing Strategy**

Council resolved:

Whereas access to adequate housing is a fundamental human right (paragraph 25(1) of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Ontario Human Rights Commission - Human Rights Perspective on Housing Supply, January 2019); and

Whereas Port Colborne is fast approaching a housing crisis with alarming occupancy rates, soaring housing costs and stagnating incomes (Ontario Association of Food Banks, Quarterly Report, September 2018, Port Colborne Primary Rental Market Statistics, 2016, Key Housing Indicators for Port Colborne, July 5, 2017 and Where Will We Live – Ontario's Rental Housing Crisis, May 2018); and

Whereas the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the Social Determinants of Health Committee, both being committees of this council have each placed housing as a priority to their mandate; and

Whereas designing and implementing a poverty reduction strategy has been included in the Port Colborne Strategic Plan (CAO Report No.:2015-47); and

Whereas adequate and affordable housing has been directly linked to poverty reduction (Wellesley Institute, Poverty Is a Health Issue: It's time to address housing and homelessness, Oct 10, 2013)

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne does acknowledge that housing is a human right and that municipal government has a role to play in the gradual realization of this right for all residents of Port Colborne; and

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to engage with stakeholders to create a coordinated municipal affordable housing strategy for the city of Port Colborne with the goal to establish a definition for the term "affordable housing" and to create affordable housing options across the housing continuum, with a report due back to this council to include a high-level view of timelines and targets on or before May 27, 2019.

2. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2019-15, Subject: Information Report on the Proposed Regional Niagara Waste Collection Services Contract

Council resolved:

That Council receive Engineering and Operations Department Report 2019-15 for information.

3. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2019-12, Subject: Amendment to the Zavitz Municipal Drain Sherkston North Branch East & West Trail Branch Drains Report

Council resolved:

That staff be directed to prepare a by-law appointing Paul Marsh P. Eng. of EWA Engineering Inc. to comply with Section 8, Chapter D. 17 of the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990, as such a by-law will allow us to fulfill the requirement of Section 58(4), Chapter D. 17 of the Drainage Act R.S.O. 1990, as recommended by the Tribunal Coordinator; and

That the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to execute the appropriate by-law.

4. Planning and Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2019-13, Subject: Encroachment request 104 Fraser Street

Council resolved:

That Council approve the encroachment application and authorize entering into a License Agreement with the applicant and owner Yvon Mousseau for 104 Fraser Street.

5. Region of Niagara Re: Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts (Report CSD 6-2019)

Council resolved:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, be received for information.

6. Region of Niagara Re: Vacancy Program Revisions to Ministry of Finance (Report CSD 3-2019)

Council resolved:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Vacancy Program Revisions to Ministry of Finance, be received for information.

7. Town of Lincoln, Town of Pelham Re: Support for Ontario Wine and Beer in Retail Stores as Part of Modernizing Alcohol Sales

Council resolved:

That the resolutions received from the Town of Lincoln and Town of Pelham Re: Support for Ontario Wine and Beer in Retail Stores as Part of Modernizing Alcohol Sales, be received for information.

CARRIED.

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

Nil.

9. Proclamations:

Nil.

10. Minutes of Boards, Commissions & Committees:

No. 21 Moved by Councillor D. Kalaileff
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

(a) That the minutes of the Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting of December 11, 2018, be received.
CARRIED.

11. Consideration of By-laws:

No. 22 Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

- 6641/05/19 Being a By-law to Appoint Paul Marsh, P. Eng. of EWA Engineers Inc. for the Preparation of an Amended Engineers Report for the Zavitz Municipal Drain situated in the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Port Colborne and to Rescind By-law No. 5606/36/11
- 6642/06/19 Being a By-law to Establish a Committee of Adjustment and Repeal By-laws 3580/6/98, 3844/130/99 and 4479/10/04
- 6644/08/19 Being a By-law to Authorize Entering into a Licence Agreement between The Corporation of the city of Port Colborne and Yvon Mousseau regarding 104 Fraser Street, Port Colborne
- 6645/09/19 Being a By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019

CARRIED.

12. Council in Closed Session:

Motion to go into Closed Session – 8:43 p.m.

No. 23 Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address the following matter(s):

- (a) Concerning Seaway Lands Divestiture, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

Motion to rise with report:

No. 24 Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
 Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Council do now rise from closed session with report at approximately 10:14 p.m.

CARRIED.

13. Disclosures of Interest Arising from Closed Session:

Nil.

14. Reports/Motions Arising from Closed Session:

- (b) **Concerning Seaway Lands Divestiture, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board**

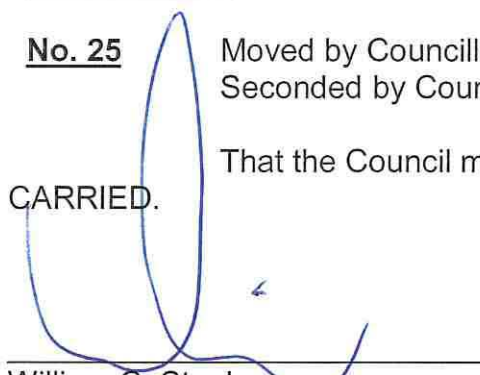
The City Clerk reported that direction was provided to the Chief Administrative Officer during closed session in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

15. Adjournment:

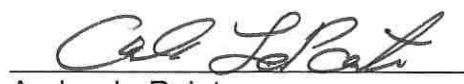
No. 25 Moved by Councillor D. Kalailieff
 Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED.



 William C. Steele
 Mayor



 Amber LaPointe
 City Clerk