

**City of Port Colborne  
Regular Meeting of Council 26-19  
Minutes**

**Date:** September 9, 2019

**Time:** 9:07 p.m.

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

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

**Staff Present:** D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development  
B. Garrett, Director of Corporate Services  
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk  
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations  
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)

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. 161** Moved by Councillor G. Bruno  
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the agenda dated September 9, 2019 be confirmed, as  
circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

**4. Disclosures of Interest:**

Nil.

**5. Adoption of Minutes:**

**No. 162** Moved by Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor F. Danch

- (a) That the minutes of the special meeting of Council 23-19, held August 26, 2019, be approved as presented.
- (b) That the minutes of the special meeting of Council 24-19, held August 26, 2019, be approved as presented.
- (c) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 25-19, held August 26, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

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

Nil.

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

**No. 163** Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That items 1 to 6 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.

**Motions Arising from Delegations:**

- (a) **Putzy Madronich, Host of The Canadian Authors Series, Re: Request for Fees to be Waived for Rent at the Roselawn Centre for September 2019 to May 2020 season**

Council resolved:

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be directed to provide a report to Council at the October 15, 2019 meeting with recommendations regarding funding support for the Canadian Authors Series.

- (b) **Edward Hill Re: Request for Fees to be Waived for Fire Services, regarding 144 Fares Street**

Council resolved:

That the request by Edward Hill for fees to be waived for Fire Services regarding 144 Fares Street be denied.

**Items:**

1. **Corporate Services Department, Clerks Division, Report 2019-136, Subject: Heritage Committee**

Council resolved:

That Appendix A to Corporate Services Department, Clerks Division, Report 2019-136, Subject: Heritage Committee by-law be supported; and

That the Heritage Committee By-law be brought forward for approval.

**2. Community and Economic Department, Health Services Division, Report 2019-134, Subject: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Vincenzo Susini**

Council resolved:

That the City of Port Colborne enter into a partnership with the Town of Fort Erie to offer an incentive contractual agreement to Dr. Vincenzo Susini, at a total approved cost of \$15,000 – representing the City's share (one half) of the total incentive amount; and

That the City's cost be funded from the Physician Recruitment Reserve Fund; and

That the appropriate by-law be presented for approval.

**3. Engineering and Operations Department, Engineering Division, Report 2019-135, Subject: Project #2019-06 – Janet Street Infrastructure**

Council resolved:

That Project #2019-06 - Janet Street Infrastructure Replacement be awarded to Alfred Beam Excavating Limited, of Fort Erie, Ontario, for the submitted tender price of \$1,234,017.50 (plus applicable taxes); and

That the \$768,234.50 for the City's portion of construction costs and contingency allowance be funded from the Water, Wastewater, and Storm capital reserves; and

That the by-law be prepared and the City Clerk and the Mayor be authorized to execute the Contract Agreement.

**4. Stephen Covey, Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer of CN Rail Re: Request for Proclamation of Rail Safety Week, 2019**

Council resolved:

That September 23 to 29, 2019 be proclaimed as "Rail Safety Week" in the City of Port Colborne in accordance with the request received from Stephen Covey, Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer of CN Rail.

**5. Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Re: Community Culture and Recreation Funding Stream**

Council resolved:

That the correspondence received from Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Re: Community Culture and Recreation Funding Stream, be received for information.

**6. City of St. Catharines Re: Vacant Home Tax**

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Council resolved:

That the resolution received from the City of St. Catharines Re: Vacant Home Tax, be received for information.

That the Director of Corporate Services be directed to investigate vacant tax possibilities and report back to Council with recommendations.

CARRIED.

**8. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**

Nil.

**9. Proclamations:**

**(a) Rail Safety Week – September 23-29, 2019**

**No. 164** Moved by Councillor H. Wells  
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2019; and

Whereas it is in the public’s interest to raise citizens’ awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness; and

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

Now therefore, I Mayor William C. Steele proclaim the week of September 23 to 29, 2019 as “Rail Safety Week” in the City of Port Colborne.

CARRIED.

**10. Minutes of Boards, Commissions & Committees:**

**No. 165** Moved by Councillor H. Wells  
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

(a) That the minutes of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum meeting of June 18, 2019, be received.

CARRIED.

**11. Consideration of By-laws:**

**No. 166** Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais  
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

- 6718/82/19 Being a By-law to Establish a Heritage Committee for the City of Port Colborne
- 6719/83/19 Being a By-law to Authorize Entering Into a Physician Recruitment Incentive Contractual Agreement with Dr. Vincenzo Susini in Partnership with the Town of Fort Erie
- 6720/84/19 Being a By-law to Authorize Entering Into a Contract Agreement with Alfred Beam Excavating Limited Re Tender 2019-06, Janet Street Infrastructure Replacement
- 6721/85/19 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 Special and Regular Meeting of September 9, 2019

CARRIED.

**12. Adjournment:**

**No. 167** Moved by Councillor F. Danch  
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

William W. Steele  
Mayor

Amber LaPointe  
City Clerk

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