Special Council Minutes February 2, 2015 -5:30 pm Committee Room One Whitby Municipal Building

**Present:** Mayor Mitchell

Councillor Coe Councillor Drumm Councillor Emm Councillor Gleed Councillor Leahy Councillor Roy

Councillor Yamada (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)

**Also Present:** R. Petrie. Chief Administrative Officer

R. Short, Commissioner of Planning

S. Siersma, Deputy Fire Chief

J. Sanderson, CEO, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board P. Murphy, Director, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board J. Longfield, Director, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board D. McDonald, Director, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board

D. Wilcox, Town Clerk S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: None noted

# 1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 Councillor Emm made a declaration of pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 2.2, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Shareholders Meeting, review/approval of recommendations of the Whitby Hydro Directors Nominations Committee, as he has family that sits on the Whitby Hydro Board. Councillor Emm left the room during the discussion and vote on the matter.

# Resolution #63-15

Moved By Councillor Coe Seconded By Councillor Leahy

That Council move In-Camera in accordance with the provisions of

Procedural By-law # 6794-13 and the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

#### Carried

#### 2. Presentations

2.1 West Whitby Secondary Plan - OMB Appeals

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public. [Refer to the In-Camera minutes of the meeting - Town Clerk has custody and control of these minutes.]

2.2 Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Shareholders Meeting

Appointments to the Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation (Holdco) Board Review/Approval of Recommendations of the Whitby Hydro Directors Nominations Committee

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public. [Refer to the In-Camera minutes of the meeting - Town Clerk has custody and control of these minutes.]

#### Resolution # 65-15

Moved By Councillor Coe Seconded By Councillor Leahy

That Council rise from the In Camera Session of the Special Meeting of Council.

#### Carried

#### Resolution # 66-15

Moved By Councillor Leahy Seconded By Councillor Gleed

1. That Patrick McNeil be appointed as a Director to the Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board for a three (3) year term commencing February 3, 2015 and ending on November 30, 2017;

- 2. That Sean O'Dwyer be appointed as a Director to the Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Board for a three (3) year term commencing February 3, 2015 and ending on November 30, 2017; and,
- 3. That the Town Clerk notify the Corporate Secretary of Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation accordingly.

# **Carried**

- **2.3** Verbal Update from the CEO, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation Re: Shareholder Update
  - J. Sanderson, CEO, Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation provided an update to Members of Council with respect to the Ontario's electricity distribution sector. Mr. Sanderson referred to a report by Ed Clark, Chair of the Advisory Council on Government Assets from October 17, 2014. Mr. Sanderson explained that the report's focus was on making Ontario assets work better for taxpayers and consumers. In looking at reducing the cost of electricity distribution, consideration was given to whether the reduction of smaller utility companies that serve few customers could be serviced by piecing out a larger utility such as Hydro One. He stated that the Advisory Council recommendations were not to piece apart Hydro One but that the distribution side could be reduced which would free up money that could be utilized for growing infrastructure needs in the Province.

Mr. Sanderson stated that the actions coming out of the report were not certain and that the Whitby Hydro Board was keeping a close eye on this. He advised Members of Council that the Board was looking at getting a current assessment of Whitby Hydro and that they would be undertaking a strategic planning session.

A brief question and answer period ensued. It was requested that Mr. Sanderson compile the details and provide recommendations and options to Council which could be used to evaluate and assess the situation prior to moving forward.

Mr. Sanderson stated that he expected this report would be forthcoming to Council in May 2015.

- 3. Confirmatory By-Law
  - 3.1 Confirmatory By-law

# Resolution # 67-15

Moved By Councillor Coe

# Seconded By Councillor Gleed

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on February 2, 2015, and that the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

# **Carried**

4.	Ad	journm	ent

**4.1** Motion to Adjourn

# Resolution # 68-15

Moved By Councillor Coe Seconded By Councillor Gleed

That the meeting be adjourned.

# Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk Don Mitchell, Mayor