



General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

November 6, 2023

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Caroline Kimble, Manager, Planning Policy
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Michael Papadacos, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management (Acting)
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Rennie, Director, Art Culture and Heritage
Brendan Wedley, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session – 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee meet in Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss one item under Section 239(2)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations – Negotiations, and one item under Section 239(2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Regulations.

Carried

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Remembrance Day Remarks - Mayor Leal

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes of September 25, October 2 and 10, 2023 be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Report of Closed Session

Negotiations

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CAOPC23-008, dated November 6, 2023 of the Chief Administrative Officer as follows:

That respecting the collective bargaining process, Council direct staff to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report CAOPC23-008 dated November 6, 2023, of the Chief Administrative Officer.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (3): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (8 to 3)

Regulations

Moved by Councillor Riel

Whereas Council has established municipal standards that prevent encampments on City property except pursuant to a permit;

And whereas Council considers it appropriate to maintain such standards but, pursuant to By-law 23-090, resolved to temporarily amend them to the extent of delegating to the City's Commissioner, Community Services, the authority to

establish a temporary encampment within the land comprising approximately 0.7 acre at the southeast corner of Aylmer and Wolfe Streets subject to conditions to be determined by the said Commissioner and for a period ending November 15, 2023;

And whereas it is advisable to extend such period to January 5, 2024;

Now therefore be it resolved

1. That By-law 23-090 be amended by deleting from its paragraph 2.b) the text, “November 15, 2023”, and by substituting the text, “January 5, 2024”; and

2. That the amending by-law be passed by Council at a special open meeting of Council on Monday, November 6, 2023.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Consent Items: Reports to be approved under one motion

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Report CSD23-016, Additional Resolution for Age-friendly Peterborough Community Action Plan, be approved on Consent.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Additional Resolution for Age-friendly Peterborough Community Action Plan, Report CSD23-016

That Council support the recommendation outlined in Report CSD23-016, dated November 6, 2023, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That the following resolution be supported:

Whereas 85.5 percent of First Nation, Metis and Inuit people live in urban or rural areas (off-reserve) in Ontario, and,

Whereas the Urban Indigenous Action Plan was launched in 2018 to include Urban and Rural First Nations Metis and Inuit groups including Native Women’s Associations, and is not referenced as a guiding or policy document in the 2017-2022 Report Card, and,

Thus, the Peterborough and District Wapiti MNO and Lovesick Lake Native Women's Association were thus not invited participants in the Report Card regarding their community of Elders,

Therefore, be it resolved that staff ensure that the above groups are included in the implementation of the new Age-friendly Peterborough Community Action Plan 2023-2027.

Presentations

Multi-Use Sport and Event Centre Update to Feasibility Study, Report CSAC23-009

Moved by Mayor Leal

That General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSAC23-009, dated November 6, 2023, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the presentation from Sierra Planning and Management be received for information;

b) That staff be directed to engage Seirra Planning and Management at an estimated cost of up to \$65,000 in the next portion of Phase 3 of their original work plan for a new Multi-Use Sport and Event Centre to include an analysis of potential sites in the downtown with the intention of confirming a preferred site; and

c) That the Mayor appoint a steering committee to advise the Commissioner of Community Services as it relates to this project.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Community Planning Permit System Feasibility Study, Report IPGPL23-005

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL23-005, dated November 6, 2023, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management (Acting) as follows:

a) That the presentation of the Community Planning Permit System Background Review & Strategic Directions Report by SGL Planning and Design Inc. and Dillon Consulting be received for information; and

b) That Staff be directed to proceed with the recommended option in the CPPS

Background Review and Strategic Directions Report to implement a CPPS for Strategic Growth Areas.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Committee Reports

Responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer, Report COU23-008

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report COUS23-008, dated November 6, 2023 of the Mayor as follows:

That Council pass a by-law respecting the responsibilities of the City's Chief Administrative Officer in the form of by-law attached as Appendix A to Report COU23-008.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Inspection By-law, Report LSMLES23-001

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSMLES23-001, dated November 6, 2023 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That Council pass an Inspection By-law in the form of by-law attached as Appendix A to Report LSMLES23-001.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (5): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 5)

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Lachica

Whereas intimate partner violence (IPV), also known as domestic violence, is a prevalent form of gender-based violence; and

Whereas Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam, three women from Renfrew County, were killed by their former partner on the morning of September 22, 2015; and

Whereas the resulting Coroner's Inquest verdict included 86 recommendations, the first of which was for the Province of Ontario to formally declare IPV as an epidemic; and

Whereas the Mass Casualty Commission was established by the Government of Canada and Province of Nova Scotia to conduct an independent public inquiry into the mass casualty that occurred in Nova Scotia on April 18-19, 2020, resulting in the death of twenty-two people, including one person who was pregnant; and

Whereas the Commissioners emphasized that one of the most important lessons from the Nova Scotia mass casualty is the need to urgently prioritize preventing and ending gender-based violence (GBV), IPV, and family violence; and

Whereas the 130 recommendations from the Commissioners' report include adopting a public health approach to preventing mass casualty incidents (V.2) and mobilizing a society-wide response (V.14) by (a) declaring GBV, IPV, and family violence to be an epidemic that warrants a meaningful and sustained society-wide response; and

Whereas specific legislation on family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories, not including Ontario; and

Whereas over 30 municipalities have passed a resolution to declare IPV an epidemic and more are in the process; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has formally acknowledged housing and homelessness, mental health and addictions/substance misuse as key areas of priority in its Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Peterborough declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and

That the recommendations from the Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest be referred to staff for consideration and, where appropriate, integrated within the City of Peterborough's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, M.P.P, Minister of Health and Dave Smith, MPP, Peterborough-Kawartha.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

John Kennedy

City Clerk

Councillor Beamer

Chair