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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

**April 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present: Councillor Tim Balasiuk, Councillor Gary Burroughs, Councillor Wendy Cheropita, Councillor Maria Mavridis, Councillor Sandra O'Connor, Councillor Nick Ruller, Councillor Adriana Vizzari, Councillor Erwin Wiens, Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

Staff Present: Shaunna Arenburg - Deputy Clerk, Kirsten McCauley - Director of Community and Development Services, Jay Plato - Fire Chief, Kyle Freeborn - Director of Corporate Services/ Treasurer, Grant Bivol - Town Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Bruce Zvaniga, CAO (Interim)

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Burroughs called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following Councillors requested to speak under New Business:

- Councillor O'Connor
- Councillor Vizzari

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

### APPROVED

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

### 4. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That the proceedings convene in closed session at 5:04 p.m. for discussion under Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; specifically regarding the purchase of land.

**APPROVED**

Councillor Wendy Cheropita joined the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Councillor Maria Mavridis joined the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That Council rise from a closed meeting at 6:02 p.m. under Section 239(2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; specifically regarding the purchase of land; and

That Staff proceed as instructed in Closed Session.

**APPROVED**

Council recessed at 6:07 p.m.

Council resumed at 6:24 p.m.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Non-Agenda Delegations**

**5.2 Agenda Delegations**

5.2.1 Kurt Neumann - item 9.2 and item 9.4 - Watermain Extension on East and West Line Petition - Update - OPS-24-016 and East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018

Kurt Neumann spoke to item 9.2 the Watermain Extension on East and West Line Petition - Update - OPS-24-016, the costs of treating ground water and the current use of cisterns.

He also spoke to item 9.4 -East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018 and the need to ensure safety of the children and farm workers as well as the location of the speed monitoring.

5.2.2 Juan Neumann - item 9.2 and item 9.4 - Watermain Extension on East and West Line Petition - Update - OPS-24-016 and East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018

Juan Neumann spoke to item 9.2 the Watermain Extension on East and West Line Petition - Update - OPS-24-016, the need for potable water and the costs of treating ground water.

He also spoke to item 9.4 -East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018 and the need to ensure safety of the cyclists and farm workers as well as the number of accidents that have occurred.

5.2.3 Wally Dingman - item 9.4 - East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018

Wally Dingman, Caughill Automotive, spoke to item 9.4 -East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018 and the increased traffic and speed as well as the number of accidents that have occurred.

## **6. RESPONSE TO DELEGATIONS**

Councillor Cheropita lifted items 9.2 and 9.4 for discussion.

Council discussed and asked questions regarding item 9.2.

Councillor Wiens put forward a motion to move forward with the report.

Council discussed the motion.

Moved by: Councillor Erwin Wiens

That Staff be directed to proceed with a functional servicing report to review the details that are noted within the report towards getting drinking water on East West line from Creek Rd to Lakeshore Rd.

### **APPROVED**

Council discussed and asked questions regarding item 9.4.

Councillor Cheropita put forward a motion to reduce the speed limit.

Council discussed the motion.

Moved by: Councillor Wendy Cheropita

That Council direct Staff to lower the speed limit to 70 KM on East West Line from Creek Rd to Lakeshore; and

That Staff be directed to do the speed minder test and return to Council with a report containing the assessment data; and

That Staff evaluate what the impact was from the reduction to 70 and if it should be revisited, as part of the speed minder reports.

**APPROVED**

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**8.1 2023 State of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan for Roads, OPS-24-004**

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Moved by: Councillor Maria Mavridis

That:

1. The report titled '2023 State of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan for Roads' be received; and
2. Staff be directed to consider the funding recommendations included in the '2023 State of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan for Roads' in future (2025 and beyond) capital and operating budget submissions.

**APPROVED**

**8.2 Outdoor Pickleball Courts (Virgil Sportspark) - Reopening, OPS-24-015**

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Moved by: Councillor Sandra O'Connor

That the Communications team be directed to send information directly to those in the immediate area.

**DEFEATED**

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That:

1. Council approve the reopening of the outdoor pickleball courts in the Virgil Sportspark on Monday, June 17, 2024;

2. Council approve the operations of the outdoor pickleball courts in the Virgil Sportspark as per the reopening provisions in Appendix I; and,
3. Council approve a transfer of \$10,000 from the Capital Reserve to a capital project to purchase acoustic panels contingent upon the outcome of an Ontario Trillium Grant Application.

**APPROVED**

**8.3 Dorchester Street at Gage Street Culvert Replacement, OPS-24-019**

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That:

1. Contract 2024-959 for the Dorchester Street at Gage Street Culvert Replacement be awarded to the lowest compliant bidder, Rankin Construction Inc., at their bid price of \$668,604.00 (excluding applicable taxes), with final payment based on actual quantities and tendered unit prices; and
2. Council approves the additional estimated expenditure of \$100,000 related to the required relocation of the Enbridge Gas Line to be funded by debenture as outlined in this report.

**APPROVED**

**9. INFORMATION PACKAGES**

**9.1 Melville Street Public Dock Activation - OPS-24-008**

Councillor Balasiuk left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That Council receive the report and direct Staff to allocate the \$55,120.00 funds to complete this capital project; and prepare to make the dock available for public use for the summer of 2024.

**APPROVED**

**9.2 Watermain Extension on East and West Line Petition - Update - OPS-24-016**

This item was lifted and discussed under item 6.

**9.3 Service Line Warranties Coverage Update - OPS-24-017**

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Councillor Balasiuk returned to the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That item 9.3 - Service Line Warranties Coverage Update - OPS-24-017 be received.

**APPROVED**

**9.4 East and West Line Reduced Speed Limit - Petition Update - OPS-24-018**

This item was lifted and discussed under item 6.

**9.5 Transportation Master Plan Update - OPS-24-022**

Council discussed and asked questions about the report.

Moved by: Councillor Erwin Wiens

That item 9.5 - Transportation Master Plan Update - OPS-24-022 be received.

**APPROVED**

**9.6 Pre-Application Process Improvement Review - CDS-24-063**

Moved by: Councillor Maria Mavridis

That item 9.6 - Pre-Application Process Improvement Review - CDS-24-063 be deferred to the May 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole - Planning Meeting.

**APPROVED**

**9.7 Community Engagement Update - CAO-24-010**

**9.8 The Niagara Regional Labour Council Email re: NOTL Day of Mourning**

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake proclaims April 28, 2024, as the National Day of Mourning; and  
Further that the Town add this commemoration to the list of recognized dates for acknowledgement in future years.

**APPROVED**

**9.9 Media Release - A Successful Solar Eclipse Experience in Niagara-on-the-Lake**

Council discussed the preparation and execution of the Solar Eclipse plans.

**9.10 The NPCA Email re: New Conservation Authorities Act Legislative and Regulatory Requirements**

Councillor O'Connor requested a high-level overview of the impacts the changes have on the Town.

Director McCauley provided a summary of the changes and how the changes effect the Town.

**9.11 St. Davids Ratepayers Association Email re: Noise By-law**

Council discussed and asked question about the creation and enforcement of the noise by-law.

Moved by: Councillor Tim Balasiuk

That item 9.11 - St. Davids Ratepayers Association Email re: Noise By-law be received.

**APPROVED**

Moved by: Councillor Maria Mavridis

That the balance of the information reports be received.

**APPROVED**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Wiens gave a notice of motion regarding floating docks.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor O'Connor spoke about Earth Day and the various activities happening around Town.

Councillor Vizzari inquired about the opening date of the outdoor washrooms. Director MacKenzie responded that most of them are already opened and the rest will be opening shortly.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

That this Committee adjourn at 8:35 p.m. to the next regular Council meeting of April 30, 2024 and if a special meeting is required, it will be held at the call of the Lord Mayor.

**APPROVED**