



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES/REPORT

The members of the Committee of the Whole met on Monday August 17, 2020 in the Council Chambers, at 06:00 PM.

PRESENT:

This meeting was held via Video Conference due to COVID-19 and public health concerns and was able to be viewed via Livestream on the Town's website.

Chair Councillor Al Bisback, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Councillors: Erwin Wiens, Wendy Cheropita, Gary Burroughs, Norm Arsenault, Clare Cameron, John Wiens

REGRETS:

Councillor Stuart McCormack

STAFF:

Sheldon Randall	Chief Administrative Officer (I)
Craig Larmour	Director, Community & Development Services
Kyle Freeborn	Director, Corporate Services
Kevin Turcotte	Director, Operations (A)
Brett Ruck	Irrigation & Drainage Supervisor
Jeff Vyse	Manager, Operations
Jay Plato	Deputy, Fire Chief
Peter Todd	Town Clerk

OTHERS:

Sandra O'Connor

MEDIA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Al Bisback called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following members requested to speak under New Business: Councillor Gary Burroughs

Moved by Councillor Wendy Cheropita that the agenda be adopted, as amended.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

4. COVID-19 UPDATE

Lord Mayor Betty Disero stated that the numbers spiked a couple weeks ago but they have since come back down. She also was reminding people to remain vigilant, keep social distancing and washing hands. She also mentioned the Ambassador program which will be starting this Wednesday.

Sheldon Randall, CAO (I) stated that the A-frame signage program for the Heritage District is soon to be launched.

Councillors Gary Burroughs and Wendy Cheropita spoke to the Ambassador program referring to an electronic presentation. Council along with the Shaw Guild will be advocating the program. The Ambassadors will be greeting, supporting and educating on COVID-19 to visitors and residents.

5. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Brett Ruck, Irrigation & Drainage Supervisor
Irrigation App for Irrigators - Update & Demonstration

Brett Ruck explained that back in 2016 there was a draught and there was not enough water for irrigation. The application eRigator was developed. The app gives the ability for irrigators to see which pumps are on or off, this will also show dates when the pumps will be shut down. Staff log all the information on their properties, and they will have the ability to see pumps, add requests, see reports on usage and locations of dams. The app also logs the amount of litres they have used and that will be input into a Ministry form. Mr. Ruck answered questions from the Committee.

6. RESPONSE TO DELEGATIONS

There was not response to delegations at this time.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

At this time the Chair asked for members to identify any items to be lifted for separate discussion.

All reports were lifted for separate discussion.

CAO-20-003 Queen Street Pilot Program

Moved by Councillor Gary Burroughs that the recommendations in Chief Administrative Officer Report CAO-20-003 be approved as follows:

- 1.1. the Queen Street Pilot Program be considered complete, with no additional trial closure models forthcoming; and,
- 1.2. Staff continue to monitor crowd patterns on Queen Street and respond as necessary.

APPROVED.

CS-20-017 Fire Apparatus Debenture

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that the recommendation in Corporate Services Report CS-20-017 be approved as follows:

- 1.1. that the draft by-law, attached as Appendix A, being a by-law to request the Regional Municipality of Niagara to issue a debenture on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the amount of \$1,401,512.29 over a 20 year term, to fund the acquisition of a fire apparatus for the Fire Department.

APPROVED.

CS-20-018 Parking Payment by Mobile Devices

Moved by Councillor Clare Cameron that the recommendation in Corporate Services Report CS-20-018 be approved as follows:

- 1.1 Council authorize an agreement with Honk Mobile (attached as Appendix A), allowing the public to use the Honk Mobile platform to make online payment for parking.

APPROVED.

CS-20-019 Procedure By-law Amendments - Electronic Meeting Participation (Bill 197)

Discussion took place regarding:

- changing the section dealing with delegation to be positive

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the recommendations in Corporate Services Report CS-20-019 be approved as follows:

- 1.1 Council receive Report CS-20-019; and
- 1.2 the draft by-law amendment to the Town's Procedure By-law, attached as Appendix I, be forwarded to Council for adoption.

APPROVED.

OPS-20-021 Concession 6 Road – Speed Limit Reduction & Traffic By-law Amendment

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the recommendations in Operations Services Report OPS-20-021 be approved as follows:

- 1.1 Council approve the implementation of 70 km/hr speed limit on Concession 6 Road between Niagara Stone Road and the Line 2 Road.
- 1.2 the Town Clerk be directed to amend "Schedule W – Speed Limits on Highways" of Traffic and Parking By-law 4308-09 to provide for the above noted changes to the speed limit.

APPROVED.

8. INFORMATION PACKAGES

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Item No. 2 - Circulation re 106 Queen Street - application for standard condominium

Item No. 3 - Media Release - NOTL Council pulls plug on proposed noise by-law

Item No. 11 - Email re 2003 & 2021 Four Mile Creek Road - Stormwater System Rebate

Moved by Councillor Wendy Cheropita that the Information Package of August 13, 2020, be received.

APPROVED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- NOTL hospital

10. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT: 08:04 PM

Lord Mayor, this concludes the Minutes/Report of the Committee of the Whole - General Meeting. I Councillor _____ move, seconded by Councillor _____ that the Minutes/Report of the August 17, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.