

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 25-19
Minutes**

Date: October 15, 2019

Time: 6:30 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
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
B. Garrett, Director of Corporate Services
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
L. Nelson, EAA to the Director of Corporate Services (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. National Anthem

Those in attendance stood for O Canada.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the agenda dated October 15, 2019 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

6. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 23-19, held on September 23, 2019.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 23-19, held on September 23, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Items 1 and 7.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That items 1 to 10 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.

Items:

2. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-151, Subject: Recommendation Report for the Removal of Municipal Heritage Designation of Part 2 at 380 King Street Tax

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Council state an intention to amend By-law 2831/10/93 pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, section 30.1(1), as shown in the draft amending By-law attached as Appendix E of this report; and

That staff be directed to provide notice of the Council's intention to amend By-law 2831/10/93, in accordance with section 30.1(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

That the City Clerk present the amending By-law to Council, provided there is no objection to the statement of intention to amend designation By-law 2831/10/93; and

That the City Clerk take the necessary actions in the event of any objection to the statement of intention to amend By-law 2831/10/93 pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, section 29(7);

That Part 2 of the property being Lots 8 and 9, Plan 987, 988 and 989, municipally known as 380 King Street be removed from the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties.

3. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-153, Subject: Proposed Development Agreement for Erika Spencer, 85-91 Main Street West

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That Council enters into a development agreement with Erika Spencer and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute said agreement.

4. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2019-152, Subject: Rental Rates and Sustainability of The Canadian Authors Series

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the already reduced facility rental rate of \$1,022.57 (plus Harmonized Sales Tax) per engagement be maintained for the 2019/2020 operating season of The Canadian Authors Series;

That The Canadian Authors Series be requested to immediately and proactively solicit new sponsorship opportunities for the 2019/2020 season;

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be directed to investigate the feasibility of the City assuming operation of The Canadian Authors Series, beginning with the 2020/2021 season, including exploration of partnership opportunities that would enable the City to delegate management and administration functions of the Series to a third party organization; and

That the Director of Community and Economic Development be directed to prepare a report outlining the results of the above review, prior to the commencement of the 2020/2021 season.

5. Planning and Development Department, By-law Enforcement Division, Report 2019-144, Subject: Parking and Traffic, King Street

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the amendment to By-law 89-2000, being a By-law regulating traffic and parking on city roads be approved as follows:

That Schedule "M" Loading Zones, to By-law 89-2000 as amended, be amended by deleting therefrom the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3		Column 4
Highway	Side	From	To	Times/Days
King St.	East	10 metres south of Charlotte St.	10 metres south therefrom	Anytime

That Schedule "M" Loading Zones, to By-law 89-2000 as amended, be amended by adding thereto the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3		Column 4
Highway	Side	From	To	Times/Days
King St.	East	18.5 metres south of Charlotte St.	10 metres south therefrom	Anytime

That Schedule "A" Stopping Prohibitions, to By-law 89-2000 as amended, be amended by adding thereto the following:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3		Column 4
Highway	Side	From	To	Times/Days
King St.	East	Charlotte St.	18.5 metres south therefrom	Anytime

6. Memorandum from Amber LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk, Re: Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting Schedule for December 2019

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole/Council for the month of December be scheduled for Monday December 9, 2019.

8. Region of Niagara – Public Health and Services Committee Report Re: Mental Health and Addictions Collaborative Work – Niagara Region’s Involvement

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara – Public Health and Services Committee Report Re: Mental Health and Addictions Collaborative Work – Niagara Region’s Involvement, be received for information.

9. Region of Niagara Re: Grants and Incentives Review (PDS Report 34-2019)

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from the Region of Niagara Re: Grants and Incentives Review, be received for information.

10. Steve Clark, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Building Code Services Transformation

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Steve Clark, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Building Code Services Transformation, be received for information.

CARRIED.

9. Presentations:

(a) Presentation by Mayor Steele to Ellie Maltman – Recipient of the Isadore Sponder Memorial Trophy

Mayor Steele provided a presentation with respect to Isadore Sponder. Mayor Steele, John Shaw, Mr. Sponder's nephew, and Jen Laur, Piranhas Swim coach, presented Ellie Maltman with the Isadore Sponder Memorial Trophy. A copy of the presentation is attached.

10. Delegations:

(a) Kruze Ovenden, Waiving of Fees Re: 48 Kent Street, Port Colborne

Kruze Ovenden presented a request to have the fees waived for 48 Kent Street.

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to provide a report back to Council with respect to the history of enforcement and actions taken on the property at 48 Kent Street, Port Colborne.

CARRIED.

11. Mayor's Report:

A copy of the Mayor's Report is attached.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Councillor Butters reported that the Region is in the middle of budget preparations, which includes funding for future infrastructure and a potential 2% levy to fund

upcoming projects such as redevelopment of long-term care homes in Fort Erie and St. Catharines. The budget should be finalized in mid December. Councillor Butters also noted that the public can have their say at the Region on Wednesday, November 6, at the Gale Centre on November 7, and at the Leisureplex on November 14.

13. Councillors' Items:

(a) Fill By-law (Bodner)

Councillor Bodner asked the Director of Planning for an update on the the fill by-law. The Director of Planning noted that a report will be ready for the next Council meeting of October 28.

(b) Letter from Friends of Lighthouse (Kalailieff)

Councillor Kalailieff read a letter from the Friends of the Lighthouse thanking the City of Port Colborne for the Grant Committee donation and for the great work the City puts into its volunteer appreciation at Canal Days and for the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Councillor Kalailieff also noted that the Friends of the Lighthouse has been incorporated into a non-profit organization.

(c) Main Street BIA Meeting October 16 (Danch)

Councillor Danch noted that there is a Main Street BIA meeting on October 16th.

(d) Taste of Port Colborne (Danch)

Councillor Danch noted that the Taste of Port Colborne event will be happening on October 18 to the 27th.

(e) Compostable Straws (Beauregard)

Councillor Beauregard inquired about the motion for compostable straws in Port Colborne. The Director of Engineering and Operations said that there will be a report ready at an upcoming meeting of Council.

(f) Ideas for Parks and Rec Master Plan (Bruno)

Councillor Bruno inquired about ideas that have been brought forward to him for the Parks and Rec Master Plan and if they can be included ahead of time. The Director of Community and Economic Development will send the draft report to Council and any comments or ideas can be sent to her for review.

(g) Report on Water Leaks (Bagu)

Councillor Bagu asked if there have been any updates on the water leaks in the City. The Director of Engineering and Operations gave a brief update on costs being reduced in excess of \$300,000 of water purchased from the Region. The Director also noted that a report will be done in the new year showing the comparison of costs.

(h) Crime in Port Colborne (Desmarais)

Councillor Desmarais touched on the crime in Port Colborne and said that the entire Region is dealing with the same issues of crime. Councillor Desmarais also requested that this can be directed to the CAO working group for discussion on how to lower crime.

(i) Julia Yager and Sherkston Community Centre Roof Repairs (Wells)

Councillor Wells thanked the Director of Community and Economic Development and staff for the repairs done to the roofs at both community centres.

(j) Wasp Nest (Wells)

Councillor Wells thanked staff for the fast action taken to remove a wasp nest.

(k) Ward 4 Mowing (Wells)

Councillor Wells complimented staff for the great job of mowing in Ward 4 and noted that citizens have noticed the excellent quality of mowing.

(l) NPCA Drinking Water Protection Meeting (Wells)

Councillor Wells attended the NPCA Drinking Water Protection meeting and advised that Port Colborne is one of the most vulnerable locations.

(m) Sherkston Halloween BBQ (Wells)

Councillor Wells announced that there will be a Happy Halloween BBQ at the Sherkston Community Centre on October 26.

(n) Third Concession Truck Traffic (Wells)

Councillor Wells raised concerns regarding heavy truck traffic on Third Concession and inquired if signage can be put up to deter trucks from using that road to get to Highway 140. The Director Engineering and Operations advised that Concession 3 is not designated as a truck route and he will look into signage.

Staff responses to Councillors' enquiries:

(a) Fire Safety Program (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief informed staff that the fire safety program is happening now and that compliance is down to 25%. The Chief noted that they are down to 108 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and if any citizens would like their home inspected, they can call and make an appointment.

(b) Cowan Insurance Funding Grant (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief reported that funding for the grant from Cowan Insurance was successful.

(c) King Street Accidents (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief reported that accidents occurring on King Street involving bicycles, e-bikes, wheelchairs etc. have increased and asked that people are cautious while driving on roadways and on King Street.

(d) Co-operative Truck Inspection Program October 21 (Chief Cartwright)

The Chief reported that there would be a Co-operative Truck Inspection program occurring at the fire hall on October 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion: Re-order items

1. Motion by Councillor Danch Re: Open Air Burning By-law

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That the Fire Chief be directed to investigate options for open air burnings and report back to Council with recommendations.

CARRIED.

7. ADR Chambers, Integrity Commissioner Office for the City of Port Colborne Re: Complaint Reference Number IC-104-0719, Shawn Tylee and Councillor Harry Wells

Robert Henderson, spoke in regards to disruption of the political process. A copy of the notes are attached.

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Integrity Commission Report IC-104-0719, be received for information.

CARRIED.

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately
8:05 p.m.
CARRIED.

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I have three themes to which I will speak. With each one I will show that it is a disruption to the political process of municipal governing.

- Divide to conquer.
- Influence vs manipulation.
- The past is a road map to the future.

Divide to conquer is apparent in 2 aspect.

- Conflict of Interest accusation
- The response to the accusation

Influence vs manipulation

- NWPA discussion regarding who is voting how.
- How PCQ crosses the line from influence to manipulation

The past is a road map to the future

- Councillor Wells qualifications and reputation
- Municipal Elections and timing

Conclusion

- Political democracy is being tested.
- What can you do to maintain the integrity of the municipal governing process?



MAYOR'S REPORT – OCTOBER 15, 2019

Fire Prevention Week and Touch-a-Truck open house

Port Colborne's annual Fire Prevention Week and Touch-a-Truck event were held on October 5th.

Many thanks to the fire fighters and staff who set up these events. They were well attended by the public and provided lots of things to see and do.

Over \$900 was raised during the Touch-a-Truck event in support of Niagara Nutrition Partners.

Fire safety is of the utmost importance to your family. Know your fire route and practice it with the whole family.

Meeting with partners to improve access for Great Lakes Cruising

The City of Port Colborne recently hosted a roundtable session to discuss recreational ship mooring within Port Colborne, specifically with regards to the development of appropriate docking facilities to facilitate mooring of cruise ships and to position the City as a cruise ship destination.

The City presented maps of the proposed location and available infrastructure and a discussion about potential challenges and mitigating measures followed.

All stakeholders in attendance expressed their support for the establishment of the terminal and docking facilities and we will continue working toward this goal.

Servicing lands on the east side of the Welland

The city hosted a meeting with the St Lawrence Seaway and Niagara Region Economic Development, along with city engineering and economic development staff, to discuss the servicing of industrial lands along the Welland Canal.

The St. Lawrence Seaway indicated a willingness to service its 86 acre (Riverlands) and if feasible, additional lands on the east side.

If the Seaway moves forward with this servicing or partners with the city, this would present an opportunity for the City to meet the unmet need for serviced industrial lands which exists within the market.

The discussion explored the east side infrastructure project currently being undertaken at the Region to determine the best point to bring the servicing across the canal.

The parties briefly spoke about the three (3) proposed crossing options and whether the implication for future land servicing is being considered and whether any land servicing activity could piggyback on this project.

Discussions are expected to continue next week.

Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara Survey

Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara - Prevention Working group, guided Niagara Region Public Health, are working on their strategic planning process by focusing on prevention.

This is testament to the awareness and leadership of the group by focusing early action on the more immediate pillars of harm reduction, treatment, and effective and empathetic enforcement, while ensuring that the first stage of planning is on prevention.

In order to prepare a prevention strategy report, a survey has been created.

The survey takes about 10 minutes. The survey includes questions about drug use in Niagara - how it affects the community, what might work to prevent drug use, and your personal experience with drug use.

Today's survey marks one of the final phases towards a report; a wider community questionnaire to understand the public's thoughts and beliefs about substance use and its prevention.

The online survey will be available until November 30 at www.niagararegion.ca/health.

Help Design our Community Christmas Card

We are once again seeking your children's wintery, Christmasy drawing for our annual Christmas card.

We'd like to see your child draw images of Port Colborne in the winter.

Here is a sample of a few we have used in the past.

We will be accepting drawings until November 8th.

Please check out our website for details.

Leadership Team Calendars

The City of Port Colborne Leadership Team is selling calendars to benefit the Port Cares School Lunch Kit Program.

Every calendar you buy provides a child with one week's worth of healthy school lunches.

The calendar features our "future leaders" in city roles.

Calendars are \$15 each and can be purchased at City Hall on the first floor.

Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer 2019 Tour de Golden Horseshoe

We received a thank you plaque from the Canadian Cancer Society for our support of the Cops for Cancer – 2019 Tour de Golden Horseshoe.

We welcomed them to Port Colborne on September 16 and 17 where they visited local schools.

SPEAKING NOTES

ISADORE SPONDER MEMORIAL TROPHY

- Growing up in Port Colborne, Isadore Sponder began swimming at the age of 15 in either Lake Erie or the Welland Canal or both, as most children of his age did.
- Between 1927 – 1933, Isadore competed against such noted swimming greats as Marvin Nelson and Gianni Gambi.
- During the era when the Canadian National Exhibition Marathon Swim was one of the Premier World Marathons, Isadore finished in the top 3, four times.
- Good friend Ernie Marsh stated, “he was quite a swimmer - he tried his best and brought considerable recognition to Port Colborne”.
- He passed away in December of 1986 at the age of 74.

- In 1993, the Centennial Pool Lift for handicapped swimmers was dedicated to the citizens of Port Colborne by the Sponder Family. With the decommissioning of Centennial Pool and building of Vale Health & Wellness Centre the city, alongside Isadore's Family, wanted to ensure his memory lived on in Port Colborne.
- In addition to his name on the Donor Wall at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, the City has created the "Isadore Sponder Memorial Trophy to be presented annually to a member of the Port Colborne Piranhas Swim Team.
- The recipient is to mirror the traits Isadore possessed in the water – a competitive spirit, dedicated to the sport, and always giving 110%, win or lose.
- We are fortunate tonight to have two members of Isadore's family here with us, and I would like to invite his nephew and former Port Colborne resident, Fred Horvath and his other nephew, John Shaw to say a few words.
- *Fred speaks.*

- I would also like to call up Jen Laur, the coach of the Piranhas Swim Team for the presentation.
- *Jen Laur comes up.*
- We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the Isadore Sponder Memorial Trophy is Ellie Maltman.
- Ellie, can you please come up.
- Ellie is 9 years old and has been participating on the Piranhas Swim team and taking the Swim Stroke Improvement classes for 3 years.
- Ellie has loved the water since she was a baby, spending time swimming in her grandparent's pool.
- She enjoyed being a part of the Summer Swim Team and is looking forward to this year's Swim Stroke Improvement classes in preparation for next year's team.
- We have this trophy which will remain on display at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre engraved with your name and we have a plaque for you to take home.