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Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Closed Session of Council Meeting

March 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

West Elgin Community Complex - Hybrid Meeting

160 Main St

West Lorne

Electronic Hybrid Meeting

Present: Richard Leatham, Deputy Mayor
Taraesa Tellier
Michelle Navackas
Bill Denning

Staff Present: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer

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6. Staff Reports

6.1 Declaration of Vacant seat and next steps

CAO Badura opened discussion on vacant seat and wanted Council to have conversation with each other on the next steps and what they would like to do in the next few weeks. Councillor Navacas indicated that she feels comfortable with the appointment of the mayor, she said that the community is confident and trusts council's decision. She has expressed concern with who is coming forward as well as the cost and looking at the previous election there is no advantage in running election. Deputy Mayor Leatham would like to see quick conclusion, but at the same time would like to have a candidate coming for the right reason as in the past we had candidates bringing personal agenda and those shouldn't be on council. Councillor Tellier indicated that there is no point of having by-election as public participation is very small and there is a chance of having one candidate only. Councillor Denning concluded that people will always complain no matter what, the importance is to provide continuity and appointment as oppose to by-election is warranted. Public is comfortable with current council, there is trust and faith and there are no problems. If we appoint somebody within our group, we will appoint someone that aligns with our objective. His personal feeling is to do what's the best for the community. He added that he hopes that Deputy Mayor will step in as a Mayor, as he has been the longest on council and is respected in the community. Deputy Mayor Leatham thanked council for the support he indicated that he will be considering this option. He added that it will be hard to fill Mayor McPhail's boots but he is willing to try as he has support from public and council. He ended saying that with a good team you can achieve a lot. Councilor Tellier expressed interest in Deputy Mayor seat and both Councillor Denning and Navacas expressed great support. Councillor Denning mentioned that assuming higher position has nothing to do with the seniority but it is a practical and defensible approach that we have to take. Councillor Navacas wanted to reach out to community if there is an interest to fill the vacant spot. In the end Councillor Navacas suggested that we move forward so public is not questioning council's ability to make the decision.