



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

January 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Electronic Participation Meeting via Zoom

Present:
Mayor D. McPhail
Deputy Mayor R. Leatham
Councillor T. Tellier
Councillor A. Cammaert
Councillor B. Rowe

Staff Present:
M. Badura, CAO/ Treasurer
J. Nethercott, Clerk
L. Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
H. James, Planner

Also Present:
Acting Inspector Butler, Elgin OPP Detachment
Commander

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and physical distancing requirements this meeting was held electronically

1. Call to Order

Mayor Duncan McPhail called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2021- 16

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Delegations

4.1 Inspector Butler, Elgin County OPP Acting Detachment Commander

Mayor McPhail welcomed Inspector Butler to the meeting. Inspector Butler provided Council an update on COVID-19 protocols stating that the detachment is closed to the public and they are currently only able to provide criminal record checks for essential needs such as employment. COVID-19 related calls for West Elgin in the last 120 days are 12, with no charges laid. Inspector Butler thanked West Elgin residents for following the COVID-19 rules.

Inspector Butler reported that the number one call over the past 5 years in West Elgin are hang up 911 calls. These types of calls had until recently required 2 officers to attend, which adds to the cost of policing for West Elgin.

Inspector Butler updated Council on communications from the OPP portal as well as the fact there is an on-line reporting tool through the OPP website, www.opp.ca.

Inspector Butler reported that as in 2020 there will be hours allotted to patrolling the ATV trails to ensure adherence to law from trail riders. As well as the that Elgin has received funding for a Mental Health Crisis team, which would see a mental health worker embedded in the OPP. Currently recruitment for this employee is underway.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2021- 17

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That the Minutes of the Council meeting on January 14, 2021 and Committee of the Whole on January 21, 2021 be adopted as circulated and printed.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning

7.1.1 H. James, Planner - Seaside Waterfronts Inc. Draft Plan Approval and Zoning By-law Amendment

Resolution No. 2021- 18

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Heather James regarding municipal conditions for the draft plan of subdivision file no. 34T-WE1501 and update to the zoning by-law amendment file no. P 7/2011 for Seaside Waterfronts Inc.;

That West Elgin County hereby recommends approval to the County of Elgin Approval Authority for the draft plan of subdivision file no. 34T-WE1501, Seaside Waterfronts Inc subject to the attached municipal conditions including a condition for proponent to explore other options for accessing Block number 12; and, lastly,

That West Elgin Council hereby considers the repeal of By-law 2020-85 for Seaside Waterfronts Inc. and replaces with the attached by-law to amend the Zoning By-law, subject to the conditions on the By-law, as presented in the By-law portion of the agenda

Carried

Council recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

8. Committee and Board Report

8.1 Committee of the Whole - January 21, 2021

Resolution No. 2021- 19

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That Committee of the Whole recommends to West Elgin Council that the Rodney Downtown Reconstruction project in conjunction with the County of Elgin be approved.

Carried

8.2 West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management

Mayor McPhail reported that at their meeting on January 27, 2021 the Board decided to remain status quo and leave the ice in, pending further restrictions announced from the Province.

8.2.1 Minutes - December 9, 2020

8.2.2 Agenda - January 27, 2021

8.3 Tri County Water Board

8.3.1 Minutes of December 15, 2020

8.3.2 Agenda - January 26, 2021

8.4 Youth Task Team

8.4.1 Minutes - November 23, 2020

9. Accounts

Resolution No. 2021- 20

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That the Mayor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign Payment Voucher #1A amounting to \$293,860.23 in settlement of General, Road, Water and Arena Accounts (including EFT#3507- 3542, online Payments# 603-608 and Payroll PP02).

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Elgin County Council Highlights - Jan 12, 2021

10.2 Elgin County Official Plan Update

10.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Proposed regulation for compressed air energy storage in reservoirs

10.4 Township of Southwest Oxford - Photo Radar

10.5 Township of Larder Lake - Municipal Insurance Costs

Municipal Staff requested to report back to Council on the efforts of AMO and ROMA on insurance lobbying.

11. Council Inquires/Announcements

11.1 Notice of Motions

None.

11.2 Statements/Inquires by Councillors

Councillor Cammaert inquired if a budget survey should be done to provide information on potential capital projects and receive resident's feedback on the budget. Council decided that due to how far into the budget process we are this is a bit late and that a survey could be done in future on our website.

Councillor Rowe provided a report on the ROMA conference. She stated that there were many good session including ones on cannabis production, pandemic and lots on broadband access. Councillor Rowe stated that as part of the pandemic response municipalities will be asked about providing locations for vaccine clinics in the future and to assist in combating vaccine misinformation. She also stated that she believes we need some guidance on how to tap into the funding for broadband funding for our municipality.

Councillor Tellier stated that she also attend ROMA and along with the session on broadband and pandemic she attended sessions on homelessness and about the Gas Tax. She is also interested in getting assistance from possibly a consultant for grant applications and is wondering if a roundtable with current area broadband providers could be set up so that Council can hear about upcoming initiatives and what assistance we can provide them.

11.3 Matters of Urgency

None.

12. By-Laws

12.1 By-Law 2021-04 - Amend Procedural By-law

Resolution No. 2021- 21

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That By-law 2021-04 being a By-Law to Amend By-law 2018-43, a by-law to establish rules of procedure for the meetings of Council, Council Committees and Boards of The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

12.2 By-Law 2021-05 - Interim Tax Levy By-Law

Resolution No. 2021- 22

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That By-law 2021-05 being a By-Law to Provide for an Interim Tax Levy for 2021, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

12.3 By-Law 2021-06 - Seaside Re-Zoning Provisional By-law

Resolution No. 2021- 23

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That By-law 2021-06, being a By-Law to Amend the Municipality of West Elgin Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. 2015-36 for the property known as Concession 14, Part of Lot 6 and repeal provisionally adopted By-law 2020-85, be read a first and second time and be provisionally adopted.

Carried

13. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2021- 24

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That By-law 2021-07 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2021, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021- 25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 11:56 a.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on February 4, 2021 as Committee of the Whole and February 11, 2021 as Council or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Duncan McPhail, Mayor

Jana Nethercott, Clerk