



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Council Meeting

February 11, 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
J. Morgan-Beunen, Chief Building Official
Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

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- 26

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2021- 27

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin Council hereby proceeds into Closed Session at 9:30 a.m. under Section 239 (2)(b & c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* consideration will be given to personal matters about identifiable individual(s), including municipal or local board employee(s) as well as a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

4. Report from Closed Session

Mayor McPhail reported out at 9:47 a.m., that staff direction was provided regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality and personal matters about identifiable individuals.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2021- 28

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That the Minutes of the Council meeting on January 28, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2021 be adopted as circulated and printed.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

9.2 Fire

9.2.1 J. McArthur, Fire Chief - Monthly Report – January 2021

Councillor Rowe inquired about Fire Chiefs thoughts on the closing of the Fire College as there have been two resolutions submitted from other municipalities. Chief McArthur stated that if as promised the Fire Marshall develops regional training centres it could be a

benefit for stations in Southern Ontario, with more collaborative training and more opportunity for volunteer fire fighters to attend training without having to take time off from their regular jobs.

Resolution No. 2021- 29

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief re: January Monthly Fire Report for information purposes.

Carried

8. Delegation

8.1 B. Lima, County Engineer - Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program

Brian Lima, Director of Engineering Services for the County of Elgin joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m. to introduce his report on Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure. Mr. Lima explained that the funding for these stations has been allocated at this time however should one of the locations not happen there is a possibility of using some funding for one of these funded stations in the Downtown Rodney Reconstruction. Mr. Lima explained that installing the infrastructure for these stations can be done as part of the work with at minimal cost that could be covered in the contingency funds of the project. Mr. Lima and Lee Gosnell will report back to Council at a future date with proposed locations for these stations.

9. Staff Reports

9.2 Fire

9.2.2 J. McArthur, Fire Chief - Farm 911 The Emily Project

Resolution No. 2021- 30

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief; and

That West Elgin Council hereby support the Mission of *Farm 911 The Emily Project*.

Carried

9.2 Fire

9.2.3 J. McArthur, Fire Chief - Officer Positions

Resolution No. 2021- 31

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the creation of two positions for the West Elgin Fire Department of Fire Prevention Officer and Training Officer.

Carried

9.1 Building

9.1.1 J. Morgan-Beunen, CBO - Building Activity Report January 2021

Council received and filed the monthly report.

12. Correspondence

12.8 Tiny Tots - Request

Resolution No. 2021- 32

Moved: Councillor Tellier

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the extension of the current contract with Tiny Tots Cooperative Nursery for the 2021/2022 school year, at a rental rate of \$1000 per month, if required.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

9.3 Operations & Community Services

9.3.1 L. Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services - January 2021 – Monthly Report

Resolution No. 2021- 33
Moved: Councillor Rowe
Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

9.4 Finance/Administration

9.4.1 M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer - Education Reimbursement Policy

Resolution No. 2021- 34
Moved: Councillor Tellier
Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Education Reimbursement Policy; and

That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Education Reimbursement Policy at the next Council meeting.

Carried

9.4.2 M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer - Verbal Update on Municipal Operations due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Ms. Badura reported that despite the loosening of restrictions, the Municipal Office and Service Ontario will remain closed to the public at this time, until more information is received. Ms. Badura reported that she has requested from Service Ontario, that when the office is re-opened it will change to appointment only.

10. Committee and Board Report

10.1 Homelessness Coalition

10.2 Councillor Reports from Committees

10.3 Four Counties Transit Committee

10.3.1 Minutes of December 1, 2020

10.3.2 Agenda of February 1, 2021

11. Accounts

Resolution No. 2021- 35

Moved: Councillor Cammaert

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

That the Mayor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign Payment Voucher #2 amounting to \$374,591.29 in settlement of General, Road, Water and Arena Accounts including EFT#3543-3606, online Payments# 609-620, Cheques #25641-25653 and Payroll PP02.

Carried

12. Correspondence

12.1 Elgin County - Council Highlights January 26, 2021

12.2 Elgin County - Official Plan Public Notice

12.3 Elgin County - Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update

12.4 Township of Baldwin - Ontario Fire College

12.5 Township of Terrace Bay - Ontario Fire College

12.6 Ontario Farmland Trust - 2021 Farmland Forum

12.7 Tiny Tots - Thank You Letter

13. Council Inquires/Announcements

13.1 Notice of Motion

None.

13.2 Statements/Inquires by Councillors

Councillor Rowe noted that all of Council has been invited to the Eagle Community Centre Annual General Meeting and she will be attending as she is a member and can provide greetings on behalf of Council.

13.3 Matters of Urgency

None.

14. By-Laws

14.1 By-Law 2021-08 - Borrowing By-Law

Resolution No. 2021- 36

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Rowe

That By-law 2021-08 being a by-law for municipal borrowing of current expenditures be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

15. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. 2021- 37

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That By-law 2021-09 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 11, 2021, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021- 38

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Cammaert

That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn at 11:34 a.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on February 18, 2021 as Committee of the Whole and February 25, 2021 as Council or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Duncan McPhail, Mayor

Jana Nethercott, Clerk

