

The Corporation of the Township of Brock

Council Minutes

Electronically

Session Four

Monday, May 11, 2020

The Fourth Meeting of the Council of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, May 11, 2020, electronically.

Members present: Mayor: Debbie Bath-Hadden
Regional Councillor: W.E. Ted Smith
Councillors: Michael Jubb
Claire Doble
Walter Schummer
Cria Pettingill
Lynn Campbell

Staff Members present: Municipal Clerk Becky Jamieson
(recording the minutes)
Deputy Clerk Deena Hunt
CAO Robert Lamb
Treasurer Laura Barta
Director of Public Works Paul Lagrandeur
Fire Chief Rick Harrison

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence

Mayor Bath-Hadden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

None

3. Announcements from Council and Staff

Suspended until further notice.

4. Presentations

Suspended until further notice.

5. Hearing of Delegations and/or Petitions

Suspended until further notice.

6. Consent Agenda

Resolution Number 1-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by Lynn Campbell that the items listed in Section 6, Consent Agenda be approved save and except for communication numbers 516, 517, 518, 519, 506, and 528.

MOTION CARRIED

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

(1) 3rd Council meeting – April 27, 2020

Resolution Number 2-4

That the minutes of the 3rd Council meeting held on April 27, 2020, be approved.

(2) 3rd Council meeting, In Camera Session – April 27, 2020

Resolution Number 3-4

That the minutes of the in camera session of the 3rd Council meeting as held on April 27, 2020, be approved.

(b) Reports

515 Becky Jamieson – Report: 2020-CO-10, Section 78 of the Drainage Act re: Drain Improvement – Gordon Drain

Resolution Number 4-4

That staff report 2020-CO-10, Section 78 of the Drainage Act re: Drain Improvement – Gordon Drain, be received for information; and That Tulloch Engineering be appointed as Engineers under Section 8(1) The Drainage Act for the purposes of a Municipal Drain Improvement for the Gordon Drain.

(c) Correspondence

485 The Regional Municipality of Durham, Finance Department – Response to April 2, 2020 Correspondence – COVID-19 Financial Relief for Rate Payers

Resolution Number 5-4

That communication number 485 be received for information and filed.

510 City of Pickering – Resolution: Provincial Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

Resolution Number 6-4

That communication number 510 be received for information and filed.

536 Tracey Westlake – Letter to Council re: Communication number 517 Staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 7-4

That communication number 536 be received for information and filed.

538 Thorah Island Ratepayers Association – Letter re: communication number 517 – Staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 8-4

That communication number 538 be received for information and filed.

544 Steven Marshall – Email re: Parking at Arena for Thorah Island Residents

Resolution Number 9-4

That communication number 544 be received for information and filed.

546 Mike Simard – Letter to Council re: Communication number 517 - Staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 10-4

That communication number 546 be received for information and filed.

547 Blair Croker – Letter to Council re: Council Session 4 – May 11, 2020 – Staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 11-4

That communication number 547 be received for information and filed.

548 Becky Jamieson – Interoffice Memorandum – Additional Information re: Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 12-4

That communication number 548 be received for information and filed.

550 Laura Dodds Hyodo – Beaverton Harbour Parking Report

Resolution Number 13-4

That communication number 550 be received for information and filed.

551 Laurie Simard – re: communication number 517 – Staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 14-4

That communication number 551 be received for information and filed.

(d) Reports of Committees

None

(e) Motions

(f) By-Laws

(1) By-Law Number 2944-2020 – being a By-law to levy and collect taxes for the year 2020

Resolution Number 15-4

By-law Number 2944-2020 – being a By-law to levy and collect taxes for the year 2020, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the by-law on behalf of the municipality and to have same engrossed in the by-law book.

7. Items Extracted From Consent Agenda

(b) Reports

516 Laura Barta – Report: 2020-CO-12, COVID-19 – Financial Impact in the First Six Weeks

Concerns were expressed for the lack of grant funding from the federal and provincial governments specific to municipal needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that the municipality anticipates cost sharing from the upper tier municipality which would affect the Township budget.

Discussion ensued with respect to filling staff vacancies in the Public Works Department and the By-law Department, as well as the increased demand on By-law Enforcement when the Province re-opens tourism.

Resolution Number 16-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith That staff Report: 2020-CO-12, COVID-19 Financial Impact in the First Six Weeks be received; And further, that Council request the federal and provincial governments provide operating support for municipalities through municipality-specific grants.

MOTION CARRIED

- 517 Sarah Beauregard-Jones and Becky Jamieson – Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking

Resolution Number 17-4

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith That staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking be deferred to May 25, 2020 Council meeting; and That staff be directed to gather input from TIRA, Thorah Island residents, and boathouse owners with respect to the proposed parking changes and provide an update on the feedback received and any further recommendations for consideration at the May 25, 2020 Council meeting.

Discussion ensued with respect to the current Traffic By-law prohibiting overnight parking in the Township, the temporary attempts to provide overnight parking for Thorah Island residents and the need for a long term solution, moderate fees to address the staff time required to administer a parking permit program, past surveys that were utilized to prepare this report, parking spaces for those who berth at the municipal harbour, implementing a survey for further information on this matter, and that the forthcoming Council decision on parking at the harbour recognizes all Township residents.

There was discussion with respect to the Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee reviewing the harbour parking suggestions of Council and staff.

Resolution Number 17-4

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith That staff Report: 2020-PS-02, Beaverton Harbour Parking be deferred to May 25, 2020 Council meeting; and That staff be directed to gather input from TIRA, Thorah Island residents, and boathouse owners with respect to the proposed parking changes and provide an update on the feedback received and any further recommendations for consideration at the May 25, 2020 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution Number 18-4

MOVED by Claire Doble and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith that Council break for a recess at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bath-Hadden reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with the same members of Council and staff in attendance.

- 518 Becky Jamieson and Laura Barta – Report: 2020-CO-11, Proposed Emergency Response Benefit

Resolution Number 19-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith That staff Report: 2020-CO-11, Proposed Emergency Response Benefit be received for information; and Further, that staff provide actual details of the agreement with South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation (SLCFDC) prior to Council providing authorization and that those details reflect input and concerns from Council. Furthermore, that staff draft details of an alternate arrangement whereby the Township would provide loans via SLCFDC, with possible options for portions of the loans to be forgiven under specified circumstances and similar to the grant program proposal, that all details and conditions be presented prior to any agreement being forwarded to SLCFDC.

Discussion included the concerns for the affect of this pandemic on the local economy, the responsibility of the municipality to assist the local business community, the proposal of an agreement similar to those of

neighbouring municipalities with SLCFDC, and concerns for the level of detail, direction, and funds allotted to such an agreement. It was noted that this form of assistance for businesses is to help ensure that they can remain viable. There was further discussion with respect to the requirements for eligibility, the reporting mechanism following disbursement, the effective recovery of the loan, and the percentage of local businesses assisted by this proposed agreement.

The Clerk advised that staff would be following up with SLCFDC to determine their willingness to enter into an agreement. The mover and seconder agreed to withdraw the motion.

Resolution Number 19-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by W.E. Ted Smith That staff Report: 2020-CO-11, Proposed Emergency Response Benefit be received for information; Further, that staff provide actual details of the agreement with South Lake prior to Council providing authorization and that those details reflect input and concerns from Council. Furthermore, that staff draft details of an alternate arrangement whereby the Township would provide loans via South Lake, with possible options for portions of the loans to be forgiven under specified circumstances and similar to the grant program proposal, that all details and conditions be presented prior to any agreement being forwarded to South Lake.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Resolution Number 20-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by Cria Pettingill That staff Report: 2020-CO-11, Proposed Emergency Response Benefit be received for information; and That staff report back with answers to Council's questions should SLCFDC be in agreement with moving forward as the administrator of the program.

MOTION CARRIED

519 Laura Barta – Report: 2020-CO-13, Financial Update Report – April 2020

The Treasurer provided clarification that transferring the surplus funds received from the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool returns the reserve to \$200,000.

Resolution Number 21-4

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by Cria Pettingill That staff Report: 2020-CO-13, Financial Update Report – April 2020 be received for information; and that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer the surplus funds distributed by the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool to the Insurance Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

(c) Correspondence

506 Sunderland Lions Club – New “Sunderland” Service Club Composite Board Signs

There was discussion with respect to the colours allowed on wayfinding signage and the process to complete sign placement.

Resolution Number 22-4

MOVED by Lynn Campbell and SECONDED by Walter Schummer That communication number 506 be received for information; That Council review and approve the updated design contained within the communication; and That staff be instructed to seek the approval of the Ministry of Transportation and the Region of Durham for the signs to be located on Highway 7 and 12 and Regional Road 10, respectively.

MOTION CARRIED

528 Paul Lagrandeur – Interoffice Memorandum – Tender B2020-PW-06 – Sidewalk Removal and Replacement, Tender B2020-PW-07 – Gravel Construction, Tender B2020-PW-08 – HL2 – Ultrathin Resurfacing, Tender B2020-PW-09 – Double Surface Treatment/Slurry Seal - List of Locations

Clarification was provided that the bridge reconstruction located on Thorah Concession 1 east of Sideroad 18A anticipates substantial completion by mid June 2020.

Resolution Number 23-4

MOVED by W.E. Ted Smith and SECONDED by Claire Doble That communication number 528 be received for information and filed.

8. Other Business

1) Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden

Mayor Bath-Hadden advised that the Township annual charity golf tournament has been cancelled for 2020, and the Region of Durham is opening an Emergency Daycare at the Beaverton Public School on Wednesday, pending a successful inspection, for the use of essential workers. She advised that she joined a conference call with the Premier of Ontario together with approximately 300 people to provide him with input on the impact of the pandemic on tourism.

2) Councillor Lynn Campbell

Councillor Campbell advised that, as families are walking on sideroads during the pandemic, motorists should drive within the posted speed limits. She enquired as to opening the conservation walking trails to which Mayor Bath-Hadden advised that Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is continuing to keep their trails closed until further notice.

3) Councillor Michael Jubb

Councillor Jubb enquired whether front line workers would have access to the Emergency Childcare set up at the Beaverton Public School and was advised that the Region of Durham has provided a link on their website and further details would be forwarded by the Clerk via email. He enquired whether the Emergency Control Team could be altered and was advised that the approved Emergency Management Plan delegates the personnel appointed to the Emergency Control Team in the event of a State of Emergency being declared. The CAO advised that the plan was last revised in 2016, noting that there is a lengthy process to reviewing the Emergency Management Plan.

4) Councillor Walter Schummer

Councillor Schummer advised that speeding vehicle concerns should be directed to Durham Region Police Services. He expressed concern for downtown tenants parking in the spaces designated for retail shoppers noting that the curbside pick up program would require extra support from parking enforcement.

The Clerk left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

9. Public Questions and Clarification

None

10. Closed Session

None

11. Confirmation By-law

By-law Number 2943-2020 – to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meetings held on April 27, 2020 and May 11, 2020

Resolution Number 24-4

By-law Number 2943-2020 – to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meetings held on April 27, 2020 and May 11, 2020, was read three times and passed in open Council. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the by-law on behalf of the municipality and to have same engrossed in the by-law book.

12. Adjournment

Resolution Number 25-4

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Lynn Campbell that we do now adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK