

The Corporation of the Township of Brock

Council Minutes

Electronically

Session One

Monday, January 25, 2021

The First Meeting of the Council of the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham, was held on Monday, January 25, 2021, electronically.

Members present: 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 Dean Hustwick
 Fire Chief Rick Harrison
 Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Planner Debbie Vandenakker

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence

Deputy Mayor W.E. Ted Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and requested a moment of silence in honour of the passing of Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised that Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden passed away on January 24, 2021 with family by her side following a long and courageous battle with cancer. He advised that her political career included Ward 4 Councillor for 3 consecutive terms ending in 2010, Regional Councillor from 2010-2014, and in 2018 she was elected as Mayor. He noted that she was a strong champion of the Township and served the community with devotion. He conveyed deepest sympathy to Mayor Bath-Hadden's family on behalf of Council and staff.

Council members and staff shared their condolences and advised that Mayor Bath-Hadden's family were supportive of this evening's Council meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

None

3. Announcements from Council and Staff

None

4. Presentations

None

5. Hearing of Delegations and/or Petitions

None

6. Consent Agenda

Resolution Number 1-1

MOVED by Claire Doble and SECONDED by Walter Schummer that the items listed in Section 6, Consent Agenda be approved, save and except communication number 90 and 91.

MOTION CARRIED

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- (1) 13th Council meeting – December 14, 2020

Resolution Number 2-1

That the minutes of the 13th Council meeting as held on December 14, 2020, be approved.

- (2) 26th Special Council meeting – December 14, 2020

Resolution Number 3-1

That the minutes of the 26th Special Council meeting as held on December 14, 2020, be approved.

- (3) 26th Special Council meeting – In Camera Session – December 14, 2020

Resolution Number 4-1

That the minutes of the In camera session of the 26th Special Council meeting as held on December 14, 2020, be approved.

- (4) 27th Special Council meeting – December 21, 2020

Resolution Number 5-1

That the minutes of the 27th Special Council meeting as held on December 21, 2020, be approved.

- (5) 27th Special Council meeting – In Camera Session – December 21, 2020

Resolution Number 6-1

That the minutes of the In camera session of the 27th Special Council meeting as held on December 21, 2020, be approved.

- (6) 1st Special Council meeting – January 13, 2021

Resolution Number 7-1

That the minutes of the 1st Special Council meeting as held on January 13, 2021, be approved.

- (7) 2nd Special Council meeting – January 15, 2021

Resolution Number 8-1

That the minutes of the 2nd Special Council meeting as held on January 15, 2021, be approved.

- (8) 2nd Special Council meeting – In Camera Session – January 15, 2021

Resolution Number 9-1

That the minutes of the In camera session of the 2nd Special Council meeting as held on January 15, 2021, be approved.

(c) Correspondence

None

(d) Reports of Committees

- (1) 1st Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 11, 2021

Resolution Number 10-1

That the minutes of the 1st Committee of the Whole meeting as held on January 11, 2021, be approved.

(e) Motions

None

(f) By-Laws

- (1) By-Law Number 3009-2021 – being a by-law to assume the works and services and streets within Plan of Subdivision 40M-2557, and to assume Rennie Street within Plan of Subdivision 40M-2395, and to assume the works and services within Block 64 on the Plan of Subdivision 40M-2395.

Resolution Number 11-1

That By-law Number 3009-2021, being a by-law to assume the works and services and streets within Plan of Subdivision 40M-2557, and to assume Rennie Street within Plan of Subdivision 40M-2395, and to assume the works and services within Block 64 on the Plan of Subdivision 40M-2395, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council and that 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

- 90 Debbie Vandenaeker – Report: 2021-CO-01, Cannabis Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment Process Update Report

Councillors enquired as to whether or not municipalities have zoning control over personal medical marijuana licenses to which the Planner advised not, noting that the Township is joining with the area municipalities to request that the government provide better structure and enforcement capacity for municipalities with respect to those licenses.

Councillors enquired as to the differences between the 2 licenses for cannabis for medical purposes to which the Planner advised that one is for personal production, while the designated cannabis producers license allows for cannabis growth on one property to supply multiple medical prescriptions (up to 4).

Councillors enquired whether the proposed By-law could prohibit cannabis growth within the Rural Residential and Rural Buffer Zones and were advised that staff are reviewing the request with the consultant.

The Planner advised that the proposed By-law changes would have no impact on existing cannabis operations.

Resolution Number 12-1

MOVED by Walter Schummer and SECONDED by Claire Doble That Report: 2021-CO-01, Cannabis Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment Process Update Report be approved; and that staff be directed to take the next steps outlined for undertaking the processes necessary to complete the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for addressing Cannabis production and processing in Brock.

MOTION CARRIED

91 Debbie Vandenaeker – Report: 2021-CO-02, Employment Land Conversion Requests Report

Councillors expressed concern for converting employment lands into residential use and requested clarification to which the Planner advised that long term plans consider the protection of employment lands, encourage carefully scaled growth, and protect the natural environment. She advised that the Region requested the Township's comment on the 6 land conversion requests for Brock received through their Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan (Envision Durham). She noted that, without the ability to reference the Region's Land Needs Assessment (in process), comment was possible on only 2 requests.

Councillors enquired as to how the date of 2051 was determined for growth plans and were advised through Land Needs Assessment. The Planner noted that the Region commenced with their municipal comprehensive review prior to the Provincial methodology being released for land needs assessment and would refer to the Township's comments when determining long term growth plans.

Councillors enquired as to the method for property owners to appeal a denied conversion request and were advised through launching an appeal of the Official Plan.

Resolution Number 13-1

MOVED by Cria Pettingill and SECONDED by Walter Schummer That Report: 2021-CO-02, Employment Land Conversion Requests Report be approved as Brock's formal response to the Region of Durham's request for input on the six (6) Employment Land Conversion requests received as part of the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review process referred to as Envision Durham.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Notices of Motions

None

9. Other Business

(1) Appoint Interim Treasurer

Councillors expressed appreciation for the efforts of the exiting Treasurer.

Resolution Number 14-1

MOVED by Cria Pettingill and SECONDED by Claire Doble that a By-law be brought forward to appoint an Interim Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED

(2) By-law Number 3011-2021 – to appoint an Interim Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of Brock

Resolution Number 15-1

MOVED by Cria Pettingill and SECONDED by Lynn Campbell that By-law Number 3011-2021, being a By-law to appoint an Interim Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of Brock, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council and that 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.

MOTION CARRIED

(3) Durham Region Hospice Awareness Day (communication number 122/21)

Resolution Number 16-1

MOVED by Cria Pettingill and SECONDED by Walter Schummer that Council proclaim January 29, 2021 as 'Durham Region Hospice Awareness Day' in Brock.

MOTION CARRIED

(4) COVID-19 Update

The CAO advised that today marks the first anniversary of the first Ontario COVID-19 case and that vaccination deliveries are delayed.

The Fire Chief advised that the Ministry of Labour would be providing information with respect to inspections of businesses in Brock. He advised that By-law officers continue to review open businesses within the Township. He noted that Brock's Emergency Control Group are working with Durham Region Health and Durham Emergency Management on a plan for vaccination administration, Brock has Covid-19 assessment centres in Beaverton and Sunderland, and the public should continue to follow the stay at home order.

There was discussion with respect to the vaccination plan and timelines for second doses of the vaccine which is a collaboration between Ontario Health, Regional Health, the Medical Officers, and Durham Emergency Management.

Councillors enquired as to the permissible number of participants on outdoor skating areas to which the Fire Chief advised, as per regulations, 5 participants, noting that a case by case review from By-law and police services may be required.

(5) Deputy Mayor W.E. Ted Smith

Deputy Mayor Smith expressed appreciation, on behalf of Council, to the Treasurer for her dedication to the Township and wished her well on her future endeavours.

The CAO expressed appreciation, on behalf of staff, to the Treasurer for the significant contributions she made to the Corporation and entire community and wished her well on her future endeavours.

10. Public Questions and Clarification

The Clerk advised of the following public question:

January 25, 2021 – Moya Dillon: The cannabis zoning by-law motion directs staff to take the next steps towards the Official Plan amendment and zoning amendment. Could staff briefly outline the next steps and what that process entails?

The Planner advised that next steps include a Statutory Public Meeting, public consultations, consider modifying the draft by-law with any feedback received, and forwarded to Council for a decision.

11. Closed Session

None

12. Confirmation By-law

By-law Number 3010-2021 – to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on January 25, 2021

Resolution Number 17-1

MOVED by Cria Pettingill and SECONDED by Lynn Campbell that By-law Number 3010 -2021, to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on January 25, 2021, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council and that 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.

MOTION CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Resolution Number 18-1

MOVED by Lynn Campbell and SECONDED by Michael Jubb that we do now adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYOR

CLERK