



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD
PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

CL 14-2023

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Council Chamber / Video Conference

City of Thorold, City Hall, 3540 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, ON

Council Members Present in the Council Chamber: Mayor Ugulini, Councillors: D'Angela, De Divitiis, Dekker, DeRose, Handley, Longo, O'Hare, Sentance

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: T. Dixon, Director, Fire & Emergency Services/Fire Chief, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, G. Holman, Director, Public Works & Community Services, S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor, M. Mauro, Director, Finance, K. Scholtens, Manager, Economic Development, J. Simpson, Director, Development Service, S. Santo, Manager, Public Works, M. Trennum, City Clerk, S. Jarvis, Program Supervisor

Others Present: Nick Bogaert, Associate, MHBC

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ugulini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor O'Hare read the land acknowledgement.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor Sentence

That Council Agenda CL 14-2022, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That Minutes CL 11-2023, being the minutes of the open and closed sessions of the City Council meeting held on April 11, 2023, and Minutes CL 12,2023, being the open session minutes of the Special City Council meeting held on April 18, 2023, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

CARRIED

6. Mayor's Report

6.1 Cheque Presentation and Photo

Niagara Nutrition Partners Anonymous Donation

The Mayor advised there had been an anonymous donation of \$40,968.64 to the Niagara Nutrition Partners, to help programs in the City of Thorold, and called on Jessica Stephenson, Program Manager, Niagara Nutrition Partners, for the cheque presentation.

Jessica Stephenson, shared that Niagara Nutrition Partners supports sustainable nutrition programs for all school age children in the Niagara Region through the involvement and participation of all community partners in order to maximize healthy child/youth development. She thanked the donor for the anonymous gift.

6.2 Mayor's Remarks

The Mayor provided an update respecting activities and events throughout the City and region.

7. Regional Councillor Update

There was no Regional Councillor Update.

8. Civic Recognition

There were no Civic Recognitions.

9. Presentations

9.1 Mountainview LemonAID Day for FACS Niagara

Caroline Polgrabia, President, Board of Trustee's FACS Foundation, provided information respecting Mountainview LemonAID Day for FACS Niagara. Topics of the presentation included:

- Kids Helping Kids
- In 2022
 - More than \$85,000
 - One Hundred Stands Across Niagara
 - Proceeds
- More info from facesniagarafoundation.org

9.2 Northland Power Thorold Expansion Bid

Shadid Khan, Plan General Manager, Steve Collings, Head of Operations, Mark Airhart, Senior Director, Commercial Operations, Northland Power Inc., provided information respecting Northland Power Thorold Expansion Bid. Topics of the presentation included:

- Northland Overview
- Responding to IESO's Call to Enhance Reliability
- Project Benefits
- Our Footprint in Ontario
- Growing Demand for Electricity in Ontario
- The Role of Natural Gas in the Short Term
- Plant Specifications and Considerations
- Community Participation, Investment, Planning
- Plant Statistics and Location

9.3 Thorold Secondary School: Our Community High School

Janice Sargeant, Principal, Thorold Secondary School, provided information respecting Thorold Secondary School: Our Community High School. Topics of the presentation included:

- Thorold Secondary School
- Community Collaborations
 - Port Robinson Eco-Park
 - Thorold Secondary School Hockey Course
 - Design and Welding Classing in the Neighbourhood
 - Cooperative Learning Placements
- Growing Together
- Potential Turf Grass Field, McMillan Park area
- Thorold Secondary School is growing

10. **Delegations**

10.1 Report PWCS 51-2023 respecting Special Event Permit - Thorold BIA Car Show

10.1.1 Joedy Burdett, Resident, City of Niagara Falls

J. Burdett provided a written delegation, attached to the agenda as CL-C 6-2023.

Report PWCS 51-2023 (Agenda Item 11.10) was considered separately as follows:

11. Items for Consent

11.10 PWCS 51-2023

Special Event Permit - Thorold BIA Car Show

Moved by: Councillor Sentance

Seconded by: Councillor Handley

That Report PWCS 51-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Special Event Permit - Thorold BIA Car Show, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Special Event Request for the Thorold Business Improvement Area Association (BIA) to host Friday Cruise Nights on Front Street between May 5th and September 15th, 2023, **BE APPROVED** pending applicable documentation; and
2. That the Thorold BIA **BE DIRECTED** to send an information notice to all residents and businesses within a one-kilometre radius of the event prior to May 5th, 2023 as a condition of their permit.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Mayor, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

That parking fees BE WAIVED for the downtown area on Friday evenings (5-7 p.m.) during the car show.

The Mayor called the vote on the Motion, as amended, and declared it,

CARRIED

11. Items for Consent

Moved by: Councillor Handley

Seconded by: Councillor DeRose

That the following Items for Consent **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**:

11.1 DF 6-2023 Tax Rates and Tax Due Dates 2023

11.2 DS 18-2023 Building Division Annual Report

11.3 DS 23-2023 Housekeeping Amendment to By-law 150-2012

11.4 PWCS 37-2023 Community Grant Awards

11.5 PWCS 39-2023 Thorold Community Market Update

11.6 PWCS 42-2023 Committee of Council Budgets

11.7 PWCS 47-2023 Merritt Meadows Phase 4 Assumption

11.8 PWCS 48-2023 Thorold Community Theatre- Allanburg Community Centre

11.9 PWCS 50-2023 Experience Ontario Grant Application

11.11 CLK-C 52-2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Resolution respecting staff report on heritage website and retail sales

11.1 DF 6-2023

Tax Rates and Tax Due Dates 2023

The recommendations contained in Report DF 6-2023 were considered separately as follows:

That Report DF 6-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Tax Rates and Tax Due Dates 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **RECEIVE** for information purposes, that the final normal installment dates, in accordance with the policy, will be June 30, 2023 and August 31, 2023;

2. That the necessary by-law, to fix the rates of taxation for 2023 and to provide for levying and collection of taxes, **BE PREPARED** and **SUBMITTED** to Council for consideration; and
3. That notice **BE ISSUED** and placed on the City's website advising of the tax instalment due dates.

The Mayor called the vote on the Motion and declared it,

CARRIED

11.3 DS 23-2023

Housekeeping Amendment to By-law 150-2012

The recommendation contained in Report DS 23-2023 was considered separately as follows:

That Report DS 23-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Housekeeping Amendment to By-law 150-2012, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for approval.

The Mayor called the vote on the Motion and declared it,

CARRIED

Councillor Information Request

Councillor D'Angela requested that information respecting, which communities in Niagara allow parking on the apron, be included in the upcoming parking review report.

11.4 PWCS 37-2023

Community Grant Awards

The recommendations contained in Report PWCS 37-2023 were considered separately as follows:

That Report PWCS 37-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Community Grant Awards, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Community Grant funding and in-kind requests, **BE APPROVED** as outlined in this report; and
2. That the lighting fees for Thorold Minor Baseball and Thorold Minor Soccer **BE WAIVED** through the Community Grant Program.

The Mayor called to vote on the Motion and declared it,

CARRIED

11.5 PWCS 39-2023

Thorold Community Market Update

The recommendation contained in Report PWCS 39-2023 was considered separately as follows:

That Report PWCS 39-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Thorold Community Market Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the City of Thorold Community Market Strategy as detailed in this Report **BE APPROVED**.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Mayor and the mover and seconder of the motion:

2. ***That any additional funds raised for the market, BE ADDED to the current \$25,000 allocated budget.***

The Mayor called the vote on the Motion, as amended, and declared it,

CARRIED

11.6 PWCS 42-2023

Committee of Council Budgets

The recommendations contained in Report PWCS 42-2023 were considered separately as follows:

That Report PWCS 42-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Committee of Council Budgets, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the budget allocations for Committees of Council, Sub-Committees and Boards of Management **BE APPROVED** as presented in Report PWCS 42-2023;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop a strategy to reduce conflicts and optimize Committee/Board contributions through their respective mandates; and
3. That a reallocation of \$548 from the Community Grant Budget, **BE APPROVED** to offset budget allocations for Committees of Council, Sub-Committees and Boards of Management.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Mayor, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee budget BE INCREASED to \$11,800, the amount requested; and

That the additional \$500 BE FUNDED from the encumbrance reserve.

The Mayor called the vote on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

That Report PWCS 42-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Committee of Council Budgets, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the budget allocations for Committees of Council, Sub-Committees and Boards of Management **BE APPROVED** as presented in Report PWCS 42-2023;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop a strategy to reduce conflicts and optimize Committee/Board contributions through their respective mandates;

3. That the Heritage Advisory Committee budget **BE INCREASED** to \$11,800, the amount requested; and
4. That the additional \$500 **BE FUNDED** from the encumbrance reserve; and
5. That a reallocation of \$548 from the Community Grant Budget, **BE APPROVED** to offset budget allocations for Committees of Council, Sub-Committees and Boards of Management.

CARRIED

11.8 PWCS 48-2023

Thorold Community Theatre - Allanburg Community Centre

The recommendation contained in Report PWCS 48-2023 was considered separately as follows:

That Report PWCS 48-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Thorold Community Theatre - Allanburg Community Centre, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a Report on the Thorold Community Theatre's proposal to utilize the Allanburg Community Recreation Centre.

The Mayor called the vote on the motion and declared it,

CARRIED

11.9 PWCS 50-2023

Experience Ontario Grant Application

The recommendation contained in Report PWCS 50-2023 was considered separately as follows:

That Report 50-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting experience Ontario Grant Application, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report on the results of the grant submission.

The Mayor called the vote on the motion and declared it,

CARRIED

11.12 Balance of Recommendations for the Consent Agenda

That the following Items for Consent **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**:

11.2 DS 18-2023 Building Division Annual Report

11.7 PWCS 47-2023 Merritt Meadows Phase 4 Assumption

11.11 CLK-C 52-2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Resolution respecting staff report on heritage website and retail sales

The mayor called the vote on the balance of the motion and declared it,

CARRIED

12. Items for Consideration

12.1 DS 15-2023

By-law Enforcement Service Hours

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report DS 15-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting by-law enforcement service hours, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Option 1, Improving citizen connection during current service hours, **BE APPROVED** with implementation subject to successful recruitment of approved staffing.

CARRIED

12.2 DS 27-2023

Allanburg Estates Plan of Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement (D12-02-2020)

Moved by: Councillor Handley
Seconded by: Councillor DeRose

That Report DS 27-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting Allanburg Estates Plan of Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement (D12-02-2020), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Final Plan of Subdivision for the Allanburg Estates Plan of Subdivision (Part of Unit 15, Plan D-5, designated as Part 1 on 59R-17189; City of Thorold) **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Subdivision Agreement for the Allanburg Estates Plan of Subdivision between the City of Thorold and Allanburg Estates Ltd.; and
3. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PROVIDED** to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

12.3 DS 26-2023

Zoning By-law Amendment - 49 Hayes Road

Moved by: Councillor Sentence
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report DS 26-2023, dated May 2, 2023, respecting zoning by-law amendment- 49 Hayes Road, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment to amend Zoning By-law 60-2019 to rezone the subject lands from FD to R3D-88 with special regulations **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the Zoning By-law Amendment to amend Zoning By-law 2140(97) to rezone the subject lands from RD to R3-23 with special regulations **BE APPROVED**; and
3. That the amendment to By-law 60-2019 **BE PASSED** at the same time as the amendment to By-law 2140(97).

CARRIED

Councillor Information Request

Councillor D'Angela requested staff review whether a requirement for sidewalks on streets can be added within the current policy framework.

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Tree Giveaway Program

Councillor Sentence gave notice that at a future meeting of City Council, he will bring forward a motion to request a report from staff on the design and implementation of a tree giveaway and rain barrel sale programs.

14. Motions

14.1 Telecommunications Resources

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report respecting a staff review of the City's telecommunications resources, and associated costs, against our municipal comparators.

CARRIED

14.2 Environmental Impacts

Moved by: Councillor Longo
Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That the City of Thorold staff report template **BE AMENDED** to include a section titled "Environmental, Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainability" for all future reports to ensure all issues associated with these topics are being considered by the City of Thorold in its recommendations to Council, and any of its proposed plans.

CARRIED

15. Statement by Councillors

15.1 Canada Summer Games Financial Information

Councillor DeRose made a statement respecting the necessity for staff to provide an update concerning the Canada Summer Games Facility Financials. M. Mauro, Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Director, Finance, advised that a Report would be brought forward at the Council meeting being held on May 30, 2023.

16. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor O'Hare

Seconded by: Councillor Dekker

That Council **DO NOW MOVE** into closed session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Matter Respecting Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Contract Agreement

A Matter respecting Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual under Section 239 (2)(b) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001- Runway of Recognition Inductees/ Award Winners

CARRIED

Council resolved into closed session at 9:01 p.m.

17. Business Arising from Closed Session

Council reconvened in open session at 9:24 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Council Members Present in the Council Chamber: Mayor Ugolini, Councillors: D'Angela, De Divitiis, Dekker, DeRose, Handley, Longo, O'Hare, Sentance

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: T. Dixon, Director, Fire & Emergency Services/Fire Chief, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, M. Mauro, Director, Finance, M. Trennum, City Clerk

17.1 Confidential Verbal Update

A Matter Respecting Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations under Section 239 (2) (d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Contract Agreement

Moved by: Councillor DeRose

Seconded by: Councillor Dekker

That Confidential verbal update respecting labour relations and employee negotiations under section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Contract Agreement **BE RECEIVED** for information and that staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

17.2 Confidential CLK-C 53-2023

A Matter respecting Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual under Section 239 (2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Runway of Recognition Inductees/ Award Winners

Moved by: Councillor Dekker

Seconded by: Councillor DeRose

That Confidential CLK-C 53-2023 respecting personal matters about an identifiable individual under section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Runway of Recognition Inductees/ Award Winners **BE RECEIVED** for information and that staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

18. By-Law(s)

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That the following Bills **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**:

Bill 60-2023

A by-law to assume primary and secondary services in the Merritt Meadows phase 4 plan of subdivision, plan 59M-424

Bill 61-2023

A by-law to amend By-law 150-2012, being a by-law to regulate parking and traffic in the City of Thorold

Bill 62-2023

A by-law to adopt estimates, set the tax rates for 2023, and to establish the final tax due dates

Bill 63-2023

A by-law to amend comprehensive zoning by-law no. 2140(97), as amended, for lands addressed as 49 Hayes Road

Bill 64-2023

A by-law to amend comprehensive zoning by-law no. 60(2019), as amended, for the lands addressed as 49 Hayes Road

Bill 65-2023

A by-law to authorize the execution of a subdivision agreement with Allanburg Estates Ltd. for the Allanburg Estates Subdivision

Bill 66-2023

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of City Council at its meeting on May 2, 2023

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Terry Ugulini
Mayor

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk