



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

CL 10-2023

Tuesday, March 21, 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: D. Baldoni, Acting Manager, Community Services, M. Dilwaria, Chief Administrative Officer, S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, G. Holman, Director, Public Works & Community Services, M. Mauro, Director, Finance/Treasurer, M. Trennum, City Clerk

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Councillor Sentance read the land acknowledgement.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Handley

Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That Council Agenda CL 10-2022, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Adoption of the Minutes**

No Minutes were presented for adoption.

6. **Mayor's Report**

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 **Thorold Housing Group**

Carrie Cottage, Resident and Business Owner, spoke about the work of the Thorold Housing Group (THG). She introduced the other members of the THG Housing Committee in attendance: Bill Vanderklippe, Resident and Business Owner, Terrance Schilstra, Pastor of The Table, Fred Neale, former Councillor, and Laurie Beach, Executive Director of Bethlehem Housing and Support.

Bill Vanderklippe presented on the following topics:

- The THG's Mandate
- Affordable housing needs in Niagara Region and Thorold
- The THG's recommendation that Council designate a City-owned plot of land, located on the north side of St. David's Road East, for development by THG; that the City enter into a long-term lease with the THG to fulfill this purpose; and, the City assist with the development of the property through reduction of permit fees and property taxes, and minimizing development obstacles.

Councillor D'Angela enquired if Staff could prepare a report to review development options for nearby properties. B. Vanderklippe advised that environmental assessments have been completed on the property on St. David's Road East, and THG has a partnership with an organization who can address identified issues.

Moved by: Councillor Sentance

Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report addressing the recommendations in the One Thorold Housing Committee Presentation, and that the report:

- **INCLUDES** information respecting additional suitable properties including but not limited to the Lampco Property and the Wellington Property;
- That the report **EXPLORES** additional municipalities using long-term leases options; and
- That the report **INCLUDES** the acreage of suitable land for residential purposes and applicable zoning.

CARRIED

9.2 Thorold Indigenous Unity Garden Schedule of Events

This Presentation did not proceed.

10. Delegations

There were no delegations to Report.

11. Items for Consent

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

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

11.1 CAO 4-2023 - By-Law No. 33-2023 Authorizing the City to Enter into a Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan Agreement

11.2 DS 14-2023 - Part Lot Control By-laws for Council Approval

11.3 PWCS 15-2023 - Confederation Heights Phase 7- Assumption of Subdivision

11.4 CLK-C 38-2023 - Appointment of the Town Crier

11.5 CLK-C 39-2023 - Thorold Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Appointments

11.6 CLK-C 42-3034 - Runway of Recognition Subcommittee Resolution Respecting Complementary Award Tickets

11.7 CLK-C 43-2023 - Tourism Advisory Committee Resolution Respecting amending their Terms of Reference

11.8 CLK-C 44-2023 - Age Friendly Committee Resolution Respecting amending their Terms of Reference

11.9 PWCS 20-2023 - Letter of Municipal Significance 2023 Canada Day Weekend

11.10 PWCS 19-2023 - Special Event Requests

11.11 PWCS 21-2023 - Canada Day Weekend Request for Proposal Award (602EV3001)

11.12 CLK 5-2023 - Heritage Advisory Committee Request for Funding Approval of Lock 25 Designation Research

Members of Council requested Items 11.6, 11.9, 11.11 & 11.12 be considered separately.

The Mayor called the vote on the balance of the Motion as follows:

That the following Consent Reports **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**:

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CARRIED

11.6 CLK-C 42-2023

Runway of Recognition Subcommittee Resolution Respecting
Complementary Award Tickets

M. Trennum advised that because Committee budgets have yet to be approved, this budget-related matter is being brought before Council.

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Correspondence Item CLK 42-2023, being a memorandum from S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Runway of Recognition Subcommittee Resolution Respecting Complementary Award Tickets **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the subcommittee members, singular inductee recipients, TAA Erganoff and White Award Winners and White Family Scholarship winners **RECEIVE** a complementary ticket to the Runway of Recognition awards.

CARRIED

11.9 PWCS 20-2023

Letter of Municipal Significance 2023 Canada Day Weekend

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report PWCS 20-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Letter of Municipal Significance: 2023 Canada Day Weekend, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2023 Canada Day Weekend Celebrations **BE DECLARED** a Municipally Significant Event.

CARRIED

11.11 PWCS 21-2023

Canada Day Weekend Request for Proposal Award (602EV3001)

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report PWCS 21-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Canada Day Weekend Request for Proposal Award (602EV3001), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Request for Proposal NO. 602EV3001, respecting Canada Day and Rock N Blues on the Battlefield Event Organizer **BE AWARDED** to Absolute XM, at a contract price of \$34,900, including contingency and plus HST; and
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary agreements/contracts.

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

That Report PWCS 21-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Canada Day Weekend Request for Proposal Award (602EV3001), **BE RECEIVED** and the following amended recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. ~~That Request for Proposal NO. 602EV3001, respecting Canada Day and Rock N Blues on the Battlefield Event Organizer **BE AWARDED** to Absolute XM, at a contract price of \$34,900, including contingency and plus HST; and~~
2. ~~That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary agreements/contracts.~~
3. ***That staff BE DIRECTED to hire an individual with experience in local event planning, on a contract to assist staff with three events (Canada Day, Farmers Market and the Santa Claus Parade), to work with local organizations and partners, within the pre-approved budget.***

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

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1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to hire an individual with experience in local event planning, on a contract to assist staff with three events (Canada Day, Farmers Market and the Santa Claus Parade), to work with local organizations and partners, within the pre-approved budget.

CARRIED

11.12 CLK 5-2023

Heritage Advisory Committee Request for Funding Approval of Lock 25 Designation Research

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report CLK 5-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Heritage Advisory Committee Request for Funding Approval of Lock 25 Designation Research, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a heritage designation research project request **BE APPROVED** for Lock 25, at the Battle of Beaverdams Park;
2. That Sarah King Head, **BE RETAINED** to conduct the research for a heritage designation of Lock 25 at a cost of \$1,500;
3. That the project funding through a pre-budget approval from the 2023 Budget, to be brought forward in April, **BE APPROVED**; and
4. That any recommended designation by the Heritage Advisory Committee, **BE FORWARDED** to Council for final approval.

CARRIED

12. Items for Consideration

12.1 DF 4-2023

Water and Urban Service Area Budgets

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela

Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That Report DF 4-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Water and Urban Service Area Budgets, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

2023 WATER BUDGET:

1. That the water quarterly metered rate structure be approved as follows:

Fixed Charge \$55.89 per quarter

Consumption Charge \$1.521 per cubic meter

2. That the provision of water services by-law be updated for the fee changes and submitted for Council approval.
3. That any water surplus or deficit arising from 2023 operations be transferred to/ funded from the Water Works Reserve.
4. That all other aspects of the 2023 Water Budget be approved.

2023 URBAN SERVICE AREA BUDGET:

5. That the total amount to be funded from the Urban Service Area Taxes is maintained at \$1,230,000, and that the tax rates necessary to levy this amount are calculated as part of the 2023 tax levying by-law.

6. That the wastewater quarterly metered rate structure be approved as follows:

Fixed Charge \$82.98 per quarter

Consumption Charge \$2.254 per cubic meter

7. That any surplus or deficit arising from 2023 sewer operations be transferred to/funded from the Sewage Capital Reserve.

8. That the rates be effective for any billing after March 21st.
9. That a review of the fees and charges be undertaken during 2023
10. That all other aspects of the 2023 Sewer Budget be approved.
11. That residents, in the urban service area, that have sewer service, but no water service, be charged the sewer rate based on the 2023 average water consumption of 200 cubic meters per year, and that this charge be placed on the 2023 final tax bill for these residents.

Water & Wastewater

12. That the provision of waste-water services by-law be updated for Council approval.
13. That the Water and Wastewater Bylaw(s) be reviewed and updated during 2023.
14. That the rates and fees be increased as outlined in the report, with an effective date for any billings after March 21st.

CARRIED

12.2 FES 04-2023

Dispatch repeater replacement

Moved by: Councillor Sentance

Seconded by: Councillor Handley

That Report FES 4-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting Dispatch repeater replacement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** the purchase of the repeater from Talk Wireless Inc.
2. That the purchase be funded from the Encumbrance Reserve for the amount of \$12,745.09 plus HST **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

12.3 FES 05-2023

Capital Project Budget overruns

Moved by: Councillor Longo
Seconded by: Councillor DeRose

That Report FES 5-2023, dated March 21, 2023, respecting 2022 Capital Budget Overrun, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** the 2022 Capital Budget Overrun; and
2. That the amount of \$1,126.87 for Hose & Appliances overrun be funded from Encumbrance reserve and the amount of \$1087.78 for Extrinsication Equipment overrun be funded as a General Budget overrun **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

13. Notices of Motion

13.2 Skating hours

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That the notice of motion requirements **BE WAIVED** in accordance with section 11.2 of the Procedural By-law, No. 26-2021. Having received a two-thirds majority, the mayor declared it,

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to extend the senior skating hours at the Doherty Centre arena to the Walker Centre arena.

CARRIED

14. Motions

14.1 External Consulting Costs for 2022

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report respecting the amount spent on consultants by the City of Thorold in 2022.

CARRIED

14.2 Update on the Declaration of Emergency for Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report respecting an update on the declaration of emergency declared in 2022 in the City of Thorold for Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions, including information respecting the direction the City is headed.

CARRIED

15. Statement by Councillors

No Councillors gave statements.

16. Closed Session

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

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

- A matter respecting a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board under section 239 (2) (c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Keefer Mansion Property.

- A matter respecting Personal matters about an identifiable individual under section (2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Public Member Appointments to Committees.

17. Business Arising from Closed Session

Council reconvened in open session at 8:51 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

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: M. Dilwaria, Chief Administrative Officer, M. Mauro, Director, Finance/Treasurer, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, M. Trennum, City Clerk

17.1 Confidential Verbal Update

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

That Confidential verbal update respecting a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001- Keefer Mansion Property **BE RECEIVED** for information and that staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

17.2 Confidential CLK-C 40-2023

Moved by: Councillor Handley
Seconded by: Councillor Dekker

That Confidential CLK-C 40-2023, respecting A matter respecting personal matters about an identifiable individual under section (2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001- Public Member Appointments to Committees, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Sentance
Seconded by: Councillor Dekker

That Amanda Rudachuk, Clarissa Gatbonton, Elizabeth Martin, Faith Mutic and Riccardo Soccio **BE APPOINTED** to the Community Events Advisory Committee.

That the following individuals **BE APPOINTED** to the Allanburg Community Centre Board of Management:

- Faith Mutic
- Linda Prytula

That the following individuals **BE APPOINTED** to the Darlene Ryan Port Robinson Community Centre Board of Management:

- Faith Mutic
- Rachael Haynes

That Natalie Currie-Patterson **BE APPOINTED** to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

That Riccardo Soccio **BE APPOINTED** to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

That Riccardo Soccio **BE APPOINTED** to the Tourism Advisory Committee.

That the following individuals **BE APPOINTED** to the Active Transportation Subcommittee:

- Rhianon Burkholder
- Riccardo Soccio

CARRIED

18. By-Law(s)

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by: Councillor Longo

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

Bill 33-2023

A By-Law to Authorize The Entry Into A Niagara Gateway Economic Zone And Centre Community Improvement Plan Agreement (Schmon Parkway Medical Building Inc.)

Bill 34-2023

Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1783 (93) being a by-law respecting the supply of water, the establishment, construction, maintenance, operation, improvement and extension of waterworks systems of the City of Thorold and water rates and charges

Bill 35-2023

Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 22-2011 being a by-law to regulate the management of a system of sewer works and drainage works in the City of Thorold

Bill 36-2023

A By-Law To Block 46, Plan 59m-480 From Part Lot Control (189, 191, 195 And 199 Bur Oak Drive) – Confederation Heights Subdivision, Phase 8 ('West Community').

Bill 37-2023

A by-law to exempt block 46, plan 59M-480 from part lot control (189, 191, 195 and 199 Bur Oak Drive) - Confederation Heights Subdivision, phase 8 ('West Community')

Bill 38-2023

A By-Law To Exempt Block 49, Plan 59m-480 From Part Lot Control (241, 245, 249 And 251 Bur Oak Drive) – Confederation Heights Subdivision, Phase 8 ('West Community').

Bill 39-2023

A By-Law To Exempt Block 50, Plan 59m-480 From Part Lot Control (172, 176, 180, 182 And 186 Bur Oak Drive) – Confederation Heights Subdivision, Phase 8 ('West Community').

Bill 40-2023

A By-Law To Exempt Block 52, Plan 59m-480 From Part Lot Control (146, 150, 152 And 156 Bur Oak Drive) – Confederation Heights Subdivision, Phase 8 ('West Community').

Bill 41-2023

A by-law to Assume Primary and Secondary Services in the Confederation Heights Ph. 7 Plan of Subdivision. (Plan 59M-448) (Star-Flower Properties Inc.).

Bill 42-2023

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of City Council at its meeting held on March 21, 2023.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Terry Ugolini
Mayor

Per: Matthew Trennum
City Clerk