

Council Meeting Minutes**Regular Council Meeting**

February 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Location

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong
Councillor A. Hallman
Councillor C. Gordijk
Councillor B. Fisher
Councillor J. Gerber

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer, S. Chambers
Director of Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Services S. Jackson
Director of Information and Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
D. Mittelholtz
Manager of Information and Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk T.
Murray
Director of Public Works and Engineering J. Molenhuis
Fire Chief R. Leeson
Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer P. Kelly
Director of Development Services H. O'Krafka
Director/Curator Castle Kilbride T. Loch

1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING**Resolution No. 2022- 48**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT a Closed Meeting of Council be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 5:00 PM, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (f) and (k), of the Municipal Act, as amended, for the purposes of:

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, and

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Motion Carried

2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2022- 49

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT Council reconvenes in Open Session at 7:00 PM.

Motion Carried

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor A. Hallman read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022- 50

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

That the Agenda as presented for Monday February 28, 2022 be adopted.

Motion Carried

7. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councillor C. Gordijk advised that with regards to comments on a Facility Naming Policy, the Minutes need to be amended to reflect that the policy will be completed.

Resolution No. 2022- 51

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as amended:

Regular Council Meeting Monday February 7, 2022 and

ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Monday February 14, 2022.

Motion Carried As Amended

9. PUBLIC MEETINGS

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 2022 Municipal Budget Package, COR-2022-10

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer outlined the report. The presentation is attached as Appendix A.

The Chief Administrative Officer thanked staff for their efforts in the development of the 2022 Budget., it was also noted that moving forward, staff will be developing departmental business plans and a report will be forthcoming.

Resolution No. 2022- 52

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT the 2022 Municipal Budget dated February 14, 2022, as recommended by the ad hoc Budget Advisory Committee, be approved; and further

THAT the Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer be authorized to prepare the necessary levying by-law to raise \$9,920,990 for Township purposes from general taxation.

Motion Carried

10.2 Municipal Grants Presentation

Mayor Les Armstrong acknowledged and thanked the following recipients of the 2022 Municipal Grants Program, noting that this year's total allocation is over \$65,000

Wilmot Horticultural Society - To support the purchase of plant materials, speakers for monthly events and the Junior Gardeners Program

Wilmot Agricultural Society - To help cover costs of the New Hamburg Fall Fair

Interfaith Community Counselling - To provide subsidies for low-income individuals and families for counselling services

Wilmot Family Resource Centre - To assist in maintaining existing levels of service and expansion of services provided to children, youth during COVID-19 recovery period. Allocation also supports the continuation of the Indigenous Worker program.

Community Care Concepts - To maintain existing programs offered to seniors and adults with disabilities living in Wilmot Township

Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School - To fund the Waterloo-Oxford Citizenship Awards

School Safety Patrollers - Annual contribution towards the recognition of School Safety Patrollers across the Region

Wilmot Seniors Woodworking and Craft Centre - To assist in offsetting the costs to repair machinery and equipment.

New Hamburg Firebirds - To help maintain a program of Junior Hockey excellence, and offset rising operational costs

Wilmot Terry Fox Run - To support marketing and promotion of the Wilmot Terry Fox Run and other related fundraising events through the year

Nith Valley Eco Boosters - To assist with costs to hold environmentally focused events, including guest speakers and environmental films

Wilmot Recreation and Culture Financial Assistance Program - To replenish funds held in trust to assist families in need of support to register for community recreation and cultural programs

New Hamburg Concert Band - To repair and maintain musical equipment, and purchase music and supplies

Forest Glen Public School Council - To assist with continued building of natural play area within the grounds of Forest Glen Public School

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services outline the report and introduced Anand Desai, Monteith Brown. The presentation is attached as Appendix B.

A safety concern was noted regarding the Nachurs Alpine plant and its proximity to the Wilmot Recreation Complex. Staff were questioned on due diligence relative to safety. The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services noted that the ice pads have been in place for 15 years and no incidences have been reported to date. It was noted that Nachurs Alpine sends staff their safety plan on a yearly basis. As well, the safety plan for the Wilmot Recreation Complex outlines emergency management and safety planning for the facility. The Fire Chief confirmed that an evacuation centre location can be relocated according to the emergency and noted that it is important to understand the dynamics of emergency management. He stated that Nachurs Alpine is a safe company and that the chemicals on the property would not pose a risk for explosion. The Fire Chief noted that the questions asked have levels of complexity which are difficult to answer without consultation with Nachurs Alpine.

Staff was asked to review the questions raised and provide comments on public safety. The Clerk confirmed that the resolution can be amended if Council so desired. The CAO noted that Council can amend the motion to direct staff to investigate the safety concerns of the proximity to the Nachurs Alpine site.

Mr. Desai noted that the proximity to this specific facility was not part of their evaluation.

Councillor C. Gordijk brought forward a motion to include that staff report on the safety concerns of the location.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services noted that staff take safety concerns seriously and will reach out to Nachurs Alpine to discuss and investigate further .

Nathan Joseph, President of New Hamburg Minor Hockey appeared as a delegation and asked what provisions have been made for a potential future 4th ice pad and if there is space at the Wilmot Recreation Complex for that pad. He noted that the report presented did not include these details. Mayor L. Armstrong advised him to connect with staff on that question.

Bryan Pfaff appeared as a delegation representing Jr. C hockey team, his prewritten statement is attached as Appendix C.

Mr. Desai responded to a Council question on the 4th ice pad and noted that in 2020 when the first phase of this study was conducted, the projection was for one additional ice pad now and if the growth allows for it, then a 4th ice pad would be a potential. He noted that the update of the Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services Master Plan could include the growth projections which would assist in determining the feasibility study for that potential 4th pad.

Mr. Desai noted that when the user groups were consulted, they were asked how much time they would want and what they would use it for. He noted this is an NHL regulation ice pad intended for community oriented full-programming and a seating expansion was not investigated as it was not identified as a need in this expansion.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services noted that due to the way the current rink is built, to add another level would involve removing the roof structure, which would not be cost affective and noted that during the design phase they can have that verified. It was acknowledged that during the design review, should this be an option, the timeline for construction would be noted.

The Director of Corporate Services noted that IT Services continues to investigate WIFI capabilities and during the design phase this will be reviewed in detail.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services confirmed that the LGBTQ2S+ community would be invited to be part of the design process discussions.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services advised that there was no search conducted specific to the skate park and noted that the skate park will be located adjacent to the playground area.

Resolution No. 2022- 53

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT Report PFRS 2022-09 Third Ice Pad and Parks Operations Centre Final Report, be received for information purposes; and

THAT staff be directed to proceed with plans for hiring a Design / Bid / Build team for the Third Ice Pad project located at the Wilmot Recreation Complex (WRC) as outlined in the 2022 Capital Budget, pending a staff report advising on safety concerns relating to the proximity to the Nachurs Alpine facility; and

THAT staff be directed to include funds in a future budget for securing a new site and capital funds to construct a Parks Operations Centre.

Motion Carried As Amended

Amendment:

Resolution No. 2022- 54

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT the Motion be amended be to include:

pending a staff report advising on safety concerns relating to the proximity to the Nachurs Alpine facility.

Motion Carried

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022- 55

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT Report Nos. PFRS-2022-08 and ILS-2022-06 be approved.

Motion Carried

11.1 Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services 2021 Fourth Quarter Activity Report, PFRS-2022-08

11.2 Committee Resignation – Wilmot Trails Advisory Committee, ILS-2022-06

12. REPORTS

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Item 13.4 was removed from the Correspondence and staff were directed to provide a report for Council consideration at the March 28, 2022 Council meeting.

Item 13.2 was removed from Correspondence and staff were directed to provide a report for Council consideration. It was noted that there is no pressing timeline on reporting back and encouraged staff to conduct community engagement. The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services advised that this will be included as part of the tree canopy report that will be provided to Council later this year.

Resolution No. 2022- 56

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Correspondence Items 13.1, 13.3, 13.5, and 13.6 be received for information.

Motion Carried As Amended

13.1 Norfolk County Letter of Support Re Year of the Garden Proclamation

13.2 Gypsy Moth Resolution

Resolution No. 2022- 57

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT staff be directed to provide a report regarding Correspondence Item 13.2, relative to Gypsy Moths and home owner responsibility.

Motion Carried

13.3 Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects Bridge and Culvert Replacements

13.4 New Gravel Extraction Licensing Applications

Resolution No. 2022- 58

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT staff be directed to provide a Report for Council consideration at the March 28, 2022, Council Meeting, that includes the Halton Hills Resolution, with wording specific to Wilmot, requesting a Moratorium on New Gravel Extraction Licensing Applications.

Motion Carried As Amended

13.5 Web link to Public Comments Received in Relation to the MZO Process

<https://www.wilmot.ca/en/doing-business/resources/Documents/MZO/MZO-comments.pdf>

13.6 Wilmot Trails Advisory Committee Minutes

14. BY-LAWS

14.1 By-law No. 2021-55 - 3rd Reading Synder Drain

Resolution No. 2022- 59

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT By-law 2021-55 be read a third time and finally passed in Open Council.

Motion Carried

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16.1 Mayor L. Armstrong noted that the vaccination clinics held at the WRC over the weekend had good attendance.

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution No. 2022- 60

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT By-law No. 2022-10 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

Motion Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

8:56 pm

Resolution No. 2022- 61

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

Motion Carried