MINUTES

for the

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 25, 2021
9:00 am
Online
2 West Carling Bay Road, Nobel, Ontario

Attendance

Council Members Present
Deputy Mayor Murphy
Councillor Crookshank
Councillor Gilbert
Councillor Crocker

Staff Present
Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk
Mackenzie Taylor, Records Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Regrets
Mayor Konoval

This meeting was held ELECTRONICALLY in accordance with section 23 of the Township's Procedure By-law. Those who contact the Clerk's Office prior to the meeting were able to observe the meeting live.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. CLOSED SESSION

21-021 **Moved by Councillor Crocker**
Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 9:07 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) (b)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, for a matter pertaining to an identifiable individual and potential litigation.

Carried

21-022 **Moved by Councillor Cocker**
Seconded by Councillor Crookhank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 10:45 a.m..

Carried

Council discussed the erection of a Communication Tower at the Industrial Park and the signing of the letter of concurrence with Vianet Inc.

4. LETTER OF CONCURRENCE RE: PARRY SOUND INDUSTRIAL PARK

21-023

Moved by Councillor Crookshank
Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

WHEREAS the Industrial Park Board, in a closed meeting in the fall of 2020, entered into an agreement with Vianet for the Board to contribute at least $100,000 as well as use of land and other in-kind services for the erection of a telecommunications tower that will be solely owned and controlled by Vianet for the delivery of high-speed internet to the businesses in the Industrial Park as well as providing a signal north into The Archipelago;

AND WHEREAS the meeting between the Board and Vianet was in a closed session thus the Carling Board representatives were not legally allowed to disclose the information to Carling Council and the public.

AND WHEREAS the Proponent, Vianet, was directed to apply for the Letter of Concurrence from the incorrect land use authority;

AND WHEREAS the Proponent published the Notice to the Public with the incorrect contact information which may have left some residents and businesses in Carling uniformed of the actual location of the project;

AND WHEREAS at least one business in the required notice distance was not notified;

AND WHEREAS Carling Council wished to speak to Vianet in a Public setting to ensure Carling residents and businesses were made aware of the project prior to signing the Letter of Concurrence

AND WHEREAS Carling Council and the public were finally able to hear formally from the Proponent about the project at the Carling Committee of the Whole meeting on February 23, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Construction is set to start next week;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the CAO to sign a letter of Concurrence for the Vianet Inc. telecommunication tower at the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park that will provide high-speed internet to the Industrial Park.

Carried

5. CLOSED SESSION

21-024

Moved by Councillor Crookshank
Seconded by Councillor Crocker

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 10:58 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, for a matter pertaining to an identifiable individual.

Carried

21-025

Moved by Councillor Crocker
Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 11:22 a.m..

Carried

Council discussed incidents regarding Staff and Council being expected to respond to correspondence or phone calls at unreasonable times. Council directed the CAO to create a policy giving direction to Staff and Council regarding the best practices for responding to correspondence and phone calls.

21-026

Moved by Councillor Gilbert
Seconded by Councillor Crocker

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried

6. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-05 **Moved by Councillor Crookshank**
Seconded by Councillor Gilbert

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 25, 2021.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

21-027 **Moved by Councillor Crocker**
Seconded by Councillor Crookshank

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Carried

Susan Murphy, Deputy Mayor

Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk