MINUTES

for the

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 17, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Carling Council Chambers
2 West Carling Bay Road, Nobel, Ontario

There was a Committee of Adjustment (CoA) Hearing prior to the Regular Meeting of Council to consider an application for minor variance.

Attendance

Council Members Present
Mayor Murphy
Councillor Cook
Councillor Doubrough
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Wing

Staff Present
Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk
Mackenzie Taylor, Records Clerk / Deputy Clerk
Ryan Snowball, Planner
Gord Harrison, Fire Chief
Chris Waefler, Public Works Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATION

(1) ACCESS TO SNUG HARBOUR LIGHTHOUSE– ERIC McLNTYRE, GEORGIAN BAY TOURS

Council heard a delegation from Eric McLntyre from Georgian Bay Tours. He made a request to Council for access to the inside of the Snug Harbour Light House as part of the Georgian Bay Tours, Lighthouse Tour.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

23-032 **Moved by Councillor Kelly**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that consent Agenda Items 5(1) through 5(7) inclusive being *(1)Minutes of Previous Meetings,(2)Minutes and Reports from External Boards / Committees, (3)Council Correspondence, (4)Staff Reports, (5)Committee of the Whole Motions, (6) Request for Support and (7)Supplementary Business* be adopted,.

Carried

(1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. Regular Meeting of Council

23-032.1a

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 13th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

b. Special Meeting of Council

23-032.1b

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 27th and June 29th 2023 be adopted.

Carried

c. Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council

23-032.1c

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 27th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

(2) MINUTES AND REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BOARDS / COMMITTEES

23-032.2

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the Minutes and Reports from external Boards and Committees for the previous month's meetings.

Carried

* *See Carling Township website for link of Minutes and Reports of all external boards and committees*

(3) COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Kelly requested that Council Correspondence item C-Tay Valley Township resolution regarding reducing municipal insurance costs be pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed.

Resolution 23-032.3

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council notes and files the August Council Correspondence listing.

Carried

(4) STAFF REPORTS

None

(5) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOTIONS

a. Audited Financial Statements -KPMG

23-032.5a

Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Cook

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council accepts the consolidated financial statements for the Township of Carling for the year ending December 31, 2022 as prepared by KPMG.

Carried

b. Closed Session

23-032.5b.1

Moved by Councillor Cook
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 11:19 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C.25 as amended, for reasons pertaining to identifiable individuals in relation to various boards.

Carried

23-032.5b.2

Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Cook

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 1:18 a.m.

Carried

23-032.5b.3

Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Cook

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried

(6) REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

a. Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

23-032.6a

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

AND WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

AND WHEREASvgy, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Township of Carling supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;
Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:
• Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
• Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
• Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
• Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
• Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

Carried

b. National Housing Strategy Initiatives

23-032.6b

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it most;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Carling understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Carling understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funding housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of national total is 44.1 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those household in need that require assistance with housing;

AND WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding or subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 or 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Carling understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately $480 million over there term of Federal National Housing Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operation agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS without flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration of the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Carling also support the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

AND FURTHER would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiencies and accessibility;

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs.

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling also supports the provincial position in relation to the province and territories Repair Fund and the National Housing Co-Investment Fund.

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling supports the Province of Ontario's position on the application-based $4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understating that some rural northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling wish to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal application, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND FUTRHTER that the Township of Carling believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project;

AND FURTHER that this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Home Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling urges that Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for our residents.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the individuals listed below for consideration and support: Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, MP Scott Aitchison, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, MPP Graydon Smith, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

c. Letters from Carling and Nobel Children Requesting Playground Equipment

23-032.6c

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the letters from the Carling and Nobel students requesting better playground equipment for the Mike Konoval Community Hub.

Carried

7. SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS

None

(1) CONSENT AGENDA- COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE ITEM [C] TAY VALLEY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION – REDUCING MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COSTS

23-033 **Moved by Councillor Kelly**
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

WHEREAS the Council for Tay Valley Township passed resolution C-2023-06-15 addressing their concern for the costs of municipal insurance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Carling supports Tay Valley Township's Resolution regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs;

Carried

6. PLANNING FILES

None

7. BY- LAWS

None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Doubrough reported on the Community Policing Advisory Committee, the West Parry Sound Culture and Recreation Centre Committee Meeting and the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park Board.

Councillor Wing reported on the West Parry Sound District Museum, the Belvedere Heights Board and the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Councillor Cook reported on the Parry Sound Area Planning Board and the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative.

Councillor Kelly reported on the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park.

Mayor Murphy reported on the West Parry Sound Heads of Council meeting that she attended.

23-034 **Moved by Councillor Cook**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Carling gives the Mayor authorization to meet with the West Parry Sound Heads of Council to discuss and develop a terms of Reference Plan for an independent review and evaluation of area asset management, debt, service levels, shared services, tax levels, human resources, governance and related factors;

AND FURTHER bring the terms of reference back for council approval.

Carried

Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:41 a.m.

9. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

23-035 **Moved by Councillor Cook**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopts the Corporate Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Target of 10% below 2019 levels by 2030;

AND FURTHER that Council adopts the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Carried

Break 11:15 a.m. – 11: 23 a.m.

(2) POSSIBLE TRANSITION TO A SINGLE WASTE SITE

Council discussed the Waste Site Open House and scheduled a virtual open house for September.

(3) SNUG HARBOUR DOCK USE

Council had a discussion about the use of the Snug Harbour Dock. Staff will bring back a report to a future meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION

23-036 **Moved by Councillor Cook**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 1:26 p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(b)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, for matters pertaining to identifiable individuals and litigation in relation to human resource matter .

Carried

23-037 **Moved by Councillor Doubrough**
Seconded by Councillor Cook

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 2:19 p.m.

Carried

23-038 **Moved by Councillor Doubrough**
Seconded by Councillor Cook

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

Carried

The CAO updated council on a legal action.

11. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2023-23 **Moved by Councillor Cook**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 17, 2023.

Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

23-038 **Moved by Councillor Cook**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Carried

Susan Murphy, Mayor

Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk