



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge

Council Meeting

Date: May 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

Council Members in Attendance: Councillor Reid - Ward 1, Councillor Devine - Ward 2, Councillor Kimpson - Ward 3, Councillor Earnshaw - Ward 4, Councillor Roberts - Ward 5, Councillor Cooper - Ward 6, Councillor Hamilton - Ward 7, Councillor Ermeta - Ward 8, and Mayor Liggett,

Staff Members in Attendance: David Calder - City Manager, Cheryl Zahnleiter, Deputy City Manager - Corporate Enterprise, Sheryl Ayres - Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Boodhoo - City Solicitor, Danielle Manton - City Clerk, Jennifer Shaw - Deputy City Clerk, Rachel Latour - Administrative Assistant, Lisa Prime - Chief Planner, Kevin De Leebeeck - Director of Engineering and Julie Kalbfleisch - Director of Communications

Others in Attendance: Mirna Raponi, Supervisor of Accounting and Financial Reporting, Katie Fischer, Deputy Treasurer, Trevor McWilliams, Manager of Business Development, Mike Parsons, Director of Environmental Services, and Matt Holland, Project Engineer.

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge is held in Council Chambers and is live streamed to the City of Cambridge website. Mayor Liggett welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 9.3.3

Councillor Hamilton declared an indirect pecuniary interest on agenda item 9.3.3 23-228-CD Hespeler Pedestrian Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment as his employer may have business dealings with the developer.

4. Presentations

- 4.1 Paula Boutis, Aird and Berlis re: 23-114-CRS Integrity Commissioner – Investigation of a Code of Conduct – Committee of Adjustment
- 4.2 Matthew Betik and Courtney Cheal, KPMG re: 23-095-CRS 2022 Financial Report
- 4.3 Trevor McWilliams, Manager of Business Development - Economic Development and Chris Farrell, Manager, City of Kitchener Entrepreneurship Services re: 23-037-CRE Funding Agreement - Waterloo Region Small Business Centre
- 4.4 Rachel Greene, Senior Planner re: 23-224-CD Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision (River Mill Phase 5)
- 4.5 Diana Morris, T. Johns Consulting Group re: 23-224-CD Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision (River Mill Phase 5)
- 4.6 Matt Holand, Project Engineer and Mir Talpur, WSP Global Inc. re: 23-228-CD Hespeler Pedestrian Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

5. Delegations

6. Closed Session

Motion: 23-199

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Devine

That in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b), (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council to convene in Closed Session at 5:28 p.m. to consider the following subject matters:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Appointments to Placemaking Working Group and Human Resources Policy Update)

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Pending Property Disposition)

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Agreement Interpretation and Bonusing Opinion; Solicitor-client advice and litigation or potential litigation re property rights)

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Agreement Interpretation and Bonusing Opinion; Solicitor-client advice and litigation or potential litigation re property rights)

(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 or local board (Pending Property Disposition; Agreement Interpretation and Bonusing Opinion)

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

7. Rise from Closed

Motion: 23-200

Moved by Councillor Earnshaw
Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT Council rise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session at 7:12 p.m.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

8. Consent Agenda

Motion: 23-201

Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for May 30, 2023, be adopted as recommended.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

8.1 Special Council Minutes - May 4, 2023

8.2 Council Minutes - May 9, 2023

8.3 Council Information Package - May 12, 2023

8.4 Statutory Public Meeting Committee Minutes - May 16, 2023

8.5 23-108-CRS Library Building Envelope Repair Preston

8.6 23-235-CD Progress Report: Transportation Master Plan and Cycling Master Plan

9. Consideration of Reports

9.1 Corporate Services

9.1.1 23-114-CRS Integrity Commissioner – Investigation of a Code of Conduct – Committee of Adjustment

Motion: 23-202

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT Report 23-114-CRS Integrity Commissioner – Investigation of a Code of Conduct – Committee of Adjustment be received

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

9.1.2 23-095-CRS 2022 Financial Report

Motion: 23-203

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Reid

THAT Report 23-095-CRS 2022 Financial Report be received;

AND THAT the audited consolidated financial statements for the Corporation of the City of Cambridge be approved for the year ended December 31, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the Cambridge Public Library Board surplus in the amount of \$181,000 be transferred to the Library Rate Stabilization reserve (\$90,500) and to the Facility Capital - Library Reserve Fund (\$90,500), as recommended by the Cambridge Public Library Board.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

9.1.3 23-096-CRS 2024 Budget Timeline and Guidelines

Motion: 23-204

Moved by Councillor Ermeta
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

THAT Report 23-096-CRS 2024 Budget Timeline and Guidelines be received;

AND THAT staff prepare the 2024 budget including operating forecasts for years 2025 through 2027 and capital forecasts for years 2025 through 2033;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2024 tax-supported operating budget consistent with the tax levy increase forecast through the approved 2023 budget;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2024 water utility budget consistent with the water and wastewater fees and charges forecast through the approved 2023 budget and in accordance with the approved long-range financial plan, while factoring in any adjustments that may be required as a result of the Region of

Waterloo's rate changes and any possible efficiencies that may be identified;

AND THAT in accordance with the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) By-Law 21-016, each BIA submit its 2024 budget to City staff by October 1, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2024 budget and business plan timeline as set out in report 23-096-CRS be approved.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

9.1.4 23-115-CRS Citizen Appointments to the Placemaking Working Group

Motion: 23-205

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT Report 23-115-CRS Citizen Appointments to the Placemaking Working Group be received;

AND THAT Confidential Appendix B to Report 23-115-CRS be received and remain confidential;

AND THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Placemaking Working Group for an 18-month term from the date of appointment Scott Higgins, Michelle Goodridge, Carol Thorman, Jayliya Fonseka, Ingrid Talpak, Michael Johnston, Mano Duggal, and Jeffrey Hunter;

AND THAT the City Clerk be directed to notify all successful and unsuccessful applicants;

AND FURTHER THAT Council Appointed Citizen Members to the Placemaking Working Group who do not submit their signed Code of Conduct form within the first month after their appointment has been made, shall forfeit their membership on the committee to which they have been appointed.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

9.2 Corporate Enterprise

9.2.1 23-037-CRE Funding Agreement - Waterloo Region Small Business Centre

Motion: 23-206

Moved by Councillor Ermeta
Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Report 23-037-CRE, re: Funding Agreement – Waterloo Region Small Business Centre be received;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a renewed three-year funding agreement between the City of Kitchener, City of Waterloo and City of Cambridge to collaborate on delivery of the Waterloo Region Small Business Centre services and programs funded in part by the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Cambridge any agreements or documentation pertaining to services and programs provided by the Waterloo Region Small Business Centre provided said agreements or documentation are to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and Chief Financial Officer.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

9.3 Community Development

9.3.1 23-224-CD – Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision (River Mill Phase 5

Motion: 23-207

Moved by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

THAT Report 23-224-CD – Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision (River Mill Phase 5) be received;

AND THAT Council adopts the Official Plan Amendment submitted by River Mill Development Corporation to redesignate the lands from Future Urban Reserve to Low/Medium Density Residential with a Site Specific Policy 8.10.98 for a maximum allowable density of 50 units per hectare, and that the adopted Official Plan Amendment be submitted to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo for approval;

AND THAT Council approves the Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by River Mill Development Corporation to rezone the subject lands from “A1 Agricultural” and “RR1 Rural Residential” to “RM3 Multiple Residential” with site specific provision s.4.1.458 to permit the development of the lands with 170 two and three storey townhouse dwellings;

AND THAT Council advise the Regional Municipality of Waterloo that the City of Cambridge recommends draft approval for Plan of Subdivision 30T-21102, subject to the draft approval conditions attached to Report 23-224-CD in Appendix D;

AND THAT Council is satisfied that the requirements for a public meeting in accordance with subsections 17(15) and 34(17) of the Planning Act have been met;

AND FURTHER THAT, the by-laws attached to report 23-224-CD, be passed.

In Favour (8): Councillor Reid, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Opposed (1): Councillor Devine

Carried (8 to 1)

9.3.2 23-266-CD Blenheim Road Local Improvement - Sanitary Servicing Extension

Note: This report was withdrawn from the May 30th, 2023, Agenda and will come forward at a future date.

9.3.3 23-228-CD Hespeler Pedestrian Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Motion: 23-208

Moved by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Report 23-228-CD Hespeler Pedestrian Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment be received;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to finalize the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Project File including authorization for staff to post the Notice of Study Completion for the public review period;

AND FURTHER THAT additional funding of \$70,000 be added to existing Capital Project A/01159-20 from the Development Charge Road Reserve Fund in order to complete the required Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment.

In Favour (8): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Conflict (1): Councillor Hamilton

Carried (8 to 0)

9.4 Infrastructure Services

9.4.1 23-015-IFS 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report

Note: This Report was withdrawn from the May 30th, 2023, Agenda and will be included as part of the Agenda on June 6th, 2023.

9.5 Office of the City Manager

10. Other Business

11. Motions

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Notice of Motion re: Call to Action for Housing and Homelessness

Note: This Notice of Motion was introduced at the May 30th, 2023, Council meeting and will be discussed on June 6th, 2023.

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS tent cities and living rough are a serious challenge in all communities;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government; Whereas emergency shelters are critical but are not appropriate for all homeless individuals;

WHEREAS appropriate accommodation must be offered anyone before requesting that they move away from living on public property;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Cambridge calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

d. Provide new and immediate provincial funding support 1) for the development and operation of outdoor shelters and 2) for supportive housing providers that are focused on the homeless in the most need.

e. Provide new and immediate provincial funding support to municipalities to make municipality-owned property available at little or no cost for outdoor shelters and supportive housing development, with provided funding to be used for providing services on such properties in lieu of development fees.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health, the Official Opposition at Queen's Park and the Association of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

12.2 Notice of Motion re: Public Outdoor Drinking Fountains

Note: This Notice of Motion was introduced at the May 30th, 2023, Council meeting and will be discussed on June 6th, 2023.

WHEREAS the City Cambridge prides itself on encouraging sports and recreation, active transportation, physical activity, environmentalism, and the importance of placemaking in core areas;

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge rests on a geographically unique constellation of rivers, such as the Speed River and the Grand River, making water an essential component of the city's history, constitution, public branding, and ethos;

WHEREAS more than two billion single-use disposable plastic drinking water bottles are used in Canada per year, despite the fact that Canada contains some of the world's largest reserves of fresh water, and drinking water through our taps and public systems in Cambridge is safe, clean, and affordable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff of the City of Cambridge be directed to provide a recommendation on installing a public drinking fountain as a placemaking and community building initiative in one of our core areas, and that a further outline for potentially installing a drinking fountain in each core area in the future, be included as well.

13. Correspondence

14. Motion to Receive and File

Motion: 23-209

Moved by Councillor Devine
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT all presentations and correspondence from the May 30, 2023, Council meeting be received.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

15. Consideration of By-laws

Motion: 23-210

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT the following by-laws listed under the heading of Introduction and Consideration of By-laws be enacted and passed:

23-039 Being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 63 of the City of Cambridge Official Plan (2012), as amended with respect to land municipally known as 875 and Part of 800 Briardean Road; and

23-040 Being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 150-85, as amended with respect to land municipally known as 875 and Part of 800 Briardean Road.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

16. Confirmatory By-law

Motion: 23-211

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

That By-Law 23-041 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge be passed.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

17. Adjournment

Motion: 23-212

Moved by Councillor Kimpson

Seconded by Councillor Reid

THAT the Council meeting does now adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

In Favour (9): Councillor Reid, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (9 to 0)

Mayor

Clerk