



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: City Council Highlights – June 11, 2018

The following are highlights of the June 11 Regular Sarnia City Council Meeting:

Sarnia City Council met in closed session to discuss:

- A matter involving potential litigation regarding a contract dispute. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff; and
- A matter involving litigation or potential litigation regarding a planning matter. No votes were taken other than to give direction to staff.

Approved the removal of the Holding Zone Designation at 321 Devine Street to allow for a retirement community which includes a five story memory care building and eight story senior's residence building.

Heard a presentation from Seasons Retirement Communities regarding the redevelopment of Bayside Mall.

- Mixed use plan incorporates key community services already in place, will attract new enterprises and will see the development of a 140-160 unity senior's care facility;
- Plans to renovate commercial/office/retail space of which the Lambton Shared Services Centre is proposed to be the primary tenant;
- Creating a pedestrian connection between Christina and Vidal streets via Lochiel;
- Incorporating space for a transit terminal at George and Vidal Streets; and

- Modernizing and automating the underground parking to make it available for public use with expanded hours of operation and better access.

Heard a presentation from Rod Gowrie, Fluoride Free Lambton Task Force, regarding the Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS) Corrosion Study.

Approved the recommended Lead Reduction Plan for submission to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Control for approval.

- The Lead Reduction Plan recommends to continue monitoring and investigating the possible lead service locations within the City. Three years of further investigation of lead service locations and elimination through documentation review, field investigation and water sampling will postpone and potentially eliminate the need of treatment to the water system.
- Asked LAWSS to conduct analysis regarding any impacts to lead levels of water at the water treatment plant.

Accepted the following tenders:

- Autoform Contracting London for required concrete repairs and bus stop pad additions in the amount of \$452,282 (including non-rebateable HST), funded from the approved Streetscapes and Transportation Master Plan Capital budgets.
- Lafrentz Road Services in the amount of \$143,185 (including non-rebateable HST), for the addition of bike lanes at Russel Street from Maria Street to Maxwell Street; Capel Street from Maxwell Street to Colborne Road; Colborne Road from Capel Street to Lakeshore Road; and Cathcart Boulevard from Christina Street to Colborne Road. Work is planned to be completed by mid-July.
- Cope Construction in the amount of \$2,139,177 (including non-rebateable HST), for various asphalt resurfacing on River Road, Lake Chipican Drive, and Confederation Street.
- JBL Construction in the amount of \$2,587,052 (including non-rebateable HST), for construction required for the new wastewater pump station at Waterworks Road.
- Riggs Engineering in the amount of \$89,656 (including non-rebateable HST) for the condition assessment and inspection of the sheet pile wall along the St. Clair River between Centennial Park and Ferry Dock Hill. This will assist the City in identifying immediate and future needs of City-owned shoreline protection structures.

Accepted the proposal by Neptune Security Services in the amount of \$1,119,360 (including non-rebateable HST), for crossing guard services as required for a three year term. There are currently 28 crossings managed.

Directed staff to include Electronic Voting and Request to Speak functionality as part of a meeting management software solution and refer costs to the 2019 budget process.

Accepted the following drainage improvement tenders:

- Bruce Poland & Sons Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$101,314 (including non-rebateable HST), for required Ferguson Drain improvements;
- JLH Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$165,766 (including non-rebateable HST), for required Griffin Drain improvements; and
- Bruce Poland & Sons Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$99,957 (including non-rebateable HST), for required Woods Drain improvements.

Authorized the execution of the Sarnia Power Corporation (Bluewater Power) resolution approving the appointment of the auditor and directors, and acknowledging receipt of the annual financial statements.

Approved the Agreement of Purchase and Sale received from Fernco Connectors LTD for approximately 4.5 acres of land in the Sarnia Business and Research Park for a purchase price of \$55,000 per acre.

- The land is located on the south side of Wellington Street, east of and adjacent to the seven acre parcel occupied by the former Dow Recreation Centre.
- The agreement will allow Fernco Connectors Ltd. to construct a warehouse and distribution center. The proposed expansion would include a 30,000 square foot facility and associated parking area. The business would employ 10 people at startup and expand to 20 people when the facility is completely occupied.

Granted the following Noise By-Law exemptions:

- to Bluewater International Granfondo for its event to be held in Mike Weir Park on Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00p.m.;
- to Sarnia and District Humane Society for an outdoor event on Saturday, August 11, 2018 until midnight on the City's Boulevard (grassed area beside Stoke's Bay and Paddy Flaherty's); and
- to Bluewater Health Foundation for the "Do It For Sarnia" event to be held on July 13, 2018 until midnight at Suncor Agora, Centennial Park.

Approved the following for Sarnia GreekFest event, August 3, 4, and 5, 2018:

- use the City's Parkway Parking Lot;
- complete closure of Christina Street from Lochiel Street to the north side of Cromwell Street; and
- exemption from the Noise By-Law on August 3 and 4, 2018 until 11:00 p.m. and August 5, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Amended the Parking By-Law to 'No Parking Anytime' on the east side of Christina St. South from Tecumseh St. to 40m south of Tecumseh St.

Authorized City staff to canvas local and national businesses to sponsor public transportation during special City events.

- Ackwood Auto Parts has expressed interest in sponsoring free transit for Canada Day.

The next Corporate Priorities/Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on June 25 at 10:00 a.m. and the next Regular Council Meeting will be held July 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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