



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, February 27, 2020
Municipal Office

The Council of the Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 4:00 PM, in the Municipal Office, with the following members present:

Council Present: Mayor David Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, Councillor Jeannette Douglas, Councillor Jamie Armstrong, and Councillor Wayne Deans

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers, Treasurer Stephen Ikert, Public Works Manager Randy Hills, Fire Chief Jeff McArthur, and Administrative Assistant Darlene Paolucci

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Mayor requested that any pecuniary interests be declared at the appropriate time.

3 MINUTES

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2020

RESOLUTION-2020-056

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the regular Council meeting minutes of February 13 be approved as presented with no additions, amendments or deletions. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk Administrator noted that drawings were obtained for a two bay fire station attached to the Inwood Library and the material pricing obtained was within the draft budgeted amount. Other material pricing is still being sought for comparison.

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

- a) Les Douglas - Arena Pavilion and Washrooms

Mr. Douglas was present at Council on behalf of the Alvinston Optimist Club Building Committee. He noted the current grant applications submitted, funds currently raised through donations and sponsors and in kind donations. He circulated drawings obtained for a 48 x 80 structure incorporating two washrooms and price received from AUBI. The anticipated cost was reviewed with note that the group would like to submit a subsequent application to the Alix Foundation for additional funding to supplement the project.

Council further discussed obligations to the grant writer, the previous resolution regarding Council support and reevaluation of washrooms, Optimist support for additional funds needed, Ag Society support of project and open houses.

It was suggested a special meeting be held to discuss the project further.

It was further noted during this discussion time that the Optimist Club agreed to donate \$5,000 towards the repair of the spider web at the Community Park.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Information Correspondence

RESOLUTION-2020-057

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the correspondence items presented be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Municipality of Southwest Middlesex: Request for support Bill 156

RESOLUTION-2020-058

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's resolution in regards to Bill 156. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report: January 2020 Accounts Summary Report

RESOLUTION-2020-059

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the January 2020 accounts be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Clerk Administrator's Report: Special Occasion Permit: Alvinston Pro Rodeo

RESOLUTION-2020-060

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston declares the Alvinston Pro Rodeo being held June 19-21, 2020 as an event of municipal significance and acknowledges that the Alvinston Agricultural Society will be applying for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) for the Brooke-Alvinston-Inwood Community Centre Complex at 3310 Walnut Street for the Alvinston Pro Rodeo event. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Clerk Administrator's Report: Ad Hoc Accessibility Committee

RESOLUTION-2020-061

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that a committee be developed to review the accessibility needs of the Municipality; and that the Committee be comprised of: the Clerk Administrator, Public Works Manager / Parks & Recreation Supervisor, Councillor Douglas and two members of the public. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Clerk Administrator's Report: Building Permit Summary (2014-2019)

RESOLUTION-2020-062

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Building Permit comparison report (2015-2019) be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) CLERK ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Alix Foundation Funding Options

The Clerk Administrator reviewed her report with Council. Councillor Armstrong stated that when he was chair of the Building Committee he withdrew the application in 2018 and noted this discrepancy in the staff report. Council discussed various options for submission to the Alix Foundation.

RESOLUTION-2020-063

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that a special Council meeting be held Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:45 p.m. with members of the Optimist Club present. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief presented his submitted report. Councillor Nemcek stated he is supportive and would like to keep a fire presence in Inwood; Councillor Douglas stated she had concerns with the budget and would like to hold off on a decision until it gets discussed at budget deliberations; Councillor Armstrong stated staff did not respond to emails for open communication with the IFA and said input was needed from the Inwood community on the Inwood Fire Station. He proposed a public event at the Inwood Firemen's Association Hall as in a facebook poll he had 65 interested people . The following motion was made:

RESOLUTION-2020-064

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that a public meeting be held at the IFA hall to discuss the Inwood Fire Station. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

DEFEATED. 2-2 (opposed: Mayor David Ferguson and Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek).

Councillor Nemcek was not in favour of a public meeting as input has been received for 2 years on this topic; Councillor Armstrong clarified it was a meeting to discuss where a hall would be or if plans continue for a hall and offered to be the mediator; Mayor Ferguson clarified the topic was thoroughly discussed at Council meetings which are open to the public. It was noted that the Fire Chief and certain members of Council were banned from the IFA Hall. The Clerk Administrator was not in favour of paying \$200 / hour for use of the IFA hall for a meeting.

8 BY-LAWS

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Clerk Administrator noted that the OPP will be doing a presentation entitled "Safe Guard" that will be March 24, 2020 at the Alvinston Library at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Council members and those present were reminded on Mary Jo Bryce, Librarian for Alvinston & Inwood will be having a retirement celebration February 28th
- c) The Clerk Administrator requested Council consider a \$25 donation as requested by the Brooke-Alvinston Skating Club. Council had no objection with the donation for the carnival book.
- d) Mayor Ferguson noted he was unavailable to attend the Interfaith Black history Month event at the Sarnia Muslim Association Mosque on Saturday and asked if any Councillors were available that they please let him know.
- e) Mayor Ferguson noted the SCRCA award presented to Councillor Nemcek for

being on the committee for 10 years.

- f) Municipal Dust Suppressant Requirements:

RESOLUTION-2020-065

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston acknowledge the verbal report provided by the Public Works Manager regarding the 2020 dust suppressant needs for the Municipality and that the quote received from Den Mar Brines for \$\$188.55/ flake/ tonne be accepted and that Council waives the requirements for a competitive process in favour of a negotiated process with Den Mar Brines for the provision of dust suppressant for the Municipality for the reason that the Public Works Manager has worked extensively with this supplier in the past and has obtained a price for the product that is within the draft budgeted amount and is anticipated to be lower than other suppliers. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) Lorne Street Reconstruction Meeting: The Public Works Manager informed Council that a meeting has been arranged for March 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. to discuss the project.
- h) Councillor Nemcek requested staff to contact Brian MacDougall at the SCRCA in regards to excess amounts of biosolids being stored on municipal properties. It was also requested that a letter be sent to the owner to request them to cover the pile in the meantime. Councillor Armstrong requested a status update on what actions have been done to date.
- i) Councillor Deans inquired on the status of Council meetings being taped and recorded. It was noted that Council gave direction to defer the purchase to the 2020 budget deliberations.

RESOLUTION-2020-066

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that staff be authorized to purchase the audio/video recording equipment as presented in 2019 prior to the adoption of the 2020 budget. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- j) Councillor Douglas informed those present of the Canada Day meeting scheduled for March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION-2020-067

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that confirming By-law 11 of 2020 be read a first, second and third time and finally approved this 27th day of February 2020. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law Number 11 of 2020

13 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor