



Village of Point Edward

Council Meeting

MINUTES

December 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Tele-Conference

Present: Mayor B. Hand, Deputy Mayor G. Grimes, Councillor L. Gordon, Councillor P. Burgess, Councillor T. Mondoux, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) J. Burns, Administrative Assistant J. Capes, Treasurer T. Thibeault, Manager of Environmental Services (MES) J. Verstraeten

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

- None.

3. Delegations

1. Bluewater Power

Janice McMichael-Dennis, President and CEO of Bluewater Power, reviewed the Water Billing and Meter Services presentation with Council.

It was asked if the proposed pricing would be in addition to what the Village is currently paying for the water reads, and the response was no, the proposed pricing would replace the current costs, rather than being added to the current pricing.

Another question asked how Bluewater Power intends to collect uncollected accounts and whether they will submit uncollected accounts to the Village to add to tax rolls. Bluewater Power takes a tender approach to collections and is very successful in their collections with other cities, having less than 1% added to the tax rolls. Uncollected accounts will be submitted to the Village to add to tax rolls.

To be the most cost effective, Bluewater Power would like to tie in the water reads with the electricity reads. An Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be sent to the Village on the 5th of the month.

The \$2.48 rate would not change in the 6-year agreement, even if there is an influx in work required for billing and collections.

Meters in the Village are beyond their expected life cycles. When looking to install replacement meters, it was recommended to do it in a 3 or 4- year program.

Quotes that had been provided to the Village previously were for I-pearl meters. The I-pearl meters have a longer life cycle (well beyond 10 years), and their batteries have a 20-year life cycle.

4. Communications (Receive and File) – Listed

Resolution 1

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Burgess

THAT the Communications (Receive and File) - Listed Items (1 and 2) be received and filed.

Carried

1. AMO Watch File - November 26, 2020

2. AMO Watch File - December 3, 2020

5. New Business

1. Parking/Traffic By-Law Report

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) reviewed the Parking/Traffic By-law Report.

Concerns about unauthorized parking on municipal property were discussed. It was suggested that this item be added to the current Parking/Traffic By-Law.

Resolution 2

Moved By Councillor Mondoux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Grimes

THAT the by-law enforcement discussion be deferred until the new year.

Carried

2. ICIP - COVID-19 Resiliency Intake project

The CAO reviewed the items to be submitted in the application for the ICIP - COVID-19 Resiliency Intake Project.

Resolution 3

Moved By Deputy Mayor Grimes

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

THAT the application for the COVID Resiliency Grant proceed, including the repair of the basement drainage at \$45,000, the demolition and reconstruction of the basement at \$45,000, and installation of Live Streaming hardware and equipment at \$10,000 and THAT any costs above these amounts be brought back to Council at a later date for final approval.

Carried

6. **By-Laws**

1. By-Law Number 45 of 2020, being a By-Law to Regulate Parking and Traffic in the Village of Point Edward

Resolution 4

Moved By Deputy Mayor Grimes

Seconded By Councillor Mondoux

THAT By-Law number 45 of 2020, being a By-Law to Regulate Parking and Traffic in the Village of Point Edward include an amendment that prohibits parking on municipal property or private property without permission, and THAT the corresponding fine be added to the set fines schedule.

Carried

7. **Resolution to Adjourn to an 'In Camera' Session**

Resolution 5

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Burgess

THAT Council adjourn to an "In Camera" session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Carried

8. Resolution to Reconvene to Regular Council Session

Resolution 6

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Mondoux

THAT Council Reconvene to Regular Council Session at 6:52 p.m.

Carried

9. Report of the Closed Session Meeting of Council

10. Confirmation By-Law

Resolution 7

Moved By Councillor Mondoux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Grimes

THAT By-Law 46 of 2020, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Resolutions of Point Edward Council which were adopted up to and including December 8, 2020 be READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED on this day, December 8, 2020

Carried

11. Adjournment

Resolution 8

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Burgess

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting or at the call of the Chair at such time as a Special Council Meeting is held.

Carried

Mayor Bev Hand

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Jim Burns