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General Government Committee

Minutes

Date: September 23, 2019
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Municipal Administrative Centre
40 Temperance Street
Bowmanville, Ontario

Present Were: Mayor A. Foster, Councillor R. Hooper, Councillor J. Jones,
Councillor C. Traill, and Councillor M. Zwart
Regrets: Councillor G. Anderson, Councillor J. Neal
Staff Present: A. Allison, G. Acorn, S. Brake, T. Cannella, M. Marano, T. Pinn,
G. Weir, A. Greentree, J. Gallagher, S. Gray

1. Call to Order

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Suspend the Rules

Resolution # GG-421-19
Moved by Councillor Hooper
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended.

Carried

Alter the Agenda

Resolution # GG-422-19
Moved by Councillor Hooper
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the Agenda be altered to consider the Presentation from Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan, regarding Japan-Canada Relations, at this time.

Carried

10.1 Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan, Regarding Japan-Canada Relations

Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan was present regarding Japan-Canada Relations. She made a verbal presentation to accompany an electronic presentation. Ms. Ito explained that Japan and Canada share values and a common vision for a more prosperous and peaceful world: Democracy, Human Rights, Free & Open Economy, Rule of Law, etc. She stated that Canada is a major developed country which is politically stable, increasingly interested in Asia Pacific. Ms. Ito noted that Canada has abundant natural resources, advanced technologies and industries including well-developed service sector. She provided comparisons between Japan and Canada, specifically regarding our economic relations. Ms. Ito highlighted the economic strengths and the sophisticated market in Japan. She explained that there are many incentives offered by the Japanese National Government for foreign trade. Ms. Ito advised the Committee on what Japanese companies seek for overseas expansion. She explained that the Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO) is a government-related organization working to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. Ms. Ito Japan answered questions from the Committee.

Regional Chair John Henry brought greetings to the Council General of Japan on behalf of Durham Region.

Recess

Resolution # GG-423-19
Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the Committee recess for 10 minutes.

Carried

The meeting reconvened at 10:16 AM with Mayor Foster in the Chair.

Resolution # GG-424-19
Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Traill

That the presentation from Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan, be received with thanks; and

That the Newcastles of the World Committee be thanked for their efforts.

Carried

Resolution # GG-425-19
Moved by Councillor Jones
Seconded by Councillor Hooper

Communication Item 9.7, Christine McSorley, Newcastles of the World, Municipality of Clarington Representative at the Newcastle of the World Conference 2020, be added to the Agenda.

Carried

Alter the Agenda

Resolution # GG-426-19
Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Hooper

That the Agenda be altered to consider Report CAO-010-19, Cedar Crest Beach Update, at this time.

Carried

19.1 CAO-010-19 Cedar Crest Beach Update

Resolution # GG-427-19
Moved by Councillor Traill
Seconded by Councillor Hooper

That Report CAO-010-19, Cedar Crest Beach Update, be referred to the November 25, 2019, General Government Committee meeting.

Referred

2. New Business – Introduction

Councillor Jones asked that a new business item, regarding a Stop Sign on Prestonvale Road, be added to the New Business – Consideration section of the agenda.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution # GG-428-19
Moved by Councillor Hooper
Seconded by Councillor Traill

That the Agenda for the General Government Committee meeting of September 23, 2019 be adopted with the addition of a New Business Item, regarding a Stop Sign on Prestonvale Road.

Carried

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest stated at this meeting.

5. Announcements

Members of Committee announced upcoming community events and matters of community interest.

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1 Minutes of the Joint General Government and Planning and Development Committee September 9, 2019

Resolution # GG-429-19

Moved by Councillor Hooper

Seconded by Councillor Jones

That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint General Government and Planning and Development Committee meeting held on September 9, 2019, be approved with the following changes:

- Item 17.1 – was seconded by Councillor Hooper, not Councillor Jones
- Item 12.6 – Councillor Neal conveyed, via Councillor Jones, that his declaration of an interest was indirect, not direct.

Carried

7. Delegations

7.1 DJ Nascimento, Mosey & Mosey, Regarding Report COD-016-19, Health Benefit Program Renewal 2019

DJ Nascimento, Mosey & Mosey, was present regarding Report COD-016-19, Health Benefit Program Renewal 2019. Mr. Nascimento explained that the employee group benefits for the Municipality of Clarington are underwritten by Sun Life and Chubb Insurance, which are both scheduled to renew effective November 1, 2019. He advised the Committee that Attachment 1 to Report COD-016-19, includes the insurers' proposed renewal rate adjustments by benefit and subsequent negotiated adjustments. Mr. Nascimento noted that the overall proposed adjustment is 8.6% to the current monthly rates, which is a monthly premium increase of \$26,978 including PST. Mr. Nascimento answered questions from the Committee.

7.2 Donna Lanigan regarding Green Bins in Clarington

Donna Lanigan was present regarding green bins in Clarington. She explained that composting is an important strategy designed to divert waste from a landfill, or from incineration. Ms. Lanigan advised the Committee that we are experiencing an urgent situation in Clarington. She is concerned with the green bin collection, and she found that, on one morning, 444 residents that didn't have green bins in her immediate neighborhood and some didn't even have blue bins. Ms. Lanigan noted that there was a roll out of green bins July 2006 in Durham Region and 132,000 green bins were delivered to homes across Whitby, Ajax, Oshawa & parts of Pickering. She advised the Committee that the Municipality of Clarington was not a part of this roll out. She stated that the cost of the green bin rollout was covered by the Region's solid waste reserve fund, which is intended for large capital purchases, such as the green bins. Ms. Lanigan noted that you can purchase green bins, but added that she believes that it should not be a money maker. She advised the Committee that it is costing taxpayers a lot more money to burn garbage and therefore it would be in everyone's best interest to get composting working successfully. Ms. Lanigan stated that green bins should be free, and that there shouldn't be a price tag on the importance of composting. She explained that we shouldn't just sit back and do nothing to improve the composting problems in Clarington. Ms. Lanigan stated that residents are not able to buy/obtain green bins outside of business hours. She advised the Committee that she has submitted a request to the Region and they indicated that the Compliance Officer starts work after the garbage is picked up. Ms. Lanigan advised the Committee that we should work with residents, to make them more informed and that we have to make composting a priority because we are being burdened with too much garbage and too much burning. She stated that Canadians waste \$31 billion in food every year, nearly 50% of the waste occurs in the home. Ms. Lanigan explained that composting is a good solution, and we have to work to make it successful in Clarington. She noted that with an increase in tonnage at the incinerator being ask for and the anaerobic digestion facility which costs \$165 million, it is time to act now to improve composting. She answered questions from the Committee.

Resolution # GG-430-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That staff be directed to investigate ways, with the Region, to make compost bins more accessible to residents to increase participation in the composting process.

Carried

8. Communications – Receive for Information

8.1 Minutes of the Newcastle Business Improvement Area dated September 12, 2019

Resolution # GG-431-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Jones

That Communication Item 8.1, be received for information.

Carried

9. Communications – Direction

9.1 Memo from George Acorn, Acting Director of Community Services, Regarding Land Acknowledgement Statement - Update

Resolution # GG-432-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That the request for an extension to report back regarding the Land Acknowledgment Statement Report to October 15, 2019 General Government Committee meeting, be approved.

Carried

9.2 Christine Tarling, Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk, City of Kitchener, Regarding Producer Requirements for Packaging in Ontario

Resolution # GG-433-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That the following resolution from City of Kitchener, regarding Producer Requirements for Packaging in Ontario, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, has posted a discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”;

Whereas producer responsibility has not been adequately addressed by the Province of Ontario;

Whereas a successful deposit/return program for single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers has been in existence in other Provinces in Canada including Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and British Columbia;

Whereas these successful programs have eliminated many of these containers from the natural environment;

Whereas the City of Kitchener is committed to climate action and understanding our role as a municipality in a globalized world and the need to be prepared for the effects of climate change;

Whereas the City of Kitchener has declared a climate emergency with the directive to provide continued support to corporate and community climate action;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Kitchener call upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”, to review and implement a deposit/return program for recycled plastics, aluminum and metal drink containers; and,

Be it further resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to review producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging; and,

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Region of Waterloo;

That the Federal Government be requested to continue to support policies and programs to require product manufacturers, of goods made in Canada as well as goods imported into Canada, to be more responsible through the reduction of plastic packaging, the use of reusable, recyclable and compostable plastics, and through a prohibition of non-recycling packaging; and

That the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Erin O’Toole – MP Durham and the Honourable Kim Rudd – MP Northumberland – Peterborough South be advised of Council’s decision.

Carried

9.3 Christine Tarling, Director of Legislated Services& City Clerk, City of Kitchener, regarding Christine Tarling, Director of Legislated Services& City Clerk, City of Kitchener, regarding Single-use Disposable Wipes

Resolution # GG-434-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Jones

That the following resolution from City of Kitchener, regarding Single-use Disposable Wipes, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas in 2018 the City of Kitchener implemented a sustainable funding model Water Infrastructure Project (WIP) for the city’s water, sanitary and stormwater infrastructure to ensure the safe delivery of these valued utilities;

Whereas in 2018 a multi-year initiative approved through the WIP has already improved several key measures of water quality, and proactive maintenance has reduced the risk of flooding in high-risk areas;

Whereas in 2018 the City has already seen a number of impacts due to the implementation of the WIP including: 48% decrease in complaints related to discoloured water; Storm main repairs increased by 27 per cent; 300 metric tonnes of sediment removed from catch basins; and, 2,200 properties protected against backflow and cross-connection contamination;

Whereas Single-use wipes are a \$6-billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as the clean alternative to toilet paper and are safe to flush;

Whereas there is no one standard for what the word “flushable” means;

Whereas Single-use wipes are in fact not safe to flush as they are buoyant; are not biodegradable; and, are unable to break down into small pieces quickly;

Whereas Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country; and

Whereas there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Kitchener lobby the Federal Government, to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable; and,

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Region of Waterloo; and, all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

9.4 Sharon Baird and Les Gariscsak, Regarding an Amendment to By-law 2015-047, The Discharge and Sale of Fireworks

Resolution # GG-435-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Communication Item 9.4, be referred to staff to report back.

Carried

9.5 Julie Bouthillette, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Larder Lake, Regarding Electronic Delegations

Resolution # GG-436-19

Moved by Councillor Jones

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That the following resolution from the Township of Larder Lake, regarding Electronic Delegation, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas Council has discussed lobbying the provincial ministers to allow for electronic delegation;

Whereas Council feels that it is unjust to have to attend expensive conference to be able to have a delegation with Ministers or the Premier;

Therefore, Council request that the Ministers and the Premier offer electronic delegations to small and rural Municipalities that do not have sufficient budget to attend conferences; and

Further that this resolution be sent to the Premier and all the Ministries for their consideration.

Carried

9.6 Chris Darling, Chief Administrative Officer, CLOCA, regarding Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

Resolution # GG-437-19

Moved by Councillor Jones

Seconded by Councillor Hooper

That the following resolution from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, regarding Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas the Province of Ontario intends to release regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act that will define conservation authority mandatory programs and services and further details on the process of defining non-mandatory program and services through agreement with municipal partners;

Be it resolved that the Central Lake Ontario Board of Directors recommends that the province engage in early pre-consultations with Central Lake Ontario Conservation, other conservation authorities and member municipalities to define the governing regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act related to core and non-core program areas;

That the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Board of Directors invites the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to meet with conservation authorities to fully understand the funding structure and local benefit of our programs and to help us deliver provincial priorities in a responsible and sustainable manner; and

That a copy of this report and resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, watershed MPPs and regional and local municipal councils.

Carried

9.7 Christine McSorley, Newcastle's of the World, Municipality of Clarington Representative at the Newcastle of the World Conference 2020

Resolution # GG-438-19

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That Communication item 9.7, be referred to the Council Meeting dated October 7, 2019.

Referred

10. Presentations

10.1 Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan, Regarding Japan-Canada Relations

The Presentation from Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan, was considered earlier in the meeting.

11. Engineering Services Department Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

12. Operations Department Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

13. Emergency and Fire Services Department Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

14. Community Services Department Reports

Councillor Traill chaired this portion of the meeting.

14.1 CSD-008-19 Single Use Plastics in Municipal Buildings

Resolution # GG-439-19

Moved by Councillor Hooper

Seconded by Councillor Jones

That Report CSD-008-19 be received;

That Council direct staff to develop and implement a program for the elimination of single use plastics in municipal facilities and buildings, where there exists an environmentally responsible alternative;

That staff report back to Council after six months on the highlights of the program and the results achieved; and

That the Clarington Public Library, Clarington Museums & Archives and Municipality owned/Board operated Community Halls and Arenas be advised of the decisions of Council.

Carried

15. Municipal Clerk's Department Reports

Councillor Jones chaired this portion of the meeting.

15.1 CLD-019-19 Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Various Boards and Committees

Resolution # GG-440-19

Moved by Mayor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Report CLD-019-19 be received;

That the Committee consider the applications for appointments to the various boards and committees, and that the vote be conducted to appoint the citizen and Council representatives to the various boards and committees, in accordance with the Appointment to Boards and Committees Policy;

That the Municipal Clerk's Department be authorized to continue to advertise for the remaining vacancies on the Newcastle Arena Board, Newcastle Village Community Hall Board and the Livestock Valuers;

That the resignation of Glynn Green, from the Committee of Adjustment and Connor Visser, from the Clarington Public Library, be received;

That Katherine Warren, current Chair of the Museum and Archives Board, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Clarington Public Library Board; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CLD-019-19, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

Committee of Adjustment

Noel Gamble was appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Samuel Wilmot Nature Area Management Advisory Committee

Carrie-Anne Atkins was appointed to the Samuel Wilmot Nature Area Management Advisory Committee of Clarington for a term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

15.2 CLD-020-19 New Legislation Regarding Drinking in Parks (i.e. Tailgate Parties)

Resolution # GG-441-19

Moved by Mayor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Report CLD-020-19 be received;

That the Municipal Clerk, in consultation with relevant Staff, be authorized to make decisions with respect to proposed Tailgate Events on Municipal Property; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CLD-020-19, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

16. Corporate Services Department Reports

Mayor Foster chaired this portion of the meeting.

16.1 COD-014-19 Benefits Cost Containment Best Practices

Resolution # GG-442-19

Moved by Councillor Hooper

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Report COD-014-19 be received for information.

Carried

16.2 COD-015-19 Supply and Deliver Two Single Axle Cab and Chassis Trucks with Snow Plow, Wing and U Body Dump Spreader

Resolution # GG-443-19

Moved by Councillor Hooper

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Report COD-015-19 be received;

That Premier Truck Group with a total bid amount of \$478,840.00 (Net HST Rebate) being the lowest compliant bidder meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of Tender CL2019-26 be awarded the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Two Single Axle Cab and Chassis Trucks with Snow Plow, Wing and U Body Dump Spreader, as required by the Operations Department;

That the funds required for this project in the amount of \$478,840.00 (Net HST Rebate) be funded by the Municipality from the approved budget allocations as follows:

Description	Account Number	Amount
Fleet Replacement Roads	110-36-388-83642-7401	\$478,840

That all interested parties listed in Report COD-015-19, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

16.3 COD-016-19 Health Benefit Program Renewal 2019

Resolution # GG-444-19

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Hooper

That Report COD-016-19 be received;

That the presentation by DJ Nascimento from Mosey & Mosey be accepted with thanks and advised of Council's decision;

That Council approve the recommendation by Mosey & Mosey to transfer the Extended Health and Dental Benefits programs to an Administrative Services Only (ASO) funding arrangement with Sun Life effective January 1, 2020; with the renewal for the transition period effective November 1, 2019 until ASO conversion, at an overall impact of 5.9% as negotiated by Mosey & Mosey;

That the Non-ASO benefit program renewal continue with Sun Life until the next renewal period for this program on November 1, 2020 under a combined net 0% impact after moving to the ASO funding model; and

That the Library and Museum be advised of the renewal program, and that they continue to be invoiced for their portion of the benefit program, as applicable.

Carried

16.4 COD-017-19 Bill 66 Concern Raised by Carpenters' Union Local 27

Resolution # GG-445-19

Moved by Councillor Zwart

Seconded by Councillor Traill

That Report COD-017-19 be received; and

That Bradley Archambault be advised of this report and Council's decision, by the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Carried

16.5 COD-018-19 CL2019-21 Waterfront Trail Upgrades

Resolution # GG-446-19

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Hooper

That Report COD-018-19 be received;

That Gray's Landscaping & Snow Removal Inc. with a total bid amount of \$499,853.79 (Net HST Rebate) being the lowest compliant bidder meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of Tender CL2019-21 be awarded the contract Waterfront Trail Upgrades, as required by the Engineering Services Department;

That the funds required for this project in the amount of \$581,200.00 (Net HST Rebate) which includes the construction cost of \$499,853.79 (Net HST Rebate) engineering design and testing/inspection be funded by the Municipality from the approved budget allocations as follows:

Pave the Waterfront Trail (Bowmanville Ave. to West Beach Road)(2018 & 2019)	110-32-331-83449-7401	\$495,965
Bowmanville Creek Valley Trail (Baseline to Waterfront)	110-32-325-83257-7401	\$85,235

That all interested parties listed in Report COD-018-19, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

17. Finance Department Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

18. Solicitor's Department Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

19. Chief Administrative Office Reports

19.1 CAO-010-19 Cedar Crest Beach Update

Report CAO-010-19, Cedar Crest Beach Update, was considered earlier in the meeting.

20. New Business – Consideration

20.1 Stop Sign on Prestonvale Road

Resolution # GG-447-19

Moved by Councillor Jones

Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That staff report back to the General Government Committee meeting of November 4, 2019 regarding consideration of a Stop Sign northbound on Prestonvale Road at Robert Adams Drive to address queuing issues.

Carried

21. Unfinished Business

22. Confidential Reports

No Reports for this section of the Agenda.

23. Adjournment

Resolution # GG-448-19

Moved by Councillor Jones

Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the meeting adjourn at 11:59 AM.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk