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Special Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 22, 2020
Time: 4:30 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams

Present Were: Mayor A. Foster
Present Via Electronic Means: Councillor G. Anderson, Councillor R. Hooper, Councillor J. Jones, Councillor J. Neal, Councillor C. Traill, Councillor M. Zwart

Staff Present: J. Gallagher, L. Patenaude
Present Via Electronic Means: A. Allison, G. Acorn, R. Albright, F. Langmaid, R. Maciver, S. Brake, M. Marano, T. Pinn, G. Weir, A. Greentree

1. Call to Order

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 10:48 PM.

2. Declaration of Interest

Council Neal declared an indirect interest in Item 3.1, Paragraph 4, regarding Community Agencies Rent Relief.

Councillor Hooper declared a direct interest in item 3.1, Paragraph 7, Correspondence from the Historic Downtown Bowmanville Centre.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 General Government Committee Report of June 22, 2020

Resolution # C-298-20
Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That FND-018-20 be received;

That the temporary tax relief by-law under Section 365 of the *Municipal Act* as set forth in Attachment 1 to the memo from the Director of Finance dated June 9, 2020, be approved, with the following amendments:

- a. "Eligible Proprietor" be deleted;
- b. The eligibility period shall expire on June 19, 2020 and the deadline for submitting an application shall be August 31, 2020;
- c. Any amounts unexpended from the \$1,000,000 tax relief fund as of September 30, 2022 be transferred to the Clarington CIP.

That the Clarington CIP be enacted, and a \$1,000,000 fund be established for improvements as set forth in the staff report to qualifying businesses in Clarington that meet the following criteria:

- a. The business was forced to shut down as a result of the provincial emergency declaration;
- b. A restaurant which was only doing take out business qualifies as being forced to shut down;
- c. The business is independently owned, and is not part of a national or provincial chain;
- d. The business owner meets a means test, as determined by staff.

That Community Agencies renting space in Municipal buildings be provided rent relief, outside of the Community COVID-19 Support Program, as recommended in Attachment 3 to Report FND-018-20;

That Community COVID-19 Support Program guidelines and application, as included in Attachments 4 and 5, be approved and Staff be directed to proceed with the intake with the Director of Finance, Director of Community Services and the CAO being delegated authority to award grants;

That Darlington Soccer Club be granted a deferral of their contribution to the Bowmanville Indoor Soccer facility to 2021;

That correspondence dated April 20, 2020 from the Historic Downtown Bowmanville Centre (BIA) be received for information;

That Staff examine options and implement the closing of downtown streets and Municipal parking lots to provide outdoor seating in consultation with the BIAs; and

That all interested parties listed in Report FND-018-20 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Carried, Later in the Meeting, By Division

Councillor Neal declared an indirect interest in Paragraph 4, regarding Community Agencies Rent Relief as he is a member of the Autism Home Base Durham Board. Councillor Neal muted his audio and video and refrained from voting on this matter.

Councillor Hooper declared a direct interest in Paragraph 7, Correspondence from the Historic Downtown Bowmanville Centre as he is a member of the BIA. Councillor Hooper muted his audio and video and refrained from voting on this matter.

Resolution # C-299-20
Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That the foregoing Resolution #C-298-20 be divided such that Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 7 be considered separately.

Carried

Paragraphs 1,2,3,5,6,8 and 9 of the foregoing Resolution #C-298-20 was now before Council

Resolution # C-300-20
Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

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Carried

Paragraph 4 of the foregoing Resolution #C-298-20 was now before the Committee for consideration.

Councillor Neal declared an indirect interest in Paragraph 4, regarding Community Agencies Rent Relief as he is a member of the Autism Home Base Durham Board. Councillor Neal muted his video and audio and refrained from voting on this matter.

Resolution # C-301-20
Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That Community Agencies renting space in Municipal buildings be provided rent relief, outside of the Community COVID-19 Support Program, as recommended in Attachment 3 to Report FND-018-20.

Carried

Councillor Neal returned to the meeting.

Paragraph 7 of the foregoing Resolution #C-298-20 was now before the Committee for consideration.

Councillor Hooper declared a direct interest in Paragraph 7, Correspondence from the Historic Downtown Bowmanville Centre as he is a member of the BIA. Councillor Hooper muted his video and audio and refrained from voting on this matter.

Resolution # C-302-20
Moved by Councillor Zwart
Seconded by Councillor Neal

That Correspondence dated April 20, 2020 from the Historic Downtown Bowmanville Centre (BIA), be received for information.

Carried

4. By-laws

4.1 2020-038 - Being a By-law to Establish a Property Tax Relief Program for Those Facing Unduly Burdensome Taxes as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic

4.2 2020-039 - Being a By-law to Adopt the a Municipal-Wide COVID-19 Response Community Improvement Project Area

Resolution # C-303-20
Moved by Councillor Hooper
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That leave be granted to introduce By-laws 2020-038 and 2020-039; and

That the said by-laws be approved, with the changes to By-law 2020-038, as outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of Resolution #C-298-20.

Carried

5. Confirming By-law

Resolution # C-304-20
Moved by Councillor Hooper
Seconded by Councillor Zwart

That leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-042, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Municipality of Clarington at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 2020; and

That the said by-law be approved.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Resolution # C-305-20

Moved by Councillor Neal

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That the meeting adjourn at 10:57 PM.

Carried

Mayor

Municipal Clerk