



The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Emergency Special Meeting
MINUTES

January 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation

Members Present: Mayor John Henderson
Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin
Councillor Nicole Beatty
Councillor Aaron Burchat
Councillor Adam Bureau
Councillor Emily Chorley
Councillor Brian Darling

Staff Present: Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer
Ian Davey, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services
Glenn McGlashon, Director of Planning and Development
Laurie Wills, Director of Public Works
Teresa Behan, Deputy Director Community Services
Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services
Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

His Worship Mayor Henderson called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 P.M.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

His Worship Mayor Henderson recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgement statement.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Declared by Members of Council.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **Municipal Staff Update regarding the January 12, 2021 Provincial Declaration of Emergency/Ontario Regulations and discussion on the Status of the Rotary Harbourfront Park Outdoor Skating Rink.**

Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the provincial stay-at-home order and spoke to the terms and requirements under the order. T. Vaughan highlighted the challenges facing the Town and what is expected under the provincial order. T. Vaughan spoke to the impact of the recent provincial orders on the current the operation of the Rotary Harbourfront Park Outdoor Skating Rink and noted further clarity regarding the provincial lockdown should be forthcoming which may assist in making an informed decision.

Due to technical difficulties, Council took a recess at 6:13 P.M.

Council resumed at 6:22 P.M.

Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk/ Manager, Legislative Services, spoke to the enforcement of the provincial orders, social distancing protocols and possible restrictions associated with the provincial order.

Teresa Behan, Deputy Director of Community Services, spoke to the operation of the Harbourfront Skating Rink in light provincial order.

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the enforcement of provincial orders and its impact on current operations, risks, challenges and measures for the rink to remain open. Members of Council raised questions regarding the information provided by staff to which T. Vaughan, T. Behan and B. Larmer responded.

Transit Service

Laurie Wills, Director of Public Works, spoke to the operating hours of transit services and possible reduction of ridership in light of provincial orders. L. Wills noted she is seeking direction from Council for the operation of the transit services.

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding transit operation hours for conventional and wheel-transit and whether the operating hours should remain status quo.

Resolution 029-21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin

Seconded by Councillor Brian Darling

THAT Council receive the Staff verbal update on the Provincial Declaration of Emergency; and

FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to Municipal Staff on further municipal measures if necessary.

Amended

Resolution 030-21

Moved by Councillor Emily Chorley

Seconded by Councillor Brian Darling

THAT Council instruct staff to temporarily close the Outdoor Rink in Rotary Harbourfront Park until Saturday at 10am or until updated Provincial Orders are received and interpreted by the Emergency Control Group;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses the operation of the rink while authorizing the Emergency Control Group to implement any specific restrictions in the updated Provincial Regulations.

Carried

Resolution 031-21

Moved by Councillor Brian Darling

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Suzanne Séguin

THAT conventional transit and wheel transit hours operate until 5:45 P.M. each day until the Declaration of Emergency by the Ontario Provincial Government is completed.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 032-21

Moved by Councillor Brian Darling

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (7:23 P.M.)

Carried

Municipal Clerk B. Larmer

Mayor J. Henderson