



The Municipal Corporation of the  
Town of Fort Erie

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 5, 2020**

**Council Chambers via Video Teleconference**

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Redekop at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Redekop acknowledged the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the New Credit and Anishinaabe people, many of whom continue to reside in this area.

**2. Roll Call**

Present (In Council Chambers): His Worship Mayor Redekop

Present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Councillors Butler, Dubanow, McDermott, Noyes and Zanko

Absent: Councillor Lubberts

Staff (Via Zoom Teleconference): K. Dolch, J. Janzen, E. Melanson, C. Schofield, and K. Walsh

Closed Session Staff: T. Morden, C. Schofield

This meeting was held in compliance with the electronic participation provisions of Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended.

**3. Announcements/Addenda**

None.

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**5. Motions**

(a) Councillor Dubanow

Re: Nancy Street Pathway

Resolution No.1

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**That:** Council directs staff to open the existing access point from Nancy Street to the Stormwater Management Pond property, and further

**That:** The paved portion of the existing Nancy Street access point be extended to meet the existing Stormwater Management Pond service road, and further

**That:** Staff consider a landscaped buffer along the north and south edge of the Nancy Street access point to be included for consideration in the 2021 supplemental budget deliberations.

*Councillor Butler requested that the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Motion be dealt with separately.*

**That:** Council directs staff to open the existing access point from Nancy Street to the Stormwater Management Pond property, and further

**That:** The paved portion of the existing Nancy Street access point be extended to meet the existing Stormwater Management Pond service road. **(Carried)**

**That:** Staff consider a landscaped buffer along the north and south edge of the Nancy Street access point to be included for consideration in the 2021 supplemental budget deliberations.

**(Lost)**

*Mayor Redekop gave the Chair to Councillor McDermott in order to bring forward his Motion.*

- (b) Re: Request Province of Ontario to Investigate the Level of On-Site Licensed Nursing Care - Private Sector Retirement Homes

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

Seconded by: Councillor Zanko

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie has received multiple concerns from families that their loved ones are being discharged from hospital to Retirement Homes and not to Long-Term Care Homes, and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie recognizes Long-Term Care Homes, considered part of the health care system, are funded by the Province (along with resident co-pay requirements) and have very specific legislation under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*; to ensure the care needs of residents are met, and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie recognizes that Retirement Homes are entirely funded through the payments of residents and can vary quite widely in cost, care and housing offerings and quality, and that while they do have some oversight through the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority, that is not part of the legislation under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, and

**Whereas** the Long-Term Care Homes have a formal complaint process with the Ministry of Long-Term Care to deal with complainants not satisfied, by an internal complaint process, and

**Whereas** the private sector Retirement Homes do not have the same level of consistent family and patient satisfaction processes, complaint mechanism, clear health and safety protocols or adequate methods for communicating with residents and families, and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie has concerns that the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the inability of the Long-Term Care Homes to accept the high numbers of patients waiting for placement from Complex and Continuing Care at hospitals, and

**Whereas** many of these patients are being discharged to the Independent Living Retirement Homes where the level of on-site

Licensed Registered Nursing care is not adequate to meet the needs of these individuals, and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie feels that there is an opportunity and a need for Ontario Health to address this gap in care with provincially funded health care professionals on-site in the Retirement Homes to ensure that residents receive the care that they require and deserve;

**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby requests that the Province of Ontario investigate the level of on-site licensed Nursing care being provided at the private sector Retirement Homes, and further

**That:** The Province of Ontario ensure patients are being discharged from hospitals to facilities that provide the level of care they require and deserve, and further

**That:** The Province of Ontario direct Ontario Health to ensure the appropriate level of care required by patients discharged from hospitals to Retirement Homes when Long-Term Care accommodations are not available and provide the necessary level of funding for Ontario Health to do so, and that the Province of Ontario establish clear, consistent and effective rules to regulate Retirement Homes as a vital component of the continuum of care as our residents age and require various care needs, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, and Niagara MPP's, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Niagara Area Local Municipalities, for their support. **(Carried)**

*Councillor McDermott returned the Chair to Mayor Redekop.*

*Mayor Redekop asked each member that was in attendance electronically to confirm no one else was present with them, and that they were not recording this portion of the meeting. Each member confirmed they were alone and not recording the meeting, as did Mayor Redekop.*

## 6. Closed Session

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Councillor Butler

Seconded by: Councillor McDermott

**That:** Council does now go into closed session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss the following:

(a) Pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Re: Performance Evaluation

**(Carried)**

*Council recessed from 8:17 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.*

Ms. Morden provided an overview of the Performance Evaluation, which was followed by a question and answer period. Council gave direction to Ms. Morden.

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Zanko

Seconded by: Councillor Dubanow

**That:** Council does now rise and reconvene from closed session at 9:11 p.m. with report that staff proceed as directed. **(Carried)**

## 7. Consideration of By-laws

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Councillor McDermott

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

**That:** By-law No. 97-2020: To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Council-in-Committee Meeting and Special Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020 is given first and second reading. **(Carried)**

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Councillor Noyes

Seconded by: Councillor Butler

**That:** By-law No. 97-2020 is given third and final reading to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the corporate seal. **(Carried)**

**8. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

Seconded by: Councillor Noyes

**That:** Council adjourns at 9:13 p.m. to reconvene into a Regular Meeting of Council on October 19, 2020. **(Carried)**

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Mayor

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Clerk