



The Municipal Corporation of the
Town of Fort Erie

Council-in-Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:01 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: His Worship Mayor Redekop and Councillors Christensen, Dubanow, Flagg, Lewis, McDermott, Noyes.

Staff: M. Ceci, T. Davidson, A. Herlovitch, C. McQueen, C. Schofield, K. Walsh, D. Vander Veen.

3. Announcements/Addenda

There was one Addendum to add two delegations under Item No. 9.1 Presentations and Delegations:

- (b) Marcie Jacklin, Community Voices of Fort Erie
Re: Waverly Beach Trail Reconstruction
(Report No. IS-02- 2023) (PowerPoint Presentation)
- (c) June Chipp, 551 Scott Avenue
Re: Waverly Beach Trail Reconstruction
(Report No. IS-02- 2023)

Mayor Redekop made the following announcements:

- **Black History Month**

This is Black History Month and we have an interesting history and connection with the underground railway, in particular in Fort Erie, with the migration of Blacks into this area from as early as the end of the 18th Century into the 19th century. During the last several decades we've had a lot of migration from Africa. So, we have, in Fort Erie, a particularly interesting and rich history, and it's something that we all should be cognizant of and we should celebrate.

- ***Underused Housing Tax Act***

The Federal Government recently passed the *Underused Housing Tax Act*, which has an impact on non-residents who own property in Fort Erie, and in particular, any place in an urban area in Canada. We have a lot of seasonal residents who own property who are caught by this, and I've had a number of communications from some of the residents, as well as ongoing communication with both Tony Baldinelli, our MP, and Vance Badawey, the MP of the neighbouring riding. They have had communication with the Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister of Finance, who is responsible for this legislation. The exemption that's been provided for seasonal residents doesn't really assist a lot of our seasonal residents, many of whom have lived in homes in Fort Erie for generations. I've had that continuing dialogue and will continue to work with them to try to find a solution for our summer residents - many of whom contribute to the life of our community, support a number of our events, organizations, and in many respects are valued members of our community. We're going to keep working to try to support them with respect to this issue.

- **Budget**

The Town is having its General Levy and Library Budget deliberations Wednesday of this week. The Region is winding its way through its challenging budget process, and have another meeting Thursday of this week and will be, by the end of February probably, coming to some conclusions with respect to where the Region and Town budgets will end up. That, of course, is of interest to everyone who owns property or pays property taxes in Fort Erie. I want to assure you that we're working as diligently as we can to try to make sure that the impact is as minimal as possible. We're facing tough challenges, and I know that property owners around the community are facing difficult challenges as well.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Flagg declared a conflict of interest with Item No. 10.2 - Report No. CAO-03/LC-01-2023, Recommendation 3 on Appendix "2" as he is the individual purchasing the land. He refrained from discussing or voting on the matter.

5. Notice of Upcoming Open Houses and Public Meetings

(a) 2023 Budget Meeting Schedule

Re: Council-in-Budget Committee Meetings: #3 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - Library, General Levy Operating Budget & Assessment Analysis; #4 - Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (if required). All Budget Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Budget By-laws: Monday, February 27, 2023 - General Levy Budget By-law and General Capital Budget By-law.

(b) Open House

Re: Proposed By-law Amendment - 316 Ridgeway Road - Applicant/Owner: Kevin Ronald Reichel - Agent: Carolyn Murray (Crystal Wines Inc.) - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. - Town Hall Atrium.

(c) Open House

Re: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 3624 Hazel Street - Owner: S.R. Niagara Investments Inc. (Rita and Salvatore Visca) - Applicant: Robert Martin Engineering Inc. (Robert Martin) - Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. - Town Hall Atrium

Public Meeting Notices

(a) Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

Re; Crescent Acres (0-10747 Kraft Road) - Owner: Crescent Acres Ltd. (Mark Basciano) - Agent: Upper Canada Consultants (Matt Kernahan) - Monday, February 27, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023.

(b) Proposed Combined Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 214 Courtwright Street - Owner: 2550663 Ontario Inc. (Greg Walker) - Agent: NPG Planning Solutions (Jeremy Tran) - Monday, February 27, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chamber, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023.

(c) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 229 Cherryhill Boulevard South - Owner: John Lally (1000112697 Ontario Inc.) - Agent: Cam Lang - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

(d) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 0-19302 Courtwright Street - Owner/Applicant: David Zappone - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

(e) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 0-17100, 0-17101 & 0-17102 Schooley Road - Applicant: A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd. (Stephen Fraser) - Owner: Marz Homes (Crystal Beach) Inc. - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

(f) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 4409 Erie Road - Applicant: Mary Lou Tanner (NPG Planning Solutions) - Owner: Crystal Beach Cottages Inc. (Bryan Keenan) - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall. The information report will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

6. Public Meetings

****Presenter's speaking notes (if any) retained in Clerk's office***

(a) Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 533 & 549 Ridge Road North - Owner: 1855838 Ontario Inc. / Richard James Dekorte - Agent: Upper Canada Consultants (Ethan Laman). The Applicant is proposing to rezone the subject lands to permit severance of three new parcels that will front onto Ridge Road North and to consolidate the rear lands for future development. The two existing single detached

dwellings will be retained and will occupy two of the three new lots. The third new lot is intended for future construction of a single detached dwelling. The lands to be consolidated will merge together. The lands are located within the Urban Area and are designated Low Density Residential. The Urban Residential land use designation permits use of the land for single detached dwellings. The lands are currently zoned Residential 1 (R1) Zone and Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone. The zoning is proposed to change from Residential 1 (R1) Zone and Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone to Residential 2A (R2A) Zone, a site-specific Residential 2A (R2A) Zone and a site-specific Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone which is required to facilitate the proposed severances and land consolidation. The site-specific R2A Zone seeks to permit increased lot coverage for an existing detached accessory structure on one of the proposed new parcels. The site-specific ND Zone seeks to permit a minimum lot frontage of 0.00 m and a minimum lot area of 6,300.00 sq m (0.63 ha) for the lands to be consolidated.

Mayor Redekop announced that this portion of the meeting would be devoted to the holding of the Public Meeting.

Mayor Redekop also provided information on electronic participation for members of the public who wished to provide input relative to the Application.

Daryl Vander Veen, Intermediate Development Planner, delivered a PowerPoint Presentation which is available for viewing on the Town's website.

Mr. Vander Veen confirmed the statutory requirements for the Public Meeting were met, summarized the purpose of the Application, and public comments received.

Ethan Laman, Upper Canada Consultants, Agent for the Applicant, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and summarized the Application.

Mayor Redekop enquired whether there were any members of the public present in the virtual waiting room or in the Chamber who wished to speak in favour of the Application.

No members of the public came forward

Mayor Redekop enquired if any members of the public wished to speak in opposition to the Application or ask questions.

No members of the public came forward.

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Mayor Redekop enquired whether the Clerk received any written submissions subsequent to the posting of the Report.

The Clerk advised that she did not.

Mayor Redekop declared the Public Meeting closed.

PDS-06-2023 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 533 & 549
Ridge Road North - 1855838 Ontario Inc. /
Richard James Dekorte - Owners - Upper Canada
Consultants (Ethan Laman) – Agent

Recommendation No. 1

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the amendment to the Town's Zoning By-law as detailed in Report No. PDS-06-2023 for the lands known as 533 & 549 Ridge Road North, and further

That: Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law. **(Carried)**

(b) Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law
Amendment

Re: 613 Helena Street - Owner: SS Fort Erie Inc. (Hunain Siddiqui & Mohammad Feroz) - Agent: IBI Group (Tracy Tucker). The Applicant is proposing to subdivide 8.14 hectares of land known as 613 Helena Street into 135 street townhouse dwellings, a block for stormwater management pond and a block for environmental lands. The subject property is designated as Environmental Conservation, in part Environmental Protection, in part, and Urban Residential in part. The lands are currently zoned Environmental Conservation Overlay (EC) Zone, in part, Environmental Protection (EP) Zone, in part, and Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone, in part. The Applicant is requesting to change the Neighbourhood Development (ND)

Zone to a site-specific Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone. The site-specific RM1 proposes to permit reduced lot area for interior street townhouse lots, increased maximum density, removal of the maximum lot coverage limits for interior and exterior street townhouses and removal of the requirement for a 4.50 m planting strip where it abuts a street. The Applicant is also proposing to redefine the boundaries of the Environmental Conservation (EC) Overlay Zone to reflect the conclusions of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that was completed as part of the submission for this application.

Daryl Vander Veen, Intermediate Development Planner, delivered a PowerPoint Presentation which is available for viewing on the Town's website.

Mr. Vander Veen confirmed the statutory requirements for the Public Meeting were met, summarized the purpose of the Application, and public comments received.

Tracy Tucker, IBI Group, Agent for the Applicant, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and summarized the Application.

Mayor Redekop enquired whether there were any members of the public present in the virtual waiting room or in the Chamber who wished to speak in favour of the Application.

No members of the public came forward.

Mayor Redekop enquired if any members of the public wished to speak in opposition to the Application or ask questions.

(a) Marcie Jacklin, 931 Edgemere Road

Ms. Jacklin spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

(b) Bonellie Roxann Burton, 3252 Hyman Avenue

Ms. Burton spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

(c) Lene Band, 684 Helena Street

Ms. Band spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

- (d) Donna Geest, 91 Bardol Avenue

Ms. Geest spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

- (e) Tim Boychuk, 554 Helena Street

Mr. Boychuk spoke in opposition to the Application and provided his concerns.

- (f) Bill Doyle, 3886 Christina Court

Mr. Doyle spoke in opposition to the Application and provided his concerns.

- (g) Karen Lavalley, 184 Bertie Street

Ms. Lavalley spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

- (h) Natasha Murphy, 632 Helena Street

Ms. Murphy spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

- (i) Laurie Gauthier, 515 Hazel Court

Ms. Gauthier spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

- (j) Cheryl Schonewille, 4214 Glenspring Road

Ms. Schonewille spoke in opposition to the Application and provided her concerns.

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Mayor Redekop enquired whether the Clerk received any written submissions subsequent to the posting of the Report. The Clerk advised that she received two submissions:

- (k) Judith Greaves, 402 Parkdale Avenue, in opposition to the Application; and

- (l) Lawrie Taylor, in opposition to the Application;

which were circulated to members of Council and staff, and are appended to the Minutes.

Mayor Redekop declared the Public Meeting closed.

PDS-07-2023 Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment - 613 Helena Street - SS Fort Erie Inc. (Hunuan Siddiqui & Mohammad Feroz) - Owner - IBI Group (Tracy Tucker) - Agent

Recommendation No. 2

Moved by: Councillor Flagg

That: Council receives for information purposes Report No. PDS-07-2023 regarding a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment for 613 Helena Street Subdivision. **(Carried)**

- (c) Proposed Combined Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

Re: 271 Ridgeway Road - Applicant: Michael Allen (ACK Architects Studio Inc.) - Owner: DCS Niagara Developments Inc. (Rick Boivin). The Applicant is proposing to reuse and redevelop the existing building as a pharmacy and medical offices. The subject property is the former site of the Crystal Beach Fire Station No. 6. The subject property is designated Institutional and the Applicant is requesting to amend the Official Plan and redesignate the property to Commercial. The property is zoned Public (P) Zone and the Applicant is requesting to rezone the property to a site-specific General Commercial (C2) Zone, in order to add “medical laboratories” to the list of permitted uses, to recognize the existing southerly interior side yard setback, and to reduce the setback between parking areas and adjacent street lines or residential zones.

Mackenzie Ceci, Intermediate Development Planner, delivered a PowerPoint Presentation which is available for viewing on the Town’s website.

Ms. Ceci confirmed the statutory requirements for the Public Meeting were met, summarized the purpose of the Application, and public comments received.

Michael Allen (ACK Architects Studio Inc., the Applicant, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and summarized the Application.

Mayor Redekop enquired whether there were any members of the public present in the virtual waiting room or in the Chamber who wished to speak in favour of the Application.

No members of the public came forward.

Mayor Redekop enquired if any members of the public wished to speak in opposition to the Application or ask questions.

No members of the public came forward

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Mayor Redekop enquired whether the Clerk received any written submissions subsequent to the posting of the Report. The Clerk advised that she did not.

Mayor Redekop declared the Public Meeting closed.

PDS-08-2023 Proposed Combined Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - 271 Ridgeway Road - ACK Architects Studio Inc. - Michael Allen (Agent) - DCS Niagara Developments Inc. - Rich Boivin (Owner)

Recommendation No. 3
Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council approves the amendments to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 129-90 as detailed in Report No. PDS-08-2023 for the lands known as 271 Ridgeway Road, and further

That: Council directs staff to submit the necessary by-laws. **(Carried)**

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 8:32 p.m.

At the return from recess, Mayor Redekop announced that Delegation 9.1 (a) under Infrastructure Services and Report No. IS-04-2023, both regarding the Frenchman's Creek Drain, were

removed from the Agenda as it was not clear that proper notification was given.

7. Consent Agenda Items

7.1 Request to Remove Consent Agenda Items

Councillor Noyes requested that Report No. PDS-11-2023 be removed and dealt with separately.

7.2 Consent Agenda Items for Approval

PDS-09-2023 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - 92 Adelaide Street - Upper Canada Consultants - Craig Rohe (Agent) - Niagara Pines Developments Ltd. - Paul Savoia (Owners)

That: Council approves the amendments to the Town's Zoning By-law No. 129-90 as detailed in Report No. PDS-01-2023 for the lands known as 92 Adelaide Street, and further

That: Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law.
(Carried)

PDS-10-2023 Community Improvement Plan 2022 - Program Monitoring and Information Report

That: Council receives Report No. PDS-10-2023 regarding Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Program Monitoring for information purposes, and further

That: Council directs staff to forward a copy of Report No. PDS-10-2023 to the Niagara Region, Local Business Improvement Area Boards and to post Report No. PDS-12-2023 on the Town's CIP webpage for information.
(Carried)

PDS-11-2023 Alternative Approaches for Advancing Secondary Planning Priorities

That: Council approves alternative approaches outlined in Report No. PDS-11-2023 to assist in the preparation of Secondary Plans identified for prioritization, and further

That: Council delegates authority to the Director, Planning and Development Services, to determine the most appropriate implementation for each Secondary Plan.

IS-01-2023 Award of Tender for Idylewylde Street Reconstruction - Contact No. ISE-22T-IDYL20

That: Council accepts and approves the tender submission for the Idylewylde Street Replacement of Watermain, Sanitary Sewers and Road Reconstruction – Contract No. ISE-22T-IDYL20 from 1984370 Ontario Inc. (o/a Alfidome Construction Niagara) in the amount of \$5,441,468.30 (including 13% HST), and further

That: Council authorizes the extension of the Kerry T. Howe Engineering Limited assignment for contract administration and inspection services in the amount of \$224,870.00 (including 13% HST), and further

That: Council amends the 2023 Capital Budget to supplement the Idylewylde Street Replacement of Watermain, Sanitary Sewers and Road Reconstruction – Contract No. ISE-22T-IDYL20 by \$1,529,503 (including non-rebatable HST) as identified in 'Table 5' with \$637,503 from Wastewater Refurbishing Reserve, \$377,500 from Storm Refurbishing Reserve and \$514,500 from Road Refurbishing Reserve.

(Carried)

IS-03-2023 Fort Erie Water Distribution System 2022 Annual Water Quality Report & Annual Water Utility Summary Report

That: Council receives the Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 – December 31 2022, on Fort Erie's Water Distribution System, attached as Appendix '1' to IS-03-2023, prepared as required by O. Reg. 170/03 Section 11, and further

That: Council receives and accepts Report IS-03-2023 as the Annual Water Utility Summary Report to Council as required by O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22.

(Carried)

CAO-01-2023 Annual Review of the Corporation's Health and Safety Policy

That: Council receives Report No. CAO-01-1023 for information purposes. **(Carried)**

CAO-02-2023 2022 Health and Safety Report

That: Council receives Report No. CAO-02-2023 for information purposes. **(Carried)**

CAO-04-2023 Funding Request for Dr. Magdy Hanna

That: Council approves the request in the amount of \$100,000 for a Physician Recruitment incentive for Dr. Magdy Hanna, who will practise as a Family Physician at 238 Bertie Street Family Group Practice in the Spring of 2023, and further

That: Council amends the 2023 Operating Budget to provide grant funding to Dr. Magdy Hanna in the amount of \$100,000 with funding from the Community Health and Wellness Reserve. **(Carried)**

COS-02-2023 Renewal of Contract and Re-Appointment of Integrity Commissioner - Council and Local Boards Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Investigations

That: Council authorizes and approves the renewal of the current contract with ADR Chambers Inc. for the provision of Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Investigations, for a further four (4) year period on the same terms and pricing, and further

That: Council re-appoints Edward T. McDermott of ADR Chambers Inc. as the Integrity Commissioner for The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie, for a further period of four (4) years, and further

That: Council assigns to the Integrity Commissioner all of the responsibilities required under Subsection 223.3 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, which came into force on March 1, 2019. **(Carried)**

Consent Agenda Recommendation

Recommendation No. 4

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the Consent Agenda Items as recommended, save and except Report No. PDS-11-2023.
(Carried)

7.3 Items Removed to be Dealt with Separately

PDS-11-2023 Alternative Approaches for Advancing
Secondary Planning Priorities

Recommendation No. 5
Moved by: Councillor Noyes

That: Council approves alternative approaches outlined in Report No. PDS-11-2023 to assist in the preparation of Secondary Plans identified for prioritization, and further

That: Council delegates authority to the Director, Planning and Development Services, to determine the most appropriate implementation for each Secondary Plan.
(Carried)

8. Planning and Development Services

Chaired by: Councillor Dubanow

8.1 Presentations and Delegations

None.

8.2 Reports

None.

8.3 New Business/Enquiries

(a) Councillor Noyes

Councillor enquired about a Report that was requested concerning chickens and hens, and asked what the timeline is.

Mr. Herlovitch advised he would follow up and send an email to members of Council as to the timing.

(b) Councillor Christensen

Councillor Christensen enquired about trees that were clear-cut at 3285 Thunder Bay Road. She stated that the Town has an agreement with the developer that they were not to remove trees without Town permission, but they removed them without permission. The trees that had already been thinned 3 years ago were of a substantial size (about a foot around). Councillor Christensen stated that she has a real concern about constant clear-cutting, and understands that some developers are repeat offenders and asked whether the sanctions that we have and the replacement policy is sufficient to reduce the clear-cutting as we move forward through the years.

Mr. Herlovitch advised that he would review the policies and determine if they could be strengthened.

Mayor Redekop advised that there was a Tree Preservation Plan at that site. Mr. Herlovitch advised he thought there was a Tree Preservation Plan, but was not sure if it was followed.

Mayor Redekop asked that Mr. Herlovitch look into whether there was a Tree Preservation Plan and the status of the Town of Fort Erie Tree By-law and see if it needs to be updated.

A Response to Enquiry will be provided at a future meeting.

(c) Councillor Lewis

Councillor Lewis enquired whether with the Noise By-law being looked at, if there is any opportunity for staggered fines for first offence, second offence, third offence? Further, when there is a “nuisance call”, that leads to nothing, is there an opportunity for the Town to look at that if we’re looking at both the Noise By-law and Property Standards By-law.

Mr. Herlovitch stated that the goal was to have the Noise and Nuisance By-law presented to Council at its meeting being held of February 22, 2023; however, he believed

that some legal advice might be needed as to whether we could put those kinds of penalties in.

8.4 Business Status Report

None.

9. Infrastructure Services

Chaired by Councillor Noyes

9.1 Presentations and Delegations

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****Presenter's speaking notes retained in Clerk's office***

- (a) Brandon Widner, Drainage Engineer, Spriet Associates

Re: Frenchman's Creek Drain - Filing of Engineer's Report (Report No. IS-04-2023)

This delegation was previously removed.

- (b) Marcie Jacklin, Community Voices of Fort Erie
Re: Waverly Beach Trail Reconstruction
(Report No. IS-02- 2023)

Ms. Jacklin provided a PowerPoint Presentation and her concerns with reconstruction of the Trail.

- (c) *June Chipp, 551 Scott Avenue
Re: Waverly Beach Trail Reconstruction
(Report No. IS-02- 2023)

Ms. Chipp provided her concerns with respect to reconstruction of the Trail.

9.2 Reports

IS-02-2023 Waverly Beach Trail Reconstruction

Recommendation No. 6

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council receives the Waverly Beach Trail reconstruction report and LetsTalk survey results for information, and further

That: Council directs staff to proceed with Option "C" and "D" for the Waverly Beach Trail reconstruction.

Recommendation No. 7

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Report No. IS-02-2023 be postponed to the April 17, 2023 Council-in-Committee Meeting to obtain further information with respect to the options for reconstructing the trail and potential additional funding sources, and consult with the environmental community with respect to a management and stewardship plan for the wooded area. **(Carried)**

IS-04-2023 Frenchman's Creek Drain - Filing of Engineer's Report, Pursuant to Section 78 of the *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.D.17

This Report was removed by Mayor Redekop to determine whether proper notice was given.

That: Council accepts the Engineer's Report for the Frenchman's Creek Drain for information purposes, and further

That: Council directs staff to continue with the legislative process in accordance with the *Drainage Act* and establish the date for the Court of Revision.

9.3 New Business/Enquiries

(a) Mayor Redekop

Mayor Redekop enquired whether it is possible for the Town to clean up that portion of the trail at Waverly Beach that hasn't been damaged because there's a lot of debris and it's difficult for people to pass.

Mr. Walsh responded that he has noted to do this.

9.4 Business Status Report

None.

10. Corporate and Community Services

Chaired by Councillor McDermott

10.1 Presentations and Delegations

10.2 Reports

CAO-03/LC-01-2023 Land Matters: January 26, 2023 Land Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation No. 8
Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council receives the January 26, 2023, Land Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix “1” to Report No. CAO-03/LC-01-2023, and further

That: Council approves the recommendations contained in Appendix “2”. **(Carried)**

10.3 New Business/Enquiries

(a) Councillor Christensen

Councillor Christensen referred to a meeting that Mayor Redekop recently had regarding the closing of the CIBC Bank Branch in Ridgeway, and asked that the Mayor provide the discussion details.

Mayor Redekop advised that he and the CAO, have had a couple of meetings with CIBC looking for solutions that will meet the needs of the CIBC customers, but more importantly the residents of this community. He further advised that he and the CAO were waiting to hear back from the CIBC with respect to some proposals put to them, and expect to have a further meeting; hopefully soon. The CAO has made it clear that we're very concerned about there being an empty building on Ridge Road, being one of our important downtown areas. The CIBC seems amenable to working on options, although some are challenging to them. The CIBC first opened in 1901 and has had a presence in Ridgeway for 122 years. In closing, he stated that he and the CAO are on it and gave many thanks to

Councillors Christensen and Lewis for their diligence with regard to this matter.

10.4 Business Status Report

None.

11. Scheduling of Meetings

- Community Health Services Committee, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room No. 1, Town Hall
- Planning Development Services Sub-Committee, February 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room No. 2, Town Hall

12. Adjournment

Recommendation No. 9

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council-in-Committee hereby adjourns at 10:12 p.m. **(Carried)**

Mayor

Clerk