

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the City of Oshawa held in the Council Chamber on February 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Carter and Councillors Chapman, Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Marks (left the meeting at 9:11 p.m.), McConkey, Neal (left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.) and Nicholson were present. Councillor Marimpietri was absent.

Mayor Carter presided.

Mayor Carter advised that this special meeting of Council has been called to receive a presentation from Lakeridge Health, The Region of Durham Health Department and the John Howard Society of Durham Region concerning a proposal for a potential Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Giberson, (229) "That the delegation requests from Christeen Thornton, Kathy Cumming and Mary Krohnert and Correspondence CNCL-19-26 from St. George's Memorial Anglican Church be added to the agenda for the Council Meeting of February 21, 2019." Carried on the following 2/3 vote of members present

Affirmative – Councillors Chapman, Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Marks, McConkey, Neal, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – None

Absent – Councillor Marimpietri

Declarations of Interest

None.

Presentation

Paul McGary, Director, Mental Health & Addictions, Joanne Gourgouvelis, Sr. Project Lead, M.H.E.S.U., Addiction Withdrawal Management, Lakeridge Health; Melissa Hutchinson, Program Manager, Durham Region Health Department and Dianna Eastwood, Executive Director, John Howard Society of Durham Region presented information related to a proposal for a potential Consumption and Treatment Services site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned the Paul McGary and Melissa Hutchinson.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor Chapman, (230) "That the meeting recess." Carried

The meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m. All members of Council were in attendance except Councillors Marimpietri, McConkey (re-entered at 8:39 p.m.) and Neal.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Kerr, (231) "That the delegations of Christeen Thornton, Kathy Cumming and Mary Krohnert be heard." Carried

Christeen Thornton was not in attendance and did not address City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Kathy Cumming addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned Kathy Cumming.

Councillor McConkey re-entered the meeting during the delegation.

Mary Krohnert addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned Mary Krohnert.

Moved by Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Hurst, (232) "That the rules of procedure be waived in order to hear from members of the public in attendance." Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

Daniel Cullen addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned Daniel Cullen.

Jim Ouellette addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Councillor Marks left the meeting.

Members of Council questioned Jim Ouellette.

William McCarthy addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned William McCarthy.

Carlos Castle addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned Carlos Castle.

Matthew Kotsopoulos addressed City Council concerning the development of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa.

Members of Council questioned Matthew Kotsopoulos.

CNCL-19-26 St. Georges Memorial Anglican Church submitting comments in Support of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Giberson

(233) "That Correspondence CNCL-19-26 dated February 21, 2019 from the Reverend Canon Judy Herron-Graham, St. George's Memorial Anglican Church in support of a Consumption and Treatment Services Site in Oshawa be received for information."

Carried

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Giberson,

(234) "Whereas in 2017 the Development Services Committee directed staff to undertake a zoning review related to safe injection sites in the City of Oshawa and report back to the Development Services Committee; and,

Whereas on April 9, 2018 Council considered Report DS-18-67 from the Commissioner of the Development Services Department and approved the Development Services Committee's recommendation in the report which included, in part, the following:

"That, pursuant to Report DS-18-67 dated March 22, 2018, the Region of Durham Health Department be requested to initiate a public consultation process, with input from the City, Durham Regional Police, Durham Region Emergency Medical Services, Lakeridge Health and other community organizations to discuss the Region-wide opioid response, including education, types of Supervised Injection Site services, including Overdose Prevention Sites, and possible locations."; and,

Whereas Lakeridge Health Oshawa, the Durham Region Health Department and the John Howard Society of Durham Region have advised they are proposing to submit a proposal to the Provincial and Federal Governments for a Consumption Treatment and Services (C.T.S.) site in Oshawa prior to the end of March 2019; and,

Whereas Health Canada requires a proponent of a C.T.S. to submit a community consultation report as part of the application package; and,

Whereas as of February 20, 2019 the City has not yet been advised of the location of the proposed C.T.S. site and is not aware of any public consultation being completed for the proposed site as requested in the City's April 9, 2018 resolution as outlined above; and,

Whereas the City recognizes the health care crisis related to the use of opioids and is aware of the benefits of C.T.S.'s; and,

Whereas however in the absence of a comprehensive public consultation process on a proposed site it is difficult to support any proposal being submitted to the Province and Federal Government at this time; and,

Whereas only after considering public input on a proposed site can the City make an informed decision on a proposal;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the City cannot commit to supporting a proposed Consumption Treatment and Services site in Oshawa until the public consultation process requested in the April 9, 2018 Council resolution is undertaken and the City is apprised of the public input related to a proposed C.T.S. site.
2. That the Federal Government and Province not approve a C.T.S. site in Oshawa at this time until a comprehensive public consultation process is undertaken with input from the City.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Lakeridge Health Oshawa, the Durham Region Health Department, the John Howard Society of Durham Region, the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government.” Carried as amended by later votes

Moved by Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Chapman,
(235) “That Part 1 of the motion be amended to delete the words ‘commit to supporting’ and replace it with the words ‘render a decision on’.” Carried on the following vote

Affirmative – Councillors Chapman, Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, McConkey, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – None.

Absent – Councillors Marimpietri, Marks and Neal

Moved by Councillor McConkey, seconded by Councillor Gray,
(236) “That Part 1 of the motion be further amended to add the words: ‘and that a link to the Lakeridge Health survey be placed on the City’s website immediately.’” Carried

Affirmative – Councillors Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, McConkey and Mayor Carter

Negative – Councillors Chapman and Nicholson

Absent – Councillors Marimpietri, Marks and Neal

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Hurst,
(237) “That Part 2 of the motion be deleted and replaced as follows: ‘2. That a future meeting of Council be held no later than the end of March, 2019 and the applicant be invited to the future meeting to further update Council on its public consultation results and the location of the proposed C.T.S. site.’” Carried on the following

Affirmative – Councillors Chapman, Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, McConkey, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – None.

Absent – Councillors Marimpietri, Marks and Neal

The vote on the main motion Carried as amended on the following

Affirmative – Councillors Chapman, Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – Councillor McConkey

Absent – Councillors Marimpietri, Marks and Neal

Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Giberson,
(238) “That the Confirming By-law be passed.” Carried

16-2019 A By-law to confirm the City Council meeting of February 21, 2019.

Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Giberson,
(239) “That the meeting adjourn.” Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.