

Special Town Council Meeting (COVID-19) Minutes Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:30 p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall

> Mayor A. Thompson Councillor I. Sinclair (remote) Councillor L. Kiernan (remote) Councillor J. Downey (remote) Councillor C. Early (remote) Councillor J. Innis (remote) Councillor N. deBoer (remote) Councillor A. Groves (remote) Councillor T. Rosa (remote)

Chief Administrative Officer: C. Herd Manager, Legal Services / Town Solicitor: A. Alyea (remote) General Manager, Strategic Initiatives: D. Arbuckle (remote) Fire Chief: D. Bailey (remote) Manager, Information Technology: E. Britnell (remote) Manager, Legislative Services / Acting Town Clerk: A. Fusco Treasurer: H. Haire (remote) Acting General Manager, Corporate Services / Deputy Clerk: L. Hall (remote) Coordinator, Council Committee: J. Lavecchia General Manager, Finance and Infrastructure Services: F. Wong (remote)

# **INTRODUCTION**

Acting Town Clerk, A. Fusco, advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and *Bill 187, Emergency Management Act, 2020,* that the meeting would be held as an electronic meeting and open to the public through an audio broadcast. She advised Members of Council of procedural functions of the meeting.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Thompson called the meeting to order in the Council Chamber at 2:32 p.m. and provided an update with respect to the on-going development of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Councillor J. Downey	y - Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair	2020-81
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That the May 5, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting (COVID-19) Minutes, be approved.

#### A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х		
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х		
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х		
Councillor J. Downey	Х		
Councillor C. Early	Х		
Councillor J. Innis	Х		
Councillor N. deBoer	Х		
Councillor A. Groves	Х		
Councillor T. Rosa	Х		
Total	9	0	0
			Carried.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### Verbal Update regarding Corporate Response to COVID-19

1. Lawrence Loh, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, provided an update regarding the response of the Region of Peel's Public Health unit to COVID-19. Dr. Loh advised that the pandemic continues within the community. He noted that there has been an increase in Federal and Provincial government announcements relating to re-opening strategies. Dr. Loh noted that the COVID-19 pandemic is reaching its peak within the Region of Peel, and the Town of Caledon has plateaued. He highlighted that there has been an increase in cases through community transmission and indicated that as the testing has broadened, this will continue. He noted that initial testing was completed based on detecting the virus among people (i.e. persons who traveled abroad), and secondary testing was completed based on vulnerable persons within the community (i.e. seniors centres and hospitals). Dr. Loh indicated that a third phase of testing has begun to detect cases where individuals may be feeling or showing slight symptoms to build a fulsome picture of the disease. Dr. Loh confirmed that Peel Public Health has the appropriate resources and is ready should there be an increase in positive cases within the community. Dr. Loh stated that it is still important to take the necessary steps for prevention including physical distancing, washing hands, avoiding touching the face, and avoiding large crowds/gatherings. Dr. Loh concluded his update by noting that business owners should take relevant precautions to ensure they re-open safely. As directed by the Province, business owners will want to limit the number of staff and members of the public in the store at one time and increase sanitation and safety measures.

Members of Council asked several questions and received responses from Dr. Loh.

Mayor A. Thompson thanked Dr. Loh for the update.

2. Inspector Mike Garant, Ontario Provincial Police, Caledon Detachment, provided an update regarding the Ontario Provincial Police's response to COVID-19. Inspector Garant advised that last week was 'Canada Road Safety Week' and Caledon OPP participated in the traffic safety campaign where several criminal offences and Highway Traffic Act charges were laid. He indicated that there was a 20% increase in calls for service in comparison to the 2019 Victoria Day long weekend. He noted that 11 calls were in relation to COVID complaints of large gatherings. Inspector Garant advised members of Council that the Caledon OPP will continue to provide a strict enforcement presence in the Belfountain area.

Mayor A. Thompson thanked Inspector Garant for the update.

3. Carey Herd, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Caledon, provided an update regarding the Town's response to COVID-19. She advised that this week is 'National Public Works Week' and expressed her gratitude to all public works staff employed with the Town. She noted that Municipal Law Enforcement Officers assisted the OPP in laying approximately 200 parking infractions. Additionally, the Town's Building Services Division has softlaunched an online application portal for the acceptance of building permit applications. Ms. Herd further advised that the Town's public libraries are reviewing various options to determine how services can be provided once they re-open. She advised that the EOC continues to meet regularly and staff are working on a four-phase recovery plan. At this time, 75% of Town business is still being conducted remotely. Ms. Herd concluded her update seeking direction from Peel Public Health with respect to the operation of municipal summer camps within the community.

Members of Council asked several questions and received responses from staff.

Mayor A. Thompson thanked Ms. Herd for the update.

4. Fire Chief Darryl Bailey, Fire and Emergency Services, Town of Caledon, provided an update regarding Fire and Emergency Services' response to COVID-19. Chief Bailey advised the Town's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) remains active and the strategic priorities remain unchanged. The EOC is shifting to a recovery phase, monitoring provincial announcements and reviewing detailed recovery plans. Caledon Fire and Emergency services have maintained their call volumes and have been deploying appropriate resources to incidents. He noted that call volumes increase during warmer temperatures and decrease during cooler temperatures. He concluded his update advising that the 2020 Recruit Class has commenced, and recruits will be assigned to their fire houses in the Fall of 2020.

Mayor A. Thompson thanked Chief Bailey for the update.

### Staff Report 2020-0154: COVID-19 Impacts on Tow Truck Licensing

Moved by: Councillor C. Early - Seconded by: Councillor A. Groves

2020-82

That the expiry of all current and valid Town issued business licences be extended until further notice; and

That the Manager, Regulatory Services be delegated the authority to determine the date that licences will be extended until based on a consideration of the reopening of Town Hall operations and availability of Caledon OPP resources.

## A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

**BY-LAWS** 

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х		
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х		
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х		
Councillor J. Downey	Х		
Councillor C. Early	Х		
Councillor J. Innis	Х		
Councillor N. deBoer	Х		
Councillor A. Groves	Х		
Councillor T. Rosa	Х		
Total	9	0	0
			Carried.

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer – Seconded by: Councillor T. Rosa	2020-83

That the following by-law be read a first time and passed:

BL-2020-28 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon at its Council Meeting held on the 19th day of May, 2020

A recorded vote was requested and taken a	as follows:		
Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	Х		
Councillor I. Sinclair	Х		
Councillor L. Kiernan	Х		
Councillor J. Downey	Х		
Councillor C. Early	Х		
Councillor J. Innis	Х		
Councillor N. deBoer	Х		
Councillor A. Groves	Х		
Councillor T. Rosa	Х		
Total	9	0	0
			Carried.

With the consensus of Council, Mayor A. Thompson advised that the next Special Town Council (COVID-19) Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

# ADJOURNMENT

On a verbal motion moved by Councillor L. Kiernan, Council adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Allan Thompson, Mayor

Amanda Fusco, Acting Town Clerk