

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2024

Approved Minutes

DATE: May 22, 2024
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Councillors Jill Chandler; Gordie Cox; Jeff MacDonald; Ron Dowling; Jody Jackson; Jeremy Crosby, CAO; and transcribed by Mary McAskill

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Special Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and those viewing via social media.

Mayor Ogden took a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we gather is the unceded territory of the Mi'Kmaq people, and we pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'Kmaq people of this territory past, present, and future.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Ogden stated that he would step out while resolution CW007-2024 - Approval of the Potential Election of Mayor Steve Ogden to the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is read.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gordie Cox and seconded by Councillor Jody MacDonald that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Mayor Ogden left the meeting at this time.

4. Resolution CW007-2024 – Approval of the Potential Election of Mayor Steve Ogden to the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's hybrid Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held from June 6 to 9, 2024, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Town of Stratford Prince Edward Island endorse Mayor Steve Ogden to stand for election on the FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in July of 2024 and ending in June 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Mayor Steve Ogden's attending FCM Board of Directors meetings.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

Mayor Ogden returned to the meeting at this time.

5. **Resolution CWO08-2024 Sale of Campus Lot 1 to the Government of PEI for the Construction of a High School**

Moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford (the "Town") owns a parcel of land identified as provincial parcel number 1137884, which land was acquired for the purpose of developing a community campus; and

WHEREAS the Town has reserved a portion of the community campus property for the construction of a new senior high school; and

WHEREAS the Town has been in negotiations with the Government of Prince Edward Island (the "Province") regarding the purchase and sale of the lands that is required for the new senior high school; and

WHEREAS selling this land to the Province will result in a financial benefit to the Town and will facilitate future growth and development in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **That** the Town sell Campus Lot 1 to the Province on the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Agreement of Purchase and Sale.
2. **That** the Town's Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be and are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name of the Town to do all acts and things and to execute or cause to be executed all such documents as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the land transfer to the Province including, but not limited to, the Deed of Conveyance, the Right-of-Way Agreement, and the Easement in favour of Maritime Electric Company Limited (copies of which are all annexed hereto), together with any other closing documents.
3. **That** all documents, instruments, writings, acts or proceedings connected with, or pertaining to, the said land transfer which may have already been executed, made done or taken on behalf of the Town, including the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, be and are hereby expressly approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Discussion: Councillor MacDonald noted that he did see an agreement for the purchase and sale and he wanted to confirm that the easement has been prepared and the CAO demonstrated with the aid of the overhead.

For clarity, Councillor Chandler asked why the resolution was coming forward and the CAO replied that the Town's solicitor had advised that it was required in order to allow both he and Mayor Ogden to sign the purchase and sale agreement.

Question: **CARRIED**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Jeremy Crosby, CAO