



**The Corporation of the City of Stratford
Committee of the Whole In-camera Session
Minutes**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in In-camera Session on Monday, December 21, 2020 electronically at 1:01 p.m.

Present in Chambers: Mayor Mathieson - Chair Presiding

Present Electronically: Councillors Beatty, Bunting, Burbach, Clifford, Gaffney, Henderson, Ingram, Ritsma, Sebben and Vassilakos

Regrets: None

Staff Present in Chambers: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk

Staff Present Electronically: Ed Dujlovic – Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Janice Beirness - Director of Corporate Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, *Joani Gerber - CEO, investStratford (Item 4.1 and 4.2), *Mike Pullen - Managing Director, investStratford (Item 4.1 and 4.2), Paula Lombardi - City Solicitor

Prior to going to In-camera session, Item 1.0 was dealt with in open session.

Call to Order by Mayor Mathieson

1.0 Adjournment into In-camera Session:

"Strengthening Our Community: Attracting People and Investment"

The City Clerk advised that two additional items were required to be added to the agenda for consideration.

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos and Councillor Clifford

THAT the meeting adjourn to an In-camera Session to discuss:

4.1

[REDACTED]

4.2

[REDACTED]

5.1 ADDED - OCE Grant Update

[A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(k));

6.1 ADDED - COVID-19 and Municipal Operations

[Security of municipal property of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(a)), And Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d)).

Carried

The meeting then adjourned to an In-camera session.

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In-camera Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised a report on the proposed renewable natural gas project has been listed for consideration on the December 21, 2020 Regular Council agenda. As noted in that report, the Ontario Center of Excellence (OCE) grant is set to expire on June 5, 2021. Off the record, staff have been advised there may be an opportunity for expenses to be submitted for up to 10 additional months beyond the June 5th deadline. Staff were advised there is still an expectation that progress will be made on the project quickly, if approved.

It was questioned whether staff think they can utilize the money within the current time period if the project is approved. The Director advised they cannot but if the project is approved staff will begin work on the design and start ordering equipment. It will be confirmed in January whether the funds can be spent by the current deadline.

In-camera Direction: Motion by Councillor Vassilakos and Councillor Gaffney **THAT the report on the OCE Grant Update be received for information. Carried**

6.0 Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

6.1 ADDED - COVID-19 and Municipal Operations
[Security of municipal property of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(a)), And Labour relations or employee negotiations (section 239.(2)(d))]

In-camera Discussion: The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) advised the purpose of this item is to provide an update on COVID-19 and municipal operations. An announcement regarding a possible lockdown for Ontario was expected at 1:00 p.m. She advised that if in fact there is a province wide lockdown the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) is recommending the closing of City facilities to the public on December 29th. Services would continue to be provided over the phone or online.

Staff are being encouraged to flex time, work from home or work on a rotating basis, if able. Services such as but not limited to transit, the landfill, and waste collection will continue to operate as scheduled.

Additional information is being sought on the operation of municipal daycare to see if they can continue to operate or if they must return to operating as an emergency day care centre. CLT is reaching out to various partners such as Destination Stratford, investStratford and the Library.

