



**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, January 25, 2021 electronically at 1:00 p.m.

Present Mayor Mathieson - Chair presiding
in Chambers:

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

Regrets: Councillor Ingram

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

Staff Present Janice Beirness - Director of Corporate Services, Ed Dujlovic –
Electronically: Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, David St. Louis
- Director of Community Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Kim
McElroy - Director of Social Services, *Paula Lombardi – City
Solicitor (Item 4.1, 4.2 and 5.1), *Joani Gerber – CEO,
investStratford (Item 4.1, 4.2 and 5.1), *Mike Pullen – Managing
Director, investStratford (Item 4.1 and 4.2)

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"

Motion by Councillor Beatty and Councillor Henderson

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

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4.2

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5.1

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**6.1 Councillor Appointment to SeedCo. Board of Directors
[Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including
municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b))].**

Carried

The meeting then adjourned to an In-camera session.

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Attachment – Legal Opinion dated January 24, 2021.

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6.0 Report of the City Clerk

- 6.1 Councillor Appointment to SeedCo. Board of Directors
[Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b))]

Objective: To consider appointing a member of Council to fill a vacancy on the SeedCo. Board of Directors.

Attachments – None

"Strengthening Our Community: Attracting People and Investment"

Background and Analysis: The SeedCo. Board of Directors is comprised of the following:

1. Mayor of the City of Stratford (ex officio member),
2. Two (2) City of Stratford Councillors,
3. City of Stratford Chief Administrative Officer (ex officio member),
4. Eight (8) nominee directors representing a member of the public and various sectors.

The Board meets the second Thursday of the month (Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 are confirmed meeting dates). During COVID the meetings have been held electronically from 8:00 to 9:30 am. If there is a return to in-person meetings they will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 am. The Annual General Meeting is built into the June board meeting and there is a break over the Summer months. On average 9-10 meetings are scheduled per year.

Following the 2018 Municipal Election, the following Councillors were appointed to the Board:

- Mayor Mathieson,
- Councillor Beatty, and
- Councillor Gaffney.

In September 2020, Councillor Beatty submitted his resignation from the Board and the resignation was accepted in December 2020.

To fill this position, an expression of interest was sought from members of Council. The following members expressed their interest in filling this vacancy:

- Councillor Clifford
- Councillor Ritsma
- Councillor Sebben, and
- Councillor Vassilakos.

Financial impact: There is no financial impact to be reported as a result of this report.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Widening our Economic Opportunities

Strengthening Stratford's economy by developing, attracting and retaining a diversity of businesses and talent.

"Strengthening Our Community: Attracting People and Investment"

Staff recommendation: THAT direction be given to the City Clerk to list the following resolution on the February 8, 2021 Regular Council agenda for consideration:

THAT _____ be appointed to fill the vacant Councillor representative position on the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Co. (SEED Co.) Board of Directors for the remainder of a four year term to November 14, 2022, or until a successor is appointed by Council.

In-camera Discussion: The Clerk provided information on the poll to be undertaken. A request was made for each councillor interested in the position to explain why they are interested. Each Councillor outlined why they were interested in filling the vacant position.

A poll was conducted.

In-camera Direction: Motion by Councillor Sebben and Councillor Ritsma **THAT direction be given to the City Clerk to list the following resolution on the February 8, 2021 Regular Council agenda for consideration:**

THAT Councillor Clifford be appointed to fill the vacant Councillor representative position on the Stratford Economic Enterprise Development Co. (SEED Co.) Board of Directors for the remainder of a four year term to November 14, 2022, or until a successor is appointed by Council. Carried

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