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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

3:30 PM

AGENDA

Mayor Jaworsky in the Chair

1. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
2. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**
3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

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4. STAFF REPORTS

a) **Title: Bylaw to Authorize the Borrowing for Temporary Loans**

Report No.: CORP2020-016

Prepared By: Robyn Snook

Recommendations:

1. That Council approve CORP2020-016.
2. That Council approves the borrowing for temporary loans, if required, not to exceed an aggregate of \$87,746,000 to meet the current expenditures for 2020, 2021, and 2022.
3. That Council adopt the By-law attached as Appendix A to this report for the establishment of borrowing limits.
4. That Council directs staff to report back on amount and terms subsequent to any temporary borrowing required.

b) **Title: City of Waterloo COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan**

Report No.: CORP2020-022

Prepared By: Brad Witzel

Recommendations:

1. That Council approve CORP2020-022.
2. That the City of Waterloo take the following action to provide financial relief to residents and businesses as described in report CORP2020-022:
 - a) Waive late payment charges on property taxes, water and wastewater utility bills and all other residential and non-residential accounts receivable for the months of April and May 2020;
 - b) Waive Non Sufficient Funds (NSF) fees charged on customer accounts for the months of April and May 2020; and
 - c) Suspend all collection efforts on accounts in arrears during April and May 2020

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3. That Council approve additional financial relief to residents and business by:
 - a) Waiving the 2020 Uptown Sidewalk Patio application fee; and
 - b) Waiving monthly parking permit fees for the month of April 2020

c) Title: Procedural By-law Amendment to allow for Electronic Meetings during a Declared Emergency
Report No.: CORP2020-023
Prepared By: Olga Smith

Recommendations:

1. That report CORP2020-023 be approved;
2. That Council approve the amendments to the City of Waterloo Procedural By-law 2019-057, as set out in Appendix A, to allow for meetings to be held electronically during a declared emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
3. That notice requirements be waived under the City of Waterloo's Notice Policy in order to allow for an amendment to the Procedural By-law without giving seven (7) days notice to the public.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

a) Councillor Jeff Henry - Hydro Rates During COVID-19

WHEREAS Ontarians have been directed to stay home during this provincially-declared emergency due to COVID-19,

AND WHEREAS many businesses have been required to close and others have decided they must close,

AND WHEREAS weekend time-of-use rates are set at off-peak as people are mostly home and many businesses are closed,

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AND WHEREAS weekday time-of-use rates during peak and mid-peak times will cause additional hardship to families that are doing the responsible thing by staying home,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council request that the Minister of Energy direct the Ontario Energy Board to set all time-of-use rates for weekdays at the off-peak rate for the next 60 days to provide relief, and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Energy, the Premier of Ontario, Waterloo Region's MPPs, and other Waterloo Region municipalities.

6. QUESTIONS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

Recommendation:

That the By-laws listed below be read a first, second and third time and finally passed, numbered sequentially commencing with By-law Number 2020-018 and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign them accordingly.

- a) By-law to amend the Procedure By-law 2019-057 to allow Electronic Participation during a declared Emergency. (CORP2020-023; March 25, 2020)
- b) By-law to provide for appointment of a new Chief Building Official and to revise the Acting Chief Building Official.
- c) By-law to approve the actions and proceedings of Council, March 25, 2020 – Special

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9. CLOSED MEETING

Recommendation:

That Council hold a closed meeting for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board (COVID-19 pandemic plan);
- b) labour relations or employee negotiations (COVID-19 pandemic plan).

10. ADJOURNMENT