Special Council Minutes

August 6, 2020

Present
John C. Grace, Mayor
Myles Murdock, Deputy Mayor
Jim Donnelly, Councillor
Matthew Hoy, Councillor
Stephen Tamming, Councillor
Shawn Thomson, Councillor

Absent
Trevor Bazinet, Councillor

Staff Present
Deanna Hastie, Treasurer
Andrea Fisher, Clerk/Planning Coordinator
Sean Thomas, Director of Operations
Michaela Johnston, Deputy Clerk/Health and Safety & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Staff Absent
Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER
Goderich Town Council meets in Special session on the 6th day of August, 2020.

2. UNANIMOUS MOTION
Moved By: Councillor Thomson
Seconded By: Councillor Hoy

That Goderich Town Council hereby unanimously consents to discussing and considering the following at the August 6, 2020 Special Council meeting at 4:30 p.m.:

1. Amendment to By-Law No. 22 of 2012 being the Procedure By-Law for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich to establish procedures for Council and its Committees (Electronic Voting Procedures).

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved By: Councillor Tamming
Seconded By: Councillor Thomson

That the Town of Goderich Council hereby accepts the August 6, 2020 Special Council Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS
5.1 Andrea Fisher, Clerk/Planning Coordinator - Memo re Electronic Meetings and Proxy Voting

Staff recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Law No. 87 of 2020

Clerk Fisher provides Council with an update regarding Provincial Bill 197 which allows municipalities to expand their authority to amend their procedure by-law to provide that electronic participation in open and closed municipal meetings may count towards quorum beyond times when an emergency declaration is in place. A By-Law has been prepared for Council’s consideration of the same.

6. BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS
6.1 By-Law No. 87 of 2020

Being a By-Law to amend By-Law 22 of 2012, being a By-Law to establish procedures for Council and its committees (electronic voting procedures).

The purpose of this By-Law is to amend the Town's procedure By-Law to provide that electronic participation in open and closed municipal meetings may count towards quorum beyond times when an emergency declaration is in place.

Moved By: Councillor Thomson
Seconded By: Councillor Tamming

That By-Law 87 of 2020 be read a First and Second Time.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Thomson
Seconded By: Councillor Hoy

That By-Law 87 of 2020 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

CARRIED

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Councillor Hoy
Seconded By: Councillor Thomson

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 88 of 2020 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on August 6, 2020, and that it now be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of August, 2020.

CARRIED
11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Thomson
Seconded By: Councillor Donnelly

That Goderich Town Council does adjourn at 4:38 pm to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR, John C. Grace

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CLERK, Andrea Fisher