

Strathcona Community Council

Executive Meeting
On Zoom
February 27, 2023

Meeting Minutes
(Draft)

Present on Zoom: Chris Erl (President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Rosemary Baptista, Jen Dawson, Barb Williams, Jason Morse, Dominic Sorbara.

Regrets: Ian Borsuk (Vice-President), Denise Minardi (Treasurer), Brian Hovsepian, Joshua Allen.

Guests: Hamilton City Councillor Maureen Wilson.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with Chris Erl in the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement:

The Chair read the following acknowledgement:

We take this time to recognize that Strathcona is situated upon the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Mississauga and Haudenosaunee. This land is shared between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe, as acknowledged in the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt. That Wampum uses the symbolism of a dish to represent the territory, one spoon to represent that the people are to share the resources of the land, and take only what they need.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The Chair reported that Police Sgt. Asim Butt informed him he could not attend the meeting due to another commitment, so the Crime Manager's Report was struck from the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Jason M., seconded by Michael-Allan M., that the revised agenda for the meeting be approved.

Carried.

4. Adopting Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan M., Jason M., that the minutes of the January 16, 2023 Executive meeting be approved.

Carried.

5. Updates From Councillor:

Councillor Maureen Wilson gave updates on the following matters:

A) Access to Victoria Park Field House — She said it is normally not her practice to complain or blame city staff for errors in their dealings with the public, but she offered an apology to President Chris E. for the fact that no one got back to him about the delay in making the field house ready for SCC meetings, and promised to rectify the breakdown in communication.

B) Mural On Outside Field House Wall — She said she wants the project to go ahead. She noted an upcoming meeting to work on the mural.

C) 428 Main St. W. Development — She said the developer wants to build an 8 to 10 storey building. New Horizons has applied to the committee of adjustment for a minor variance. (The minor variance for the 10 storey development was accepted by city councillors the same day).

6. President's Report:

Chris E. reported on the following matters:

A) Fieldhouse for meetings — He said the delays in getting the building ready for use after repairs from vandalism is now complicated by the fact that other organizations have applied to use the facility. It is still possible that the SCC can use the space for its purposes. He will keep the Executive informed.

B) Chris E. thanked Barb, Jen and Ian for putting together the SCC's application for funding for Green projects. The Executive is waiting to see how much it will get.

Motion: Moved by Chris E., seconded by Barb W., that the President's Report be approved.

Carried.

7. Treasurer's Report: None

8. Banking Arrangements:

It was reported that Denise M. went to the Royal Bank to discuss changes in signing authority and account arrangements but could not get an appointment. In further investigation she learned that Tandia Financial Credit Union can offer a current account for \$3.95 per month. First Ontario Credit Union can offer an account with a startup deposit.

Several Executive members supported getting an account with First Ontario.

Motion: Moved by Chris E., seconded by Jen D., that the Strathcona Community Council close its Royal Bank Account and open a new account at First Ontario Credit Union.

Carried unanimously.

9. Business:

A) Team Up to Clean Up — Jen D. and Barb W. led a discussion on what would be involved organizing a cleanup. It was decided to hold the event on April 15, with a rain date of April 29. It can be held in conjunction with the Seed Bomb.

B) Hamilton Centre By-election Debate — It was decided by consensus that the SCC will not host an all-candidates debate for the March 16 by-election in Hamilton Centre, due to the short time frame to pull it off.

C) GuidedTour — Jason M. gave a report on the walk and talk event about the area's natural setting in winter.

10. New Business:

Standing Committees Signup — The following SCC members and executive members signed up for the four standing committees:

Communications — Barb W., Jen D., Jason M.

Events — Michael-Allan M., Rosemary B.

Governance — None yet.

Policy and Advocacy — Michael-Allan M., Jen D., Jason M.

The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

11. Notices Of Intent: None.

12. Informational Updates:

There was a short discussion of the recent huge snowfall event and forecast of others to come, and its effect on the community.

13. Next Meeting:

Moved by Jason M., seconded by Michael-Allan M., that the next meeting be held March 27, 202 at 7 pm., due to March Break.

Carried.

14. Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Barb W., seconded by Jen D., that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

He meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.