

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHEY HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2021 HELD AT TOWN OF SOUTHEY COMMUNITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Leigh Bishop

Councillors: Gordon Baragar, Ralph Boehmer, Rob Dukes, Jordan Hegglin, Susan Hillier, Devon Orb

Acting Administrator: Chris Lamontagne

Administrative Assistant: June Lepard

ABSENT:

Councillor(s):

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Bishop.

(B) PRESENTATION OF AGENDA:

Review agenda; any additions or changes approved by majority of Council.

029/21 Baragar/Hillier: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

(C) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Hegglin declared a conflict of interest in regards to: (G) Public Hearing/Public Forum/Delegations; Bylaw 2021-02 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment; in respect to discussion and/or decisions regarding the Zoning Bylaw Amendment as the amendment pertains to the potential development he will be part owner of.

Councillor Hillier declared a conflict of interest in regards to: (H) Communications; 3. Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill Inc. Minutes & Organic/Composting Collection Program Info Sheet and (I) Reports of Administration and Committees; 3. Public Works – THRL Report from Councillor Boehmer – February 11th, 2021 meeting; in respect to discussion regarding Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill Inc. as she is the Administrator.

(D) ADOPTION OF MINUTES: of the regular meeting held February 9th, 2021.

030/21 Boehmer/Baragar: That the minutes of the February 9th, 2021 regular meeting are approved as presented.

Carried

(E) NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS:

(formal announcement; example state of emergency)

(F) PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(G) PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC FORUM/DELEGATIONS:

(bylaws, policies)

Public Hearing – Bylaw 2021-02 @ 7:10 pm

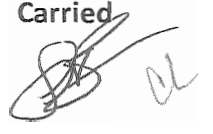
031/21 Baragar/Hegglin: That we agree to recess the meeting at 7:05 pm for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2021-02, a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw.

Carried

032/21 Dukes/Baragar: That we agree to reconvene the meeting at 8:00 pm

Carried

Bylaw 2021 – 02 – Town of Southey Bylaw Amendment



Councillor Hegglin declared a conflict of interest with respect to Bylaw 2021-02. Councillor Hegglin abstained from discussion and left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Council discussed whether to table the second and third readings of Bylaw 2021-02 in order to review the minutes from the Public Hearing and obtain more information. The majority of Council felt they wanted to discuss the Bylaw Amendment and either complete the second and third readings or defeat the amendment.

Mayor Bishop shared his opinion with Council and would be opposed to the bylaw amendment.

Councillor Orb discussed his opinion and the stigma surrounding cannabis. He also acknowledged this is a legal business, all proper steps would be required to be taken and understands the opposing view regarding this type of business. A written submission stated that any customer purchasing cannabis products must return directly to their residence. However, this is not correct. It is legal to have in a persons’ possession 30 grams of cannabis per legal-aged consumer.

Councillor Dukes addressed that allowing the amendment would add another business to our local economy if approved. He came into the meeting keeping his personal preference to himself; he felt the written submissions received at the Public Hearing from residents would determine the outcome of his decision. As well as, this type of retail outlet would be a highly regulated, legal business.

Councillor Baragar acknowledged that he was uninformed on the topic before listening to the presentations at the Public Hearing. He felt it was important to also consider, if a legal cannabis retail outlet is approved and open customers would know they are purchasing regulated products – rather than obtaining illegally. He was uncertain on how much additional business this retail outlet may bring to the Town of Southey or if the retail outlet would be successful.

Councillor Boehmer requested more time to explain what he has learned at the Public Meeting and provide details to residents who have reached out to him with questions.

Councillor Hillier engaged in discussions with her family regarding the proposed bylaw amendment and the possibilities of a legal cannabis store in the Town. She read an article regarding cannabis being laced (mixed with other substances) and how a retail outlet would allow consumers to purchase inspected and approved products. She also mentioned the benefits consumers receive from “CBD” oil for many types of chronic pain.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made with the request of a recorded vote.

033/21 Orb/Dukes: That Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 01-2019, be read a second time.

	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
Mayor Bishop		X	
Councillor Dukes	X		
Councillor Baragar	X		
Councillor Boehmer			X
Councillor Hillier	X		
Councillor Orb	X		
Councillor Hegglin had left the meeting due to Conflict of Interest – no vote.			

Carried

034/21 Hillier/Baragar: That Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 01-2019, be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed.

Carried

035/21 Baragar/Dukes: That we agree to approve the Development Permit submitted for a retail cannabis outlet located on Lot 18-19, Block 2, Plan G413 (194 Keats Street) providing all provincial approvals and licenses are submitted to the Town of Southey office to be kept on file and all bylaws/laws are followed to comply locally, provincially and federally.

Carried

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Hegglin returned to the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Bylaw 2021-03 – Town of Southey Control the Ownership of Animals (3rd reading)

036/21 Dukes/Hillier: That Bylaw No. 2021-03, being known as the Ownership of Animals be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed.

Carried

(H) COMMUNICATIONS:



(correspondence by way of letter, email, phone or text)

1. Lot 2 & 3 Block 26 Plan 102009158 – requires Parcel Tie

037/21 Hegglin/Baragar: That we authorize administration to complete the parcel tie for Lot 2 & 3 Block 26 Plan 102009158 as required in Bylaw 01-2019 known as the Zoning Bylaw. Carried

2. Southey RCMP Detachment Project

Councillor Hillier declared a conflict of interest with respect to correspondence from Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill. Councillor Hillier abstained from discussion and left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

3. Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill Meeting Minutes & Organic/Composting Collection Program Info Sheet

Councillor Boehmer provided an update on the Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill meeting he attended on February 11th.

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Hillier returned to the meeting at 8:39 pm.

4. Community Planning – Proposed Agricultural/Residential Subdivision (Parcel C, Plan 101404729 – SE ¼ 8-23-18 w 2 – RM of Cupar No 218)

5. SWWA – WSA Workshop March 3 & 4; Lagoon Workshop April 14 & 15

038/21 Hegglin/Baragar: That we authorize payment of the membership to SWWA for both Public Works staff, the WSA Workshop on March 3 & 4 and the Lagoon Workshop on April 14 & 15. Carried

6. Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities Webinar – March 2

039/21 Hillier/Dukes: That we authorize three Council members and Acting Administrator to attend the Municipal Leader's Roles and Responsibilities Webinar on March 2 at a cost of \$45 per registrant. Carried

7. Miscellaneous

040/21 Baragar/Boehmer: That we file the correspondence as read. Carried

(I) REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES:

1. Financial Statements

- List of Accounts – review and approval

023/21 Boehmer/Dukes: That accounts written on General Account cheque # 18603 to #18614 in the amount of \$7,187.44, Education Tax in the amount of \$3,189.81, CRA Remittance in the amount of \$5,898.12, Payroll in the amount of \$6,127.46, MEPP in the amount of \$3,101.88 and SUMA Benefits in the amount of \$1,398.16, be approved. Carried

2. Staff Reports (Acting Administrator/Public Works Foreman)

- Public Works Update – the Acting Administrator provided Council with a verbal report regarding items completed by Public Works.
- Admin Update – the Acting Administrator provided a verbal report of items being worked on and completed in the office (prepare for audit, WBC reporting, T4 completion, etc.).

3. Public Works (Councillor Baragar) (THRL- R. Boehmer)

- Councillor Boehmer reported on the THRL Board Meeting that was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 7:00pm during the Communications portion of the meeting.

4. Finance (Councillor Hillier)

- Councillor Hillier and Acting Administrator met on February 18th to complete the preliminary steps of the budget. SAMA Assessment values should be in by March 31st and can evaluate mill rate/base tax for 2021.



5. Health

(Cupar and District Nursing Home – Ken Staruiala), (Primary Health- Mayor Bishop)

- Ken Staruiala will attend a March meeting to update Council on Cupar and District Nursing Home, etc.
- Health Centre – misc. update.

6. Staff Relations (Councillor Hillier, Councillor Hegglin, Councillor Dukes)

7. Public Relations and Economic Development (Councillor Orb, Councillor Hegglin)

- March Newsletter – suggestions.
Will include: Bylaw updates, Census Reminder, Fundraising Health Centre.
- Coop Building – update
Fire Department would like to use the building for an indoor practice. Administration to approach the Fire Department to assist with a clean up of the building.

8. Protective Services (EMO, FIRE DEPARTMENT) (Councillor Dukes, Councillor Baragar)

- Fire Department
Councillor Dukes gave a recap of the meeting with the RM of Cupar and the progression of getting a proposal together with supporting data.
Councillor Baragar reported the pinion seal is leaking on the grassland unit. Suggest Martin Lingelbach could fix.

9. Recreation Services (Councillor Hegglin, Councillor Orb)

- Southey Skating Rink – brief update
Skating Rink AGM is on February 24th. 13 Nominations, 7 Boards Positions. Using online election platform via Survey Monkey.
- Recreation Board – update

(J) Mayor and Councillors Forum

(any sharing of events, activities or community functions attended, and any work of members on behalf of council for the community.)

(K) Unfinished Business

(L) New Business

(M) Adjournment

042/21 Baragar:

That we adjourn the meeting at 9:54 pm.

Carried

X

Leigh Bishop
Mayor

X

Chris Lamontagne
Acting Administrator