



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
Council-in-Committee Minutes**

**Monday, March 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Redekop provided a land acknowledgment.

3. Roll Call

The Clerk gave the roll call.

Present: His Worship Mayor Redekop and Councillors Christensen, Dubanow, Flagg, Lewis, McDermott and Noyes

Staff: A. Carter, R. Firenze, M. Iamarino, J. Janzen, C. McQueen, C. Patton, P. Riley, M. Schmitt and J. Frost.

4. Announcements/Addenda

Mayor Redekop made the following announcements:

St. Patrick's Day 2025

Mayor Redekop wished residents a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate.

Community Clean-Up Program

Mayor Redekop noted that Council passed a resolution supporting a community clean-up program on April 22, 2024. He advised that Staff are obtaining information and data relative to the resources required to implement the resolution. Mayor Redekop further advised that several organizations and residents have expressed interest in participating in a formal community clean-up program. Mayor Redekop will be gathering groups for Earth Day, and anyone

interested in participating in the community clean-up can contact either Diana Kelley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, by email at dkelley@forterie.ca or phone (905) 871-1600 ext. 2236 or Mayor Redekop directly by email at wredekop@forterie.ca or ext. 2235.

King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony

Mayor Redekop shared that he attended the King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, where MP Tony Baldinelli presented medals to 22 individuals, including three residents of Fort Erie. The medals are awarded to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to a particular province, territory, region, or community in Canada, or have achieved an outstanding accomplishment abroad that brings credit to the country. Mayor Redekop congratulated Anna Annunziata, Catherine Dannahower and Rick Doan on the award of their medals.

Mayor Redekop attended a second King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony on Saturday, March 15, 2025, where his late wife, Cathy Green-Redekop, also received a medal; her family accepted it on her behalf.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

6. Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings and Open Houses

6.1 Open House - Tree By-law 33-2024 Update

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall

6.2 Open House - Climate Change Action Plan Draft Report

Thursday, March 27, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, Town Hall

7. Public Meetings

7.1 Public Meeting - Zoning By-law Amendment - 3741 Nigh Road

Owner: Brent King - Applicant: Biglieri Group (c/o Rachelle Larocque)

Mayor Redekop announced that this portion of the meeting would be devoted to holding the Public Meeting.

Robin Shugan, Intermediate Development Planner, provided a presentation outlining the proposal and responded to questions from members of Council.

Mayor Redekop enquired whether the agent or the applicant wished to speak to the applications.

The applicant's agent, Rachelle Larocque of Biglieri Group, spoke to the application and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Redekop enquired if anyone present wished to speak to the application.

The following individuals provided oral comments:

- Sam Rutherford, 3755 Nigh Road, spoke on behalf of himself, his wife Janet Rutherford, his neighbours Mary and Joseph Nulty at 3747 Nigh Road and his brother Michael Rutherford at 3773 Nigh Road
- William Thomas, 4065 Village Creek Drive
- Kenneth McGregor, 3843 Nigh Road
- Judy Eggleton, 2916 Cherry Avenue, spoke on behalf of herself and her mom, Helen Eggleton, at 0-8935 Nigh Road
- Wendy Hare, 3725 Nigh Road
- Blaine Wright, 3706 Nigh Road

The Clerk confirmed that no additional written comments were received.

Mayor Redekop declared the Public Meeting closed.

7.2 PBBS-17-2025

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Information Report - 3741 Nigh Road

Recommendation 1

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council receives for information purposes, Report PDS-17-2025 regarding a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands located at 3741 Nigh Road.

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Recommendation 2

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the Consent Agenda as recommended.

Carried

8.1 Reports

8.1.1 IS-06-2025

Award of Tender for EJ Freeland Community Centre Building Envelope Restoration Project - Contract ISE-25T- EJFB22

That: Council accepts and approves the tender submission for the EJ Freeland Community Centre Building Envelope Restoration Project, Contract ISE-25T- EJFB22 from MJK Construction Inc. in the amount of \$666,893.23 (including 13% HST); and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Capital Budget to supplement the EJ Freeland Community Centre Building Envelope Restoration project (EJFW23), with \$130,242 from the Facilities Maintenance Reserve.

8.1.2 IS-07-2025

Award of Tender for a 2025 Ice Resurfacer

That: Council accepts the tender submission for the purchase of a 2025 Ice Resurfacer, Model 526 from Zamboni Company Ltd. of Brantford, Ontario for a total upset limit of \$120,784.06 (inclusive of H.S.T.), and further

That: Council amends the 2025 Facilities Capital Budget to supplement the purchase of the 2025 Zamboni Replacement, Capital Account CA-85800-ZAMD23 by \$11,890 with funding from the Ice Resurfacer Replacement Reserve.

8.1.3 EDTS-01-2025

Consumption of Alcohol at Community Events Organized by Town Boards or Committees

That: Council approves the amendment to the Town's Alcohol Policy to exempt Town Board and Committee Special Events, excluding the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, from Section 1.1 of Schedule A to By-law 72-99 (Municipal Alcohol Policy); and

That: Council directs staff to submit the necessary by-law to amend By-law 72-99.

8.1.4 CS-02-2025

2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Mayor, Council and Persons Appointed By Council

That: Council receives Report CS-02-2025 regarding the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Mayor, Council and persons appointed by Council for information purposes.

8.1.5 CS-03-2025

2024 Annual Investment Review

That: Council receives for information purposes Report CS-03-2025 regarding the 2024 annual investment review.

8.1.6 FES-01-2025

2024 Year-End Report for The Fort Erie Fire Department, Including Emergency Management

That: Council receives the 2024 Year-End Report for the Fort Erie Fire Department, including Emergency Management, for information purposes.

9. Planning, Building and By-law Services

Chaired by Councillor Christensen

9.1 Presentations and Delegations

9.1.1 Evan Sugden, Associate | Heritage Lead, The Biglieri Group Ltd.

Re: Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement - Cherry Hill Club at 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North (Report PBBS-18-2025)

Evan Sugden, Associate, Heritage Lead, with the Biglieri Group Ltd. provided a presentation outlining the Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement for Cherry Hill Club and responded to questions from members of Council.

9.2 Reports

9.2.1 PBBS-18-2025

Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement – 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North

Recommendation 3

Moved by: Councillor Lewis

That: Council directs staff to prepare a by-law authorizing entry into an agreement with Cherry Hill Club Limited for a Temporary Heritage Conservation Easement at 912 Cherry Hill Boulevard North.

Carried

9.2.2 PBBS-19-2025

Extension of Draft Plan Approval – Creekside Estates Subdivision (0-12799 Nigh Road)

Recommendation 4

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council deems the draft plan of subdivision approval for Creekside Estates not to have lapsed, per Section 51(33.1) of the Planning Act, and the Owner and Regional Municipality of Niagara be so advised, and further

That: Council specifies that draft plan approval will lapse three (3) years from the date of Councils decision, being March 17, 2028, per Section 51(33.3) of the Planning Act, and the Owner and Regional Municipality of Niagara be so advised, and further

That: Council directs that the conditions of approval for the Creekside Estates Draft Plan of Subdivision be amended as detailed in Appendix 4, and further

That: Council determines in accordance with Section 51(47) of the *Planning Act*, that further notice is not required due to the minor nature of the changes.

Carried, as amended

Amendment:

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: The second paragraph of the recommendation be amended from three (3) years from the date of Council's decision being March 17, 2028, to two (2) years from the date of Council's decision being April 11, 2027.

Carried

9.3 New Business/Enquiries

9.3.1 Councillor Dubanow - Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Councillor Dubanow requested a memorandum from Staff regarding the dissolution of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and whether the Committee should be re-established.

M. Iamarino advised that staff could provide a memo by the end of May.

9.3.2 Mayor Redekop - Heritage Property Designation Inquiry

Mayor Redekop inquired whether the *Ontario Heritage Act* restricts municipalities from adding properties to the municipal heritage register for future designation.

M. Iamarino advised that there are no restrictions as long as the municipality follows the proper procedures for identifying those potential heritage properties.

9.4 Business Status Report

No changes.

10. Infrastructure Services

Chaired by Councillor Lewis.

10.1 Presentations and Delegations

None.

10.2 Reports

10.2.1 IS-03-2025

Bay Beach Summary and Usage Policy Review (Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) and Kayak Use

(Previously moved by Councillor McDermott on February 10, 2025)

That: Council receives Report IS-01-2025 for information purposes; and

That: Bay Beach operations be amended to permit Stand-Up Paddleboards and Kayaks, Monday to Thursday (excluding holidays) at any time, and Friday to Sunday and holidays except between the hours of 11:00 and 18:00; and

That: Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law 119-03 (Parks and Beaches By-law).

Carried

Recommendation 5

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Memorandum Bay Beach SUPs and Kayaks be received for information purposes.

Carried

10.2.2 IS-08-2025

Information Report – Update on Garrison Road Sanitary Servicing

Councillor Dubanow advised that he would be withdrawing his notice of motion made on February 24, 2025.

Recommendation 6

Moved by: Mayor Redekop

That: Council receives Report IS-08-2025 for information purposes.

Carried

10.3 New Business/Enquiries

None.

10.4 Business Status Report

No changes.

11. Corporate and Community Services

Chaired by Councillor Flagg.

11.1 Presentations and Delegations

None.

11.2 Reports

None.

11.3 New Business/Enquiries

None.

11.4 Business Status Report

No changes.

12. Scheduling of Meetings

Members of Council announced upcoming Board and Committee meetings on March 18th.

13. Adjournment

Recommendation 7

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council adjourns Council-in-Committee at 8:27 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk