



Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: February 3, 2021
Time: 4:18 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers - members participating remotely

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Kelvin Galbraith, Lisa Kearns (Deputy Mayor), Rory Nisan, Shawna Stolte, Paul Sharman, Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Tim Commisso, Heather MacDonald, Sheila Jones, Nancy Shea-Nicol, David Thompson (Audio/Video Specialist), Suzanne Gillies

Note: Due to COVID-19 and public health concerns delegations and public attendance was not permitted at this meeting. The Deputy Mayor was present in Council Chambers while the remaining members of council participated remotely.

1. Call to Order:

2. Regrets:

None.

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Delegations:

None.

5. Items to be considered at the Special Meeting of Council:

5.1 Temporary Use By-law to regulate outdoor patios (PL-09-21)

Moved by:

Approve By-law 2020.427, a temporary use by-law to permit and regulate temporary outdoor patios attached as Appendix A to community planning department report PL-09-21; and

Repeal By-laws 2020.422 and 2020.426, being previously enacted Temporary Use By-laws related to temporary outdoor patios; and

Waive the requirement for site plan and zoning clearance approvals for temporary tents on outdoor patios until October 31, 2021.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

5.2 Service re-design interim modifications and resumptions (CM-03-21)

Moved by:

Direct the City Manager to proceed with implementing the interim service delivery program recommendations as contained in the appendices attached to city manager's office report CM-03-21 outlining the framework for ranking facilities to support regional COVID vaccination centres, measures for supporting provincial COVID restrictions at city assets, both from recreation, community and culture and providing interim service delivery modifications approved by the Burlington Leadership Team, Emergency Control Group and/or service leads for parking by-law enforcement - transportation; and

Direct the Chief Financial Officer to track and monitor the financial implications of the above service delivery program changes in the ongoing COVID-19 financial impact reporting to Council.

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CARRIED (7 to 0)

5.3 COVID-19 emergency response verbal update (CSSRA-02-21)

Moved by:

Digital Main Street Funding:

Whereas the expansion of the Digital Mains Street (DMS) program in 2020 to include the [DMS Future Proof](#) components including DMS Labs, Transformation Teams and Community Collaboration projects administered through the Regional Innovation Centres (RICs) has been a critical support in helping businesses adopt new technology during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas these new DMS programs have helped both nurture new technology based businesses in our region such as [LookLocal.ca](#), [All Checked In](#) and [My Well Self](#) while providing virtual hands on support and solutions for businesses to access new customers while managing new covid-19 health and safety measures; and

Whereas current funding for the DMS FutureProof programs ends in February 2021; and

Whereas our small business community faces ongoing barriers to technology adoption and lack of resources to implement these technologies that are necessary to remain competitive in light of COVID-19 impacts to their business; and

Whereas Canada's economy will rely on entrepreneurs in both the technology and the main street business sectors to drive economic recovery, job creation and economic growth; and

Whereas the DMS FutureProof program can continue providing virtual hands on support to small business to accelerate the adoption of both program offerings such as [LookLocal.ca](#), [All Checked In](#) and [My Well Self](#) and develop new technology solutions that keep our businesses competitive.

Therefore be it resolved that:

City Council, in partnership with the Burlington Economic Recovery Network (BERN), Team Burlington and Haltech Regional Innovation Centre, call on the federal governments to:

- Work with the Regional Innovation Centres to renew and expand funding to the Digital Main Street Future Proof Program as soon as possible to help our businesses adopt new technologies to support their digital transformation and adapt their business model due to COVID-19;
- Explore opportunities to provide additional support to our main street business sector in adopting digital technologies and future proofing their business models; and

- Support Canada's technology sector to develop and bring to market new technologies that can support businesses in Canada and globally to adapt to the new business realities following the impacts of COVID-19 to both Business to Consumer (B2C) and Business to Business (B2B) business models.

Further be it resolved that:

The Mayor and Council representative on the BERN be directed to write a letter, jointly with BERN, Team Burlington members and Haltech, advocating the extension and expansion of the Digital Main Street Future Proof Program the Federal Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade; and

The City Clerk be directed to send a copy of the letter and resolution, once approved, to:

- Burlington Members of Parliament including Minister Karina Gould, MP Pam Damoff and MP Adam Van Koeverden
- Burlington Members of Provincial Parliament including MPP Jane McKenna, MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos and MPP Parm Gill
- Halton Regional Council
- Members of the Towns of Milton, Halton Hills and Oakville Councils
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus (OBCM)
- Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)
- GTHA Mayors and Chairs
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)
- Milton Chamber of Commerce
- Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce
- Oakville Chamber of Commerce
- Team Burlington (Burlington Economic Development, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Burlington, Burlington Downtown Business Association and Aldershot Village BIA)

- Burlington Economic Recovery Network (BERN)
- Haltech Regional Innovation Centre

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CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. Motion to Receive and File Information Items:

None.

7. Motion to Approve By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

Enact and pass the following by-laws which are now introduced, entitled and numbered as indicated below:

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CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.1 2020-427: A By-law to amend By-law 2020, as amended, to permit temporary outdoor patios through a temporary use by-law with a timeframe to expire on October 31, 2021.

8. Motion to Confirm Proceedings of the Council Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Enact and pass By-law Number 09-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

CARRIED

9. Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna

Seconded by: Mayor Meed Ward

Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Suzanne Gillies

Deputy Clerk

Lisa Kearns

Deputy Mayor