



*City of Sarnia*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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SUBJECT: City Council Highlights – March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

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The following are highlights of the March 19 Regular Sarnia City Council Meeting:

Held a public meeting and approved an application for amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law at 696 Oxford Street (former St. Peter's School) to permit a retirement home. This includes the conversion of the existing school building into 28 retirement home units and a four storey addition to the east side of the building for 75 retirement home units. Entrances to the building will be on both Oxford St. and Rayburne Ave.

Appointed Councillors MacDougall and White as Council representatives to the Mitton Village Community Development Advisory Committee, and reported out the citizen appointments to the committee.

Approved an extension of the current agreement with Integrity Commissioner, Robert J. Swayze until March 1, 2019 and received the Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report.

Authorized an agreement with Bluewater Power for the Detailed Engineering Study Funding Contract for the change out of the ultraviolet disinfection equipment at the Water Pollution Control Centre (WPCC). A 75% potential power savings is estimated compared to the existing ultraviolet disinfection equipment.

Directed staff to prepare a Draft Municipal Grant Policy in which Council would approve individual funding applications utilizing principles from the Policy and directed that funding will only be granted for capital costs.

Directed staff to work with Bluewater Regional Networks to identify a project plan for indoor and outdoor Wi-Fi implementation and approved spending of up to \$15,000 from the Computer Equipment Reserve to conduct the study.

Accepted the proposal by Tim L. Dobbie Consulting in the amount of \$103,795 (including non-rebateable HST), for the development of a Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

- Accepted the proposal by Bang the Table in the amount of \$5,088 (including non-rebateable HST), for the online engagement platform to be utilized for the development of the Master Plan.

Authorized the sale of the laneway between 114 and 118 Samuel Street to the owners of 114 and 118 Samuel Street for \$1.00.

Accepted the tender by Hill's Cleaning Service in the amount of \$216,988 (including non-rebateable HST), for janitorial services for the Strangway Centre, Public Works Telfer Road and Devine Street locations, and Sarnia Transit offices, for a three year agreement.

Made the following decisions regarding the Donohue Bridge:

- Accepted the tender by Landform Civil Infrastructures Incorporated in the amount of \$6,034,079 (including non-rebateable HST) for rehabilitation of select components on the Donohue Bridge.
- Authorized the temporary closing of Vidal Street South, between Campbell Street and Union Street, at the Donohue Bridge for the purpose of the rehabilitation. Construction is planned to begin in late March and continue through fall.
- Approved the extension of the existing contract agreement between the City and the Wood Group (formerly Amec Foster Wheeler) by \$58,702 (including non-rebateable HST) for additional engineering services for the Donohue Bridge rehabilitation, not included in the original scope of work. Extra engineering can be attributed to the lack of an 'As Constructed' drawing.
- Authorized the temporary closure of the Vidal Street walkway between Tecumseh Street and Vidal Street South (just west of the Donohue Bridge).

Accepted the tender by Premier Concrete in the amount of \$1,269,534 (including non-rebateable HST), for Telfer Road bridge replacement over the Perch Creek.

- Authorized the temporary closing of Telfer Road at the Telfer Road Bridge for the purpose of the bridge replacement. Intermittent

construction is planned to begin in late March; Full construction is planned to begin in July and continue through fall.

Did not approve the Sting's proposal to sell suites on behalf of the City.

Accepted the tender by G.C. Duke Equipment in the amount of \$93,811 (including non-rebateable HST), for supply and delivery of a wide area mower to be utilized for grass cutting maintenance requirements.

Directed staff to provide Council a report reviewing the municipal sign by-law as it relates to the upcoming election.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held April 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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