

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council regarding a Request for Exemption from Cemetery By-law #08-12 for The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac, held March 13, 2020 in the Council Chambers, 6648 Road 506, Plevna, Ontario.

Present: Mayor Ron Higgins; Councillor Fred Perry and Councillor Wayne Good - Ward 1; Councillor Vernon Hermer – Ward 2.

Absent: Deputy Mayor Gerry Martin – Ward 2; Councillor John Inglis and Councillor Fred Fowler – Ward 3.

Also Present: Cheryl Robson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO); and Brooke Drechsler, Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the Planning Manager.

1. Call to Order and Purpose of Meeting

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

The Mayor read his opening remarks (see attached).

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #115-20

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council regarding a Request for Exemption from Cemetery By-law #08-12 dated March 13, 2020, as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

Waive Procedural Policy

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #116-20

Be It Resolved That, due to the urgent nature of a request to Council, Council waives Section 4.10 b. of the Procedural Policy By-law #99-19 Notice Requirements for Special Council Meetings, which requires the Clerk to give notice to the Public no later than 48 hours prior to the Meeting date.

Carried

5. Communications

a) Exemption from Cemetery By-law #08-12 – No Internment between December 1 and March 31;

i. Request from Darwyn Sproule, Private Resident;

ii. Cemetery By-law #08-12.

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #117-20

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email dated March 12, 2020 from Darwyn Sproule, Private Resident, requesting an exemption from the Township's Cemetery By-law #08-12 which states:

“No Interments shall be made between December 1 and March 31, except in the case where the deceased has died from a contagious disease”

And That Council approves this request and agrees to provide an exception, in this circumstance, to By-law #08-12 - Interments Section #9 to allow the burial prior to April 1, 2020.

Carried

Amend Cemetery By-law #08-12

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Perry #118-20

Be It Resolved That Council instructs the Clerk to bring back an amending By-law authorizing the CAO, in consultation with the contractor, to approve any further winter burials; and, until the amending By-law is approved, Council authorizes the CAO to approve any future winter burials prior to April 1, 2020.

Carried

6. Public Forum

None.

7. Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #119-20

Be It Resolved That By-law #26-20, being a by-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Special Meeting regarding a Request for Exemption from Cemetery By-law #08-12 held March 13, 2020 be read a first and second time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #120-20

Be It Resolved That By-law #26-20 be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #121-20

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the meeting at 8:23 a.m. until March 20, 2020 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk

March 13, 2020 Special Meeting of Council

I have called this special meeting today to address a request from a resident to bury his deceased spouse. Out of compassion for the family, some of whom are visiting from the US, I have called this special meeting to allow the family to take care of their affairs while they are all together at this time.

I also take full responsibility for calling this meeting without providing for the three days meeting notice requirement. I did this since the three-day meeting notification period would not allow for the family to adequately plan and implement the services and burial in this instance.

Mayor Ron Higgins