

Surplus Lands Development Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Electronic Participation

Members:

Councillors Karrie Porter (Chair), Carlos Garcia, Greg Miller (arrived at 4:07 p.m.), Sal Sorrento, and Mayor Walter Sendzik

Staff:

Margaret Josipovic, Project Expeditor
David Oakes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Heather Salter, Director of Legal and Clerks Services / City Solicitor
Stephanie Tripp, Manager of Realty and Insurance Services
Kristen Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Call meeting to order**

The Chair, Councillor Porter, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which the Task Force meets is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. This gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Garcia

Seconded by: Councillor Sorrento

That the agenda for November 11, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Councillor Sorrento

Seconded by: Councillor Garcia

That the minutes of the September 30, 2020, meeting of the Surplus Lands Development Task Force be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Declarations of Interest**
There were none declared.

6. **Business**

6.1 320 Geneva St.

Torey Ferrelli, Ian Hunt, Joseph Merrett, and Kimberly Piper were in attendance on behalf of CBRE, who has been retained by the City to provide brokerage services. CBRE provided an update and answered questions regarding the listing process, next steps, and their experience with other similar sites.

6.2 6-8 Academy St.

Stephanie Tripp, Manager of Realty and Insurance Services, provided an update on discussions with Niagara Regional Housing based on the task force's direction at the meeting of September 30, 2020.

6.3 68 Church St.

Motion

Mover: Mayor Sendzik

Second: Councillor Miller

That the Surplus Land Task Force recommends that Council directs staff to send an Expression of Interest to the Region of Niagara for the lands know as 68 Church St. that identifies that Council is interested in a development that includes affordable housing; and

That staff be directed to report back on options and opportunities for this site for Council's consideration, that includes information about what other communities are doing with similar sites; and

That staff be directed to report back on the opportunity for the City to develop a municipal land development corporation.

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Councillor Sorrento requested that a separate, recorded vote be called on the third clause of the motion.

Vote on Clause 1 and 2

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CARRIED - *Vote was taken by show of hands*

Vote on Clause 3

That staff be directed to report back on the opportunity for the City to develop a municipal land development corporation.

Yeas: Councillor Miller, Mayor Sendzik, and Chair Porter

Nays: Councillors Garcia and Sorrento

CARRIED

7. **Date of next meeting**

To be determined.

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting be adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

CARRIED