

# Surplus Lands Development Task Force

## Minutes

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

### Electronic Participation

#### **Members:**

Councillors Karrie Porter (Chair), Carlos Garcia, Greg Miller, Sal Sorrento, and Mayor Walter Sendzik

#### **Staff:**

Margaret Josipovic, Project Expeditor

Tami Kitay, Director of Planning and Building Services

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 Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Sorrento

That the minutes of the November 11, 2020, meeting of the Surplus Lands Development Task Force be approved.

CARRIED

#### **5. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

## 6. **Business**

### 6.1 6-8 Academy St.: Verbal update

Stephanie Tripp, Manager of Realty and Insurance Services, provided a verbal update on discussions with Niagara Regional Housing about the potential for the site to be developed for supportive housing. A change in use from community commercial to residential would require a record of site condition; staff have put out a Request for Quotations for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), a record of site condition filing, and a designated substance survey and may be able to award the work as early as next week. Staff answered questions about costs, Phase 1 ESAs, and the future relocation of staff and records from the building.

### 6.2 320 Geneva St.: Verbal update

Stephanie Tripp, Manager of Realty and Insurance Services, provided a verbal update, noting that the property has now been listed for sale and that the brokerage firm has circulated the opportunity to the development community and affordable housing providers. Staff answered questions about how the list price was established and the Request for Proposals process to hire a brokerage firm.

### 6.3 Additional Business: Queen Elizabeth Centre and Robertson School

#### **Motion**

Moved by: Councillor Sorrento

Seconded by: Mayor Sendzik

That the Task Force recommend: That Council direct the Surplus Lands Development Task Force to review the Queen Elizabeth Centre (2 Facer St.) and the Robertson School (85 Church St.) properties; and

That staff be directed to prepare information regarding the use of these properties, age of the buildings, and any partnerships or users in those buildings.

CARRIED

## 7. **Date of next meeting**

To be determined in consultation with the Chair based on availability of new information on the above-noted items.

## 8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting be adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

CARRIED