

**Strathcona Community Council  
Executive Meeting  
Victoria Park Fieldhouse  
May 15, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Chris Erl (President and Chair), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Denise Minardi (Treasurer), Barb Williams, Rosemary Baptista, Jason Morse, Dominic Sorbara.

**Regrets:**

Ian Borsuk (Vice-President), Jen Dawson.

1. **Greeting and Land Acknowledgement:**

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The Chair read the following acknowledgement:

We take this time to recognize that Strathcona is situated upon the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee. This land is shared between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe nations as acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon Wampum belt. That wampum uses the symbolism of a dish to represent the territory, and the one spoon to represent that the people are to share the resources of the land and take only what they need.

3. **Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Jason M., seconded by Michael-Allan A. that the agenda of the May 15, 2023 SCC Executive meeting be approved.

**Carried:**

4. **Adopting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Michael-Allan M., seconded by Denise M., that the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 SCC Executive meeting be approved.

**Carried with Dominic S. Abstaining.**

5. **Updates from Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson:** Councillor Wilson could not be present for the meeting due to a previous commitment but she sent a detailed report in an email circulated to all Executive members.

They included the following:

A) Public Meetings will soon be held on the Main Street Conversion from one-way to two-way to gain feedback. There will be a virtual meeting hosted by city staff in which registration will be required. It's on Thursday May 18, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. A link was provided. There will also be an in-person meeting for Ward 1 and Ward 2 with city staff on May 25, 2023 at 7 pm.

B) HSR Re-Envision to overhaul Hamilton's public transit service. Time to be confirmed.

C) Splash Pad and Sun Shelter in Victoria Park. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2023.

D) Safe Streets Investments – Raised Crosswalk on Strathcona at Head, Lamoureux, Florence and Florence at Inchbury.

E) Main Street and Dundurn Street Safety Concerns – Reporting back from concerns raised at the April Executive meeting. Councillor Wilson said she reached out to the president of both the SCC and KNA (Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association) to discuss. She contacted Choice Properties which are open to discussion. A Brick wall set within private property, which is owned by Choice Properties, where people are congregating. City planning department has confirmed that the existing site plan does not have to be reconfigured and resubmitted should a request be made to remove the wall. The department has also confirmed that the removal of the wall does not require a demolition permit, but formal request for removal by Choice Properties must be submitted to the city and future condition of the property must be defined.

F) York Boulevard Resurfacing and Redesign – Date to be determined.

G) Strathcona Neighbourhood Safe Streets Study – A consultant has been secured by City Transportation Services and work is expected to begin soon. There will be a future report on the timeline for the study.

H) Encampment Protocol – it will be on the agenda of the General Issues Committee on May 17. A link is provided.

I) Litter – Service Level Review – She said that in January she asked for a public report on the amount of money extended by the city on unplanned litter pick up. She provided a link for the report. It shows that the city spends more than \$2.3 million on this kind of public litter collection. She has received many complaints about litter in Ward 1 and across the city. She and Ward 2 Councillor Kroetsch have presented a motion to the Public Works Committee requesting a review of service levels.

**6. Updates from HPS Crime Sgt. Manager Asim Butt:**

Sgt. Butt presented a report on crime statistics year to date, from January 2023 to mid-May 2023, in Strathcona. They included the following crime groups:

- Auto Theft – 1
  - Break and Enter – 18
  - Robberies – 0
  - Theft from Auto – 50
  - Theft over \$5,000 – 1
- Total occurrences: 7

He made special note of a spike in theft from auto occurrences, detailing occurrences reported by month:

- January – 31
- February – 4
- March – 7
- April – 5
- May (so far) – 3

**7. President's Report:**

Chris E. reported on the following matters:

A) He said he has been having discussions with the new management for the Fortinos Plaza and they seem amenable to discussing about the encampment at Main and Dundurn streets.

B) Splash Pad – It is unlikely that it will be done in time for Screen on the Green. He said the project is the victim of a collapse of the supply chain concerning some materials necessary for the construction and installation.

**Motion:** Moved by Chris E., seconded by Barb W., that the President's Report be approved.

**Carried.**

**8. Treasurer's Report:**

Denise M. said she is in a position to open the new bank account in First Ontario Credit Union. Final details will be reported at the next meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Denise M., seconded by Jason M., that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

**Carried.**

**9. Committee Reports:**

Governance – have not met yet.

Events – have no met yet.

Policy and Advocacy – have not met yet.

Communications – Barb. W. and Jen D. Held a first meeting and discussed various ideas on various platforms concerning communications.

**10. Business: None.**

**11. Time of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on June 19, 2023 at 7 pm.

**12. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Moved by Rosemary B., seconded by Denise M., the meeting be adjourned  
**Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.