

End of an era as Shelburne Council meets for final time before election

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In the last Council meeting prior to the municipal election, the assembled Councillors and public, were treated to a surprise - the meeting lasted less than half an hour!

The duration, will certainly go down in the record books as perhaps the shortest meeting in Council history.

After the formalities of council, the call to order, approval of the Agenda, disclosures, approval of previous minutes, question period and the consent agenda, all of which take only a few moments, Council's business was merely four short items long.

Tribute Homes lighting

First up, was a report from Town Planner Steve Wever, concerning the style of street lamps that Tribute Homes wished to use in the Hyland Village sun-division at 400 Main Street West.

The standards are a pole and top mount LED light style, very similar to those in the downtown core. They present a rather elegant touch to the streets and will be well regarded by the perspective residents. They stand some 17 feet above the grade and are buried in the ground 4.5 feet and so require no conspicuous base pad upon which to stand.

Outside of the development, along Hwy. 89, the lighting will match that which is existing, which is a 'cobra head' style on an arm projecting out over the roadway. These will be installed on the existing poles. The developer will remain responsible for all maintenance and hydro costs for the next two years, before the Town assumes that responsibility.

The new LED light bulbs will provide less maintenance and a lower operating cost to Halogen or Sodium Vapour bulbs. Town staff have indicated their approval for this design.

Council accepted the report as presented and granted permission to the proposed installations.

Police station request

The next item up was another resolution from the Police Services Board, requesting Council to issue a request for pricing of a new 10,000 square foot Police Station. The resolution was received as read with no action being taken at this time.

Downtown events

That brought Council to it's last two items of the evening, both involving Town assistance with events going on in the downtown core.

The first of these was a request from the legion for help with it's Remembrance Day Parade on November 11th. The Treasurer reported that the 'in kind' cost for this request was \$362 and consisted of three staff for two hours to help set up and take down chairs and the podium. Council granted the request.

This brought the meeting to it's final agenda item, a request from Treats in the Streets to close William Street over to First and then First up to Owen Sound, for their event. Treasurer Carey Holmes set the 'in kind' value of this as \$188 and Council approved this request as well.

With this Council moved to accept the Bills and Accounts and approved the By-laws to appoint CAO Denyse Morrissey as the Town of Shelburne Deputy Clerk and to approve the night's conclusions. This was followed by adjournment and a relaxing evening for all concerned!