



PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

360 Dibble St. W.

Prescott, Ontario

Present Mayor Brett Todd, Councillors Leanne Burton, Teresa Jansman, Fraser Laschinger, Lee McConnell, Mike Ostrander, and Ray Young

Staff Pierre Mercier, CAO, Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, Kimberley Casselman, Director of Administration/Clerk, Jessica Crawford, Accounting Clerk, and Lindsey Veltkamp, Executive Assistant Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 150-2017: Young, Ostrander

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of March 6, 2017, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Staff

4.1 Staff Report 08-2017 - 2017 Budgets and Tax Ratios

Motion 151-2017: Jansman, Burton

That Council approve:

1. The 2017 Operational & Water/Wastewater Budget; and
2. The 2017 Capital and Operational Project Plan; and
3. The 2017 Property Assessment adjustment to the tax class ratios.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, provided an overview of the budget. He stated that the Operational Budget called for a 2% increase to the municipal tax levy and that the 2017 property taxes would be based on the new current value assessment produced by MPAC, meaning that the average household would see an increase of \$35.00 for the year.

Discussion was held regarding the presentation of the budget, current reserves, the decrease in assessments, preparing for anticipated Federal funding, and how the Town would be paying for the planning and work that needed to be done at the arena.

5. By-laws

5.1 2017 Estimates By-Law

Motion 152-2017: Jansman, Burton

That By-Law 11-2017, being a by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2017 for general purposes of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

Motion 153-2017: Jansman, Laschinger

That By-Law 11-2017, being a by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2017 for general purposes of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, be read a first and second time.

Carried

5.2 2017 Tax Ratios By-Law

Motion 154-2017: Jansman, Laschinger

That By-Law 12-2017, being a by-law to set tax ratios for the year 2017, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 155-2017: Jansman, Laschinger

That By-Law 12-2017, being a by-law to set tax ratios for the year 2017, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

6. Period for Media Questions

Wayne Lowrie, Brockville Recorder & Times, asked for the average change of assessment for residential properties. Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, stated that there had been a 3.2% average decline.

Dylan Dyson, Coast FM, asked for clarification on the increase for tax classes and what the price of the average residential property was. Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, stated that the average assessment was \$156,000 and that he would get back to Mr. Dyson with more information.

7. Confirming By-Law – 13-2017

Motion 156-2017: Ostrander, McConnell

That By-Law 13-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on March 6, 2017, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 157-2017: Ostrander, Young

That By-Law 13-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on March 6, 2017, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Motion 158-2017: McConnell, Ostrander

That the meeting be adjourned to March 27, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. (Time: 7:44 p.m.)

Carried

Original signed by

Original signed by

Mayor

Clerk