



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 24, 2017
6:00 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, Lindsey Veltkamp, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 188-2017: Young, Ostrander

That the agenda for the Council Meeting of April 24, 2017, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. Presentations

4.1 2017 Citizen and Volunteer of the Year Awards

Mayor Todd presented Don Barton with the Citizen of the Year Award, and Brent Norton with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Mayor Todd spoke to Mr. Barton and Mr. Norton's dedication and service to the community. Members of the 2017 Community Awards Working Group also spoke to the recipients. Mr. Barton and Mr. Norton thanked Council for their awards.

Council recessed at 6:12 p.m. to attend a reception in honour of Mr. Barton and Mr. Norton.

Council resumed at 6:43 p.m.

5. Delegations – None

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 Regular Council Minutes - March 27, 2017

Motion 189-2017: McConnell, Ostrander

That the Council minutes of March 27, 2017, be accepted as presented.

Carried

6.2 Special Council Minutes - April 18, 2017

Motion 190-2017: Ostrander, McConnell

That the Special Council minutes of April 18, 2017, be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Communications & Petitions

7.1 Action Items – None

7.2 Information Items (under separate cover)

Motion 191-2017: Laschinger, Jansman

That the information items under separate cover be received and filed.

Carried

1. Annual Report of the Prescott Cemetery Board of Management
2. Prescott Fire Department Council Report for January – March 2017
3. South Grenville Chamber of Commerce Charlie McFarlane Memorial Golf Tournament
4. Rotary Exchange Student, Catherine Demers – Report
5. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release – March 24, 2017
6. Stewardship Ontario letter re: Industry Funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the Quarter of the 2016 Program Year
7. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration letter re: Champion Diversity Award
8. AMO Social Media Webinar Series
9. AMO Breaking News – March 31, 2017
10. City of Kawartha Lakes resolution re: Supporting Certified Crop Advisors Correspondence from City of Belleville and MPPP Lisa Thompson
11. Township of Perth East resolution re: Proposed Changes to the Building Code
12. Township of Madawaska Valley resolution re: Proposed Changes to the Building Code
13. Municipality of East Ferris resolution re: Proposed Changes to the Building Code
14. Region of Peel resolution re: Community Water Fluoridation
15. Municipality of Port Hope Resolution re: Incineration of Waste

Councillor Laschinger spoke to Item # 1. He provided Council with an overview regarding the Annual Report of the Prescott Cemetery Board of Management.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Committee of the Whole Report 07-2017 - April 3, 2017

a. Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 3, 2017

Motion 192-2017: Jansman, Burton

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 3, 2017, be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. Utility Vehicle Purchase

Motion 193-2017: Young, Ostrander
That Council approve the purchase or lease of a utility vehicle (SUV) for the Prescott Fire Department, as budgeted for in the 2017 Budget.

Carried

Councillor Young spoke to the vehicle and its proposed uses. Discussion was held regarding purchasing or leasing the utility vehicle.

8.2 Committee of the Whole Report 08-2017 - April 18, 2017

a. Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 18, 2017

Motion 194-2017: Burton, Jansman
That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 18, 2017, be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. Financial and Human Resource Policy Review - Working Group

Motion 195-2017: Jansman, Burton
That Council establish a Working Group, consisting of Mayor Todd and Councillors Jansman and Ostrander, to work with staff to create a new set of financial and human resource policies for the Town of Prescott and subsequently recommend them to Council for consideration, review, and adoption.

Carried

Councillor Jansman provided an overview of the Working Group's role.

c. Funding Request - Canadian Scout Jamboree

Motion 196-2017: McConnell, Ostrander
That Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the 7th Prescott Scouts for the Canadian Scout Jamboree 2017.

Councillor McConnell provided background information regarding the funding request.

9. Mayor

Mayor Todd spoke to his attendance at an Eastern Ontario Mayor's Committee on April 13, the Legion Easter Fun Day on April 15, and a meeting with MPAC April 24. He thanked staff and volunteers for their help with the Annual Community Pitch-In Day on April 22.

10. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Burton spoke to the recent fire department anniversaries and congratulated Maurice Raus (16 years), Peter Veltkamp (3 years), Shane Williams (3 years), and Steve Zahn (3 years). She referenced the upcoming Business Showcase & Expo being held on June 9 and 10.

Councillor Jansman spoke to her attendance at the Website Sub-Committee meeting held on March 30, and the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Board of Health meeting held on April 20.

Councillor Laschinger spoke to his attendance at the Prescott Cemetery Board Annual General Meeting, a Loyalist Days Working Group meeting on April 3, a Communities in Bloom meeting on April 11, the Community Pitch-In Day on April 22, and the opening of the Rideau and St. Lawrence Garden Tours beginning on May 12.

Councillor McConnell spoke to issues with MPAC and the assessment for commercial properties.

Councillor Ostrander spoke to his attendance at a Prescott Legion event for volunteers on April 4, and the Annual Food For All Dinner. He referenced upcoming meetings for Connect Youth at South Grenville District High School on May 3, and the Annual Charlie McFarlane Golf Tournament on May 26.

Councillor Young spoke to the Prescott Fire Department Council Report.

11. Staff

11.1 Staff Report 21-2017 - Prescott Police Services Board Traffic Recommendations

Motion 197: Young, Ostrander

That Council approve:

1. The addition of 6 pedestrian lights at King St. and Edward St;
2. The removal of the traffic lights at King St. and Centre St. and installation of crossing signs and addition of more visible line painting;
3. The removal of the traffic lights at King St. and George St. and installation of crossing signs and addition of more visible line painting;
4. The addition of a system similar to the crossing at the high school at King St. and St. Lawrence St (a push button activated crossing) and improved signage and line painting at this location;
5. The addition of line painting, more signage, and a timed push button crossing at Edward St. and Irvine; and
6. The addition of line painting at Edward St. and Churchill St.

Referred

Motion 198-2017: Burton, Jansman

That Item 11.1 be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for further review and discussion.

Carried

Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, spoke to the item and the various recommendations.

Discussion was held regarding the OPP attending a future Committee of the Whole meeting to answer any questions Council may have regarding the report.

11.2 Staff Report 22-2017 - Integrity Commissioner

Motion 199-2017: Jansman, Burton

That Council appoint Mr. Andrew Tremayne as the Integrity Commissioner for the balance of the term of Council.

Carried

Pierre Mercier, CAO, spoke to the report. He provided Council with background information regarding the process, the RFP, and Mr. Tremayne.

11.3 Staff Report 23-2017 - Junior C Hockey Team

Motion 200-2017: Burton, Jansman

That Council direct staff to enter into a relationship with Dennis Van Luit to support, promote, and sponsor a local Junior C hockey team in Prescott.

Referred

Motion 201-2017: Young, Ostrander

That item 11.3 be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

Pierre Mercier, CAO, spoke to the report. He stated that he had met with Mr. Van Luit to discuss the possibility of bringing a Junior C Hockey Team to Prescott and the potential donation of ice time for the team.

Discussion was held regarding donating the ice, municipalities that currently have Junior C teams, and the need for more information on regarding the request.

12. Resolutions

12.1 Councillor Laschinger - Bill 68 - Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act

Motion 202 -2017: Laschinger, McConnell

WHEREAS on November 16, 2016, Bill 68 – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016 (An Act to amend various Acts in relation to municipalities), was introduced in the Provincial Legislature; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has voiced its concerns regarding the proposed changes surrounding mandatory codes of conduct for members of local boards and the greatly expanded municipal integrity commissioner regime; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Prescott shares the concerns of AMO and agrees that mandatory codes of conduct for local boards and the expansion of the integrity commissioner regime will dampen the interest of citizens willing to join local boards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Prescott does not support the proposed changes in Bill 68 surrounding mandatory codes of conduct and the expanded integrity commissioner regime for local boards; and

That this position be communicated to all local municipalities in Leeds and Grenville asking for support; and

That this position be communicated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

Carried

Councillor Laschinger spoke to the resolution. Discussion was held regarding mandatory codes of conduct for local boards and how it might deter membership on local boards. Further discussion was held regarding the status of Bill 68.

13. By-laws

13.1 Purchasing By-law

Motion 203-2017: Jansman, Burton

That By-law 17-2017, being a by-law to provide the purchasing policies, practices, and procedures of goods and services by the Town of Prescott known as the "Purchasing By-law", be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 204-2017: Jansman, Burton

That By-law 17-2017, being a by-law to provide the purchasing policies, practices, and procedures of good and services by the Town of Prescott known as the "Purchasing By-law, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

Councillor Jansman spoke to the updated Purchasing By-law.

13.2 Alternative Voting

Motion 205-2017: Jansman, Burton

That By-law 18-2017, being a by-law to authorize an alternative voting method for the 2018 Municipal Election, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 206-2017: Jansman, Burton

That By-law 18-2017, being a by-law to authorize an alternative voting method for the 2018 Municipal Election, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

Councillor Jansman spoke to the by-law. Kimberley Casselman, Director of Administration/Clerk, spoke to the by-law and provided Council with an overview of the voting methods used in the 2014 election.

14. New Business – None

15. Notices of Motion

Councillor Burton introduced a notice of motion regarding the implementation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all schools.

16. Mayor's Proclamation – None

17. Period for Media Questions - None

18. Closed Session - None

19. Rise and Report - None

20. Confirming By-Law – 20-2017

Motion 207-2017: Laschinger, Jansman

That By-law 20-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on April 24, 2017, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 208-2017: Laschinger, Jansman

That By-law 20-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on April 24, 2017, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Motion 209-2017: Ostrander, McConnell

That the meeting adjourns to Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

(Time: 8:33 p.m.)

Carried

Original signed by

Original signed by

Mayor

Clerk