



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Monday, February 26, 2018  
6:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
360 Dibble St. W.  
Prescott, Ontario**

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

Staff Pierre Mercier, CAO, Kimberley Casselman, Director of  
Administration/Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion 29-2018: Laschinger, Burton

That the agenda for the Council Meeting of February 26, 2018, be approved as presented.

Carried

**3. Declarations of Interest - None**

**4. Presentations**

**4.1 Prescott Fire Department Review**

Barry Moorhouse, Fire Chief, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. Mr. Moorhouse reviewed the 2017 fire department highlights including events, staff, training, fire prevention, the new fire hall construction, and 2018 goals.

Discussion was held regarding the increase in medical calls and calls along highway 401, the evolution of fire departments, recruiting for two more volunteer firefighter positions, and fire inspections. Further discussion was held regarding the construction of the new fire hall and PTSD awareness and resources available to the fire department.

**5. Delegations - None**

**6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings**

**6.1 Regular Council Minutes – January 29, 2018**

Motion 30-2018: Jansman, Burton

That the Council minutes of January 29, 2018, be accepted as presented.

Carried

**6.2 Special Council Minutes – February 12, 2018**

Motion: 31-2018: Ostrander, Burton

That the Special Council minutes of February 12, 2018, be accepted as presented.

Carried

**6.3 Special Council Minutes – February 20, 2018**

Motion: 32-2018: Young, Ostrander

That the Special Council minutes of February 20, 2018, be accepted as presented.

Carried

## **7. Communications & Petitions**

### **7.1 Action Items – None**

### **7.2 Information Items (under separate cover)**

Motion 33-2018: Ostrander, Burton

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

Carried

1. Prescott Fire Department Council Report – December 2017
2. Augusta Mayor's Breakfast 2018
3. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Media Release dated January 25, 2018
4. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Media Release dated January 26, 2018
5. University Hospitals Kingston Foundation letter re: Kingston General Hospital Fundraising
6. Ontario Farmland Trust: Building Farmland Viability in Ontario
7. Municipality of South Dundas resolution re: Support for Road Safety in the Province
8. Township of Norwich resolution re: Ontario Building Code Amendments
9. Town of Essex resolution re: Offering School Property to Municipalities

Discussion was held regarding item #5 and a similar funding request that had been presented to Council by the Brockville General Hospital. Further discussion was held regarding how to respond to these types of funding requests.

Motion 34-2018: Laschinger, Ostrander

That Council direct staff to devise a strategy on how to respond to funding requests from area hospitals.

LOST on a division of 3 YEAS and 3 NAYS, as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Laschinger, Ostrander, Young

NAYS: Councillors Burton, Jansman, and Mayor Todd

**8. Committee Reports**

**8.1 Committee of the Whole Report 02-2018 – February 5, 2018**

**a. Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 5, 2018**

Motion 35-2018: Laschinger, Burton

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 5, 2018, be accepted as presented.

Carried

**8.2 Committee of the Whole Report 03-2018 – February 20, 2018**

**a. Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 20, 2018**

Motion 36-2018: Laschinger, Burton

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 20, 2018, be accepted as presented.

Carried

**b. Water Tower Repairs and Replacement Planning**

Motion 37-2018: Burton, Ostrander

That Council:

1. Direct staff to address high risk health a safety related deficiencies at the water tower in 2018 to be funded by water reserves.
2. Direct staff to engage the Town's engineers in the planning process for the replacement of the water tower within the next 5 years. This includes, but is not limited to: possible site reviews, preliminary designs, and determination of the necessary changes to the infrastructure required to service a new water tower.
3. Direct staff to explore all available funding and grant opportunities to ease the requirement to use reserves and debt to fund the cost of a new water tower.

Carried

**c. Arena Repairs and Replacement Planning**

Motion 38-2018: Burton, Ostrander

That Council:

1. Direct staff to address health and safety related deficiencies at the Leo Boivin Community Centre in 2018 to be funded by the Community Centre and Infrastructure Reserves.
2. Direct staff to engage the Town's' engineers in the planning process for the replacement of the arena within the next 5 years. This includes, but not limited to: possible site reviews and preliminary designs.
3. Direct staff to explore all available funding and grant opportunities to ease the requirement to use reserves and debt to fund the cost of a new arena. The securing of a funding partner is imperative to being able to move forward with this project.

Carried

Council members discussed this item as being a step in the right direction to move forward with the arena issues. Mayor Todd spoke to the arena as being a shared facility amongst South Grenville residents.

**9. Mayor**

Mayor Todd spoke to his participation as a guest host at the 30-Hour Telethon for palliative care services in Brockville on February 25, his attendance at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival Snowflake Dinner on February 24, a recent United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Joint Services Committee budget meeting. Mayor Todd also spoke to an upcoming meeting with the Ministry of Transportation on March 20.

**10. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Councillor Burton spoke the upcoming Business Showcase and Expo in June, soccer registration commencing on March 10 at O'Reilly's grocery store, the Prescott Figure Skating Club's annual ice show on March 10 and 11, and a Prescott Blade's fundraiser for a local family on March 16.

Councillor Jansman spoke to a recent Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Board of Health meeting on March 15.

Councillor Laschinger spoke to the Grenville County Historical Society's annual general meeting on February 1, a Prescott Heritage Committee meeting on February 21, and his attendance at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival Snowflake Dinner on February 24.

Councillor Ostrander spoke to his role as a judge at a public speaking contest held at the Prescott Legion on February 4, his attendance at recent Municipal Drug Strategy meetings on February 9 and February 26.

Councillor Young spoke to the Prescott Police Services Board meeting on February 22 and spoke to the 2017 Grenville Detachment statistics.

**11. Staff – None**

**12. Resolutions**

**12.1 St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival – Letter of Credit Request**

Motion 39-2018: Laschinger, Burton

That Council approve that two Town signing officers be directed to sign an application for a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$45,000 for the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

Carried

Councillor Laschinger provided an overview of the request.

**12.2 Appointment to the Prescott Business Improvement Area Board of Management**

Motion 40-2018: Jansman, Burton

That Council approve that two Town signing officers be directed to sign an application for a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$45,000 for the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

Carried

### **12.3 Motion of which Notice has been previously given – Councillor Ray Young**

Motion 41-2018: Young, Ostrander

WHEREAS Ontarians identify infrastructure and transit as the biggest problems facing their municipal government and Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited authority to make changes that are needed to reduce the cost of delivering municipal services and financing infrastructure projects;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$4.9 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments will be fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, fiscal health is a challenge shared by all municipal governments, regardless of size;

AND WHEREAS diversifying municipal revenues strengthens municipal long-term infrastructure planning and financing and would reduce the vulnerability of municipal governments to any federal or provincial changes and their own respective fiscal health;

AND WHEREAS a 1% increase to the provincial portion of the HST, adjusted for low income rebates, would result in about \$2.5 billion in new revenue would be distributed equitably to help every municipal government in Ontario fund their infrastructure and services with greater predictability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Prescott supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to secure this new source of revenue to help fund critical municipal services like roads, bridges, transit, clean water and other services.

LOST on a division of 3 YEAS and 4 NAYS, as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Ostrander, Young

NAYS: Councillors Burton, Jansman, Laschinger, and Mayor Todd

Councillor Young presented a PowerPoint presentation provided by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in support of the resolution. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

**13. By-laws – None**

**14. New Business – None**

**15. Notices of Motion – None**

**16. Mayor's Proclamation - None**

**17. Period for Media Questions - None**

**18. Closed Session - None**

**19. Rise and Report - None**

**20. Confirming By-Law – 09-2018**

Motion 42-2018: Ostrander, Burton

That By-Law 09-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 26, 2018, be read a first and second time.

Carried



Motion 43-2018: Ostrander, Burton

That By-Law 09-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 26, 2018, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

**21. Adjournment**

Motion 44-2018: Jansman, Burton

That the meeting adjourns to Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
(Time: 8:40 p.m.).

Carried

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Mayor

Clerk