



**EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

**Third Floor Boardroom, Town Hall
360 Dibble Street West
Prescott, Ontario**

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

Staff Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, and Kimberley Casselman, Director of Administration/Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 174-2018: Jansman, Laschinger

That the agenda for the Emergency Special Council Meeting of August 21, 2018, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. Staff

4.1 Verbal Update – Leo Boivin Community Centre Ice Plant Condition

Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, provided background information on the recent arena ice plant testing conducted by CIMCO, the Town's refrigeration contractor. Mr. Beattie spoke to being contacted by the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association regarding the closure of the Goderich Memorial Arena, which operated a similar ice plant as Prescott.

Mr. Beattie spoke to being contacted by CIMCO to conduct a pressure test of the arena floor, in light of the tragic incident in Fernie, British Columbia, and the resulting safety report. Mr. Beattie spoke to the failure of the pressure test that was conducted on August 21, 2018. He also spoke to CIMCO's recommendation to permanently decommission the ice plant. Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the pressure test and the heightened awareness of working with ammonia in a public ice plant location.

Council members discussed the recent building condition assessment completed on the structural components of the arena. Mr. Beattie advised that the ice plant had been tested in 2016 and had passed. Discussion was also held regarding the Fernie incident and resulting report, Prescott's ammonia ice plant, the pressure test indicating that there was a leak, and public safety.

Further discussion was held regarding the need for a new arena, possible funding opportunities, and partnerships.

Motion 175-2018: Laschinger, Burton

That Council direct staff to decommission the ice plant located at the Leo Boivin Community Centre, as per the recommendations provided by CIMCO Refrigeration Co. in their letter dated August 21, 2018.

Carried

5. Period for Media Questions

Wayne Lowrie, Brockville Recorder & Times, asked when the arena would have opened for the season. Mr. Beattie advised that the ice would have begun to be made on August 22nd. Mr. Lowrie asked how much was spent on the arena building repairs. Mayor Todd

stated \$500K had been spent on structural issues and that the building could still be used for recreational purposes. Mr. Lowrie inquired about the testing conducted at the Goderich Memorial Arena. Mr. Beattie advised that it was only a visual test and had failed.

Council permitted Dr. Gauri Shankar to ask questions. Dr. Shankar asked if a location for the new rink had been decided yet. Mayor Todd stated no and that this would be coming back to Council. Dr. Shankar asked what would happen to the arena employees. Mayor Todd stated there would be no staffing changes.

6. Confirming By-Law – 34-2018

Motion 176-2018: Young, Burton

That By-Law 34-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Emergency Special Council meeting held on August 21, 2018, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 177-2018: Young, Burton

That By-Law 23-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Emergency Special Council meeting held on August 21, 2018, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion 178-2018: Burton, Young

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, August 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. (Time: 7:00 p.m.)

Carried

Original Signed By

Mayor

Original Signed By

Clerk