



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Monday, September 23, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
360 Dibble St. W.
Prescott, Ontario**

Present Mayor Brett Todd, Councillors Leanne Burton, Teresa Jansman,
Lee McConnell, Gauri Shankar, and Ray Young

Staff Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Kimberley Casselman,
Clerk, and Shawn Merriman, Manager of Building and By-Law

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 181-2019: Shankar, Young

That the agenda for the Council meeting of September 23, 2019, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Presentations

4.1 Arena Fundraiser Update

David Beatty provided Council with an arena fundraising update. He spoke to changes that had taken place since his previous meeting with Council including the community fundraising goal and new appointments to the arena fundraising working group.

He spoke to the quiet phase of the fundraising, donors, and also spoke to past and future community fundraising events. Mr. Beatty announced that to date, \$1.45 million had been raised of the \$3 million goal.

Council members thanks both Mr. Beatty and Judi Baril for their fundraising efforts.

5. Delegations - None

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2019

Motion 182-2019: Young, Shankar

That the Council minutes of August 26, 2019, be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Communications & Petitions

7.1 Action Items - None

7.2 Information Items (under separate cover)

Motion 183-2019: Burton, Young

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

Carried

1. Prescott Fire Department Council Report – August 2019
2. Prescott Fire Department – Fire Safety Day, 2019
3. Planning Advisory Committee Minutes – May 22, 2019
4. Joy Group of Seaway Church re: Thank You
5. Girls Inc. of Upper Canada re: Thank You

6. South Grenville Chamber of Commerce – 2019 Annual Awards Banquet
7. Donation Letter – CPHC
8. Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Intentions for Canada Post
9. Ombudsman Ontario – Tips for Municipal Complaint Resolution Policies
10. Government of Canada – 2020 Prime Minister’s Award
11. Township of Front of Yonge resolution – Flooding along the St. Lawrence River
12. Township of Mississippi Mills resolution – Ensure Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms
13. Municipality of Mississippi Mills resolution – Reducing Litter & Waste in Our Communities
14. Township of McKellar resolution – Municipal Amalgamation
15. Town of Wasage Beach resolution – Municipal Amalgamation
16. Township of Lake of Bays resolution – Municipal Amalgamation
17. Township of Larder Lake resolution – Electronic Delegations to Small and Rural Municipalities
18. City of Kitchener resolution – Single-Use Disposable Wipes
19. City of Kitchener resolution – Producer Requirements for Packaging in Ontario

Councillor McConnell spoke to Item # 18 – City of Kitchener resolution – Single-Use Disposable Wipes.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Committee of the Whole Report 13-2019

Motion 184-2019: McConnell, Jansman

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 3, 2019, be accepted as presented.

Carried

8.2 Committee of the Whole Report 14-2019

Motion 185-2019: Shankar, Young

That the Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 16, 2019, be accepted as presented.

Carried

9. Mayor

Mayor Todd spoke to his attendance at the Celebration of Life on September 22, for Tyke Collision, the Walk for Freedom for Human Trafficking held on September 21, a public meeting at the Township of Augusta regarding the Aqua World development, a United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council meeting held on September 19, and the Splash Pad Ground Breaking Ceremony held on September 20.

10. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Burton spoke her attendance at the Splash Pad Ground Breaking Ceremony held on September 20 and a Planning Advisory Committee held on September 19. She also spoke to the work of the Arena Fundraising Working Group.

Councillor Jansman spoke to her attendance at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on September 19, a BIA board of management meeting, the upcoming Zombie Walk being held on October 19, and a Connect Youth event held on September 20.

Councillor McConnell spoke to his attendance at the Walker House board meeting held on September 5, the United Way Kickoff Campaign on September 12, Heritage Committee Orientation Workshop held on September 17, and the Splash Pad Ground Breaking Ceremony held on September 20.

Councillor Shankar spoke to his attendance at a South Grenville Chamber of Commerce meeting, the South Grenville Food Bank Open House, Thank a Veteran Day held at the Legion on September 21, and the Medieval Fair.

Councillor Young spoke to his attendance at the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Board of Health meeting, and the upcoming St. Lawrence Lodge meeting taking place on September 24.

11. Staff

11.1 PAC Report 08-2019 – Site Plan Control Agreement (Minor) 120 Henry Street West

Motion: 186-2019: Jansman, McConnell

That Council approve the Site Plan Control Agreement, file number SPC 2019-02, subject to the following conditions:

1. The balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest shall be paid to the Town of Prescott.

2. Any charges in relation to improvement or development shall be paid to the Town of Prescott.
3. That the agreement and schedules attached are registered on title.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, provided an overview of the report.

12. Resolutions

12.1 Water Levels - Councillor McConnell

Motion 187-2019: McConnell, Jansman

WHEREAS Lake Ontario and the Upper St. Lawrence River are valuable regional, national and international resources; and

WHEREAS federal governments of the United States and Canada and the International Joint Commission have, in partnership with the States and Provinces, a joint interest in the management of Lake Ontario and the Upper St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS the management of the lake levels and upper river levels falls within this joint interest; and

WHEREAS the flooding experienced by shoreline residents, by shoreline businesses and within public waterfront spaces poses a threat to life and safety while causing severe property damage, significant environmental damage, substantial economic loss and protracted mental health trauma; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario have expended significant staffing and financial resources in flood mitigation, flood protection and emergency response; and

WHEREAS the flooding experienced in the spring of 2017 and 2019 threaten regional and municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS it is conceivable and reasonable to anticipate future flooding as was experienced in the spring of 2017 and is being experienced now in 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Prescott Council supports the Township of Augusta Council's call on the International Joint Commission (IJC) to hold public information

meetings to: discuss IJC Plan 2014 and its contribution, if any, to the flooding along the St. Lawrence River experienced in the spring of 2017 and 2019; what measures could be adopted in Plan 2014 to prevent or mitigate future flooding; and what the future holds for the IJC and the International Lake Ontario - St Lawrence River Board.

2. The Canadian Provincial and Federal governments be requested to establish an independent committee to review IJC Plan 2014 for determining its role, if any, with respect to the flooding along the St. Lawrence River that occurred in the spring of 2017 and 2019, the role, if any, of the flooding of the Ottawa River during the same periods; and what the Province of Quebec and the City of Montreal needs to do, if anything, to harden itself against flood so water is not impeded at the Moses-Saunders Dam as a flooding mitigation measure for the City of Montreal.
3. The Provincial government review and increase the funding provided to municipalities as the first line in flood prevention, mitigation, preparedness response and recovery commensurate to the anticipated increases in flooding, erosion and damages;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be Circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Chrystia Freeland (Foreign Affairs), MPP Sylvia Jones (Solicitor General), MPP Steven Clark (Municipal Affairs and Housing), Canadian Representatives of the IJC Henry Lickers, Marrell-Ann Phare, and Pierre Beland (Chair), Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and all Municipalities in Leeds and Grenville.

Carried

Councillor McConnell spoke to the resolution and to the recent high water and flooding issues in the region. He also spoke to increasing rock coverage in areas throughout Town where there had been erosion due to high water levels. Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, stated that he would have the Town's engineers look at this issue in order to understand the full scope of the problem and work that needed to be done.

12.2 Arena Fundraising Working Group Appointments

Motion 188-2019: Burton, Young

That Council appoint the following to the Arena Fundraising Working Group:

- Scott Hubbard
- Alan Joudoin
- Justin Kirkby
- Brent McAllister
- Heather Mackay

Carried

13. By-laws

13.1 Smoking By-Law

Motion 189-2019: Jansman, McConnell

That By-Law 37-2019, being a by-law to regulate smoking and vaporizing in public places and enclosed workplaces in the Town of Prescott, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 190-2019: Jansman, McConnell

That By-Law 37-2019, being a by-law to regulate smoking and vaporizing in public places and enclosed workplaces in the Town of Prescott, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

Shawn Merriman, Manager of Building & By-Law, spoke to the updated Smoking By-Law. He stated that it was in line with other municipalities and added that the "Outdoor Community Meeting Area" definition had been expanded.

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 – 38-2019

Motion 191-2019: Young, Shankar

That By-Law 37-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 23, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 192-2019: Young, Shankar

That By-Law 37-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 23, 2019, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

21. Adjournment

Motion 193-2019: Shankar, Young

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, October 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. (Time: 7:32 p.m.)

Carried

Original signed by

Original signed by

Mayor

Clerk