



PRESCOTT TOWN SPECIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Staff Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, Nathan Richard, Interim Director of Operations, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy Clerk, Shawn Merriman, Manager of Building and By-Law, and Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 99-2021: McConnell, Burton

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 19, 2021, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Presentations

4.1 Official Plan Review

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the processes involved and past presentations to Council and welcomed Nadia De Santi and Anita Sott from WSP.

Nadia De Santi, WSP, spoke to the purpose of the meeting, the process undertaken to date, and the background reports. Ms. De Santi reviewed the provincial requirements, and discussion papers including Economic Development, Housing and Compatibility, and Cultural Heritage.

Anita Sott, WSP, spoke to key recommendations from the discussion papers under Economic Development, Housing and Compatibility, and Cultural Heritage. She spoke to the next steps in the process and the timeline.

Discussion was held regarding the inclusion of tiny homes policies in the Official Plan, further funding for historical homes and properties, and how to incorporate mental health and lessons learned from the pandemic.

Further discussion was held regarding provincial consultation for developments in proximity to human made hazards, considering goods movement and transportation along the 401 corridor, embracing population in town, and extending the CIP funding area and RiverWalk District.

5. Delegations

5.1 Sandra S. Lawn

Ms. Lawn spoke to her written comments submitted to the Official Plan Review. She highlighted her comments and spoke to the importance of health, safety and wellbeing, economic development, and tourism.

5.2 Sandra Iseman

Ms. Iseman spoke to her written comments submitted to the Official Plan Review. She referenced her comments and spoke to the importance of an environmental committee, the importance of our wetlands, and enacting a climate change plan.

Mayor Todd thanked both delegations for attending the meeting and contributing to the process.

Motion 100-2021: Young, Ostrander

That Council direct staff to prepare a new Official Plan for the Town of Prescott to guide land use decisions over the next 10 years; and

That Council hereby accepts the recommendations, as presented in the Background Report and Discussion Papers, and direct staff to proceed with the preparation of the new Official Plan; and

That Council give such direction as deemed necessary, based on public input and Council discussion.

Carried

6. Confirming By-Law – 22-2021

Motion 101-2021: Burton, Shankar

That By-Law 22-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on April 19, 2021, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion 102-2021: Shankar, Ostrander

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 7:39 p.m.)

Carried

Mayor

Clerk