



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

**Monday, May 1, 2017
6:30 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, and Lindsey Veltkamp, Corporate Services Executive Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd at 6:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: McConnell, Jansman
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

5. DELEGATIONS - None

6. COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

6.1 Staff Report 24-2017 - Emergency Preparedness Week 2017

Motion: Young, Jansman

That Committee of the Whole receive this report for information and that the Mayor proclaim May 7-13, 2017, as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Prescott.

Carried

Mayor Todd proclaimed May 7 – 13, 2017 to be Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Prescott. Councillor Burton spoke to the report.

7. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES – None

8. TOURISM & HERITAGE

8.1 25-2017 - Amphitheatre Storage Building

Motion: Jansman, Burton

That Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the construction of a new storage building for use by the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

Withdrawn

Motion: Jansman, Burton

That the original motion be withdrawn.

Carried

Motion: Jansman, Burton

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to consult and work with the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Company and Mr. Chrétien to come up with an alternative proposal for the location of a storage shed and ticket booth and to report back at the May 23, 2017, Council meeting.

Carried

Councillor Laschinger provided Council with background information on the current storage shed and the need for a new building. He stated that a new storage building in a new location would benefit the Town and the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Company.

Pierre Mercier, CAO, spoke to the report. He stated there was sufficient funds in the Parks reserve to cover the expense of the new shed. He spoke to privacy and safety concerns, the suggested location for the shed, and ensuring the new shed matches the marina building.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed location for the shed, consulting Mr. Chrétien regarding his need for space for diving instruction, the need for a ticket booth, and the construction timeline in order to have storage for the opening of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival.

9. TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

9.1 21-2017 - Prescott Police Services Board Traffic Recommendations

Motion: McConnell, Young

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 the 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 improve the 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.

Pierre Mercier, CAO, presented a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the traffic control and intersections of interest. OPP Officer Beaton spoke to the findings in the OPP report.

Discussion was held regarding the urgency of the upgrades, conducting a traffic study during the summer months, speeds on King Street, options for pedestrian crossings, and further information for Council.

The original motion was amended by the following motion:

Motion: Todd, Ostrander

That Committee of the Whole direct staff to cost out the following recommended intersection improvements and prepare for implementation:

The addition of 6 pedestrian lights at King St. and Edward St;

The removal of the traffic lights at King St. and Centre St. and installation of crossing signs and the addition of more visible line painting and signalized pedestrian crossing;

The removal of the traffic lights at King St. and George St. and installation of crossing signs and addition of more visible line painting;

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 improve the signage and line painting at this location;

The addition of line painting, more signage, and a timed push button crossing at Edward St, Irvine St, similar to the crossing at the high school, and;

The addition of line painting at Edward St, Churchill St., and Park St.

Carried

10. PLANNING - None

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Jansman requested an update regarding the lights in RiverWalk Park. Pierre Mercier, CAO stated that staff would provide Council with an update at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Todd spoke to the recent article in the Brockville Recorder & Times regarding Junior C hockey returning to Prescott. Pierre Mercier, CAO, stated that he had further discussions with Mr. Van Luit.

13. PERIOD FOR MEDIA QUESTIONS – None

14. CLOSED SESSION - None

15. RISE AND REPORT – None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ostrander, Young

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 8:31 p.m.)

Carried