



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018
7:00 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, Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer,
Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, and
Lindsey Veltkamp, Corporate Services Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd at 7:27 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Young, Burton
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

5. DELEGATIONS

**5.1 Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler - South Grenville Chamber of Commerce
125th Anniversary Celebration**

Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler, South Grenville Chamber of Commerce President, spoke to the Chamber's history, the upcoming 125th Anniversary Celebration, and requested a donation of \$500 to cover event expenses.

Mayor Todd requested that a letter be submitted by the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce formally requesting a donation for the upcoming event.

6. COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Councillor Burton stated that the Community Awards Working Group had decided to reopen nominations for the 2018 Citizen and Volunteer awards, and that the deadline was now March 12, 2018.

7. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

**7.1 Staff Report 05-2018 - Water Tower Repairs and Replacement
Planning**

Motion: Burton, Ostrander

That Committee of the Whole recommend 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

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, spoke to the report. He referenced the building condition assessment reports, financial implications, alternatives, and reserves.

Discussion was held regarding potential infrastructure funding, prioritizing projects, and timeline going forward.

7.2 Staff Report 06-2018 - Arena Repairs and Replacement Planning

Motion: Todd, Young

That Committee of the Whole recommend 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

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, spoke to the report. He referenced the building condition assessments, financial impacts, and the necessity of securing a funding partner or source for a new arena.

Discussion was held regarding town fundraising, AMO's Local Share proposal, and initiating discussions with Augusta Township.

Further discussion was held regarding preparing applications for government funding, and the option of private enterprise involvement.

7.3 Staff Report 07-2018 - Brockville General Hospital Phase II Redevelopment Project Funding

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, provided an overview of the report. He compared the amount requested of the Town of Prescott to the amount requested from the City of Brockville and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville. He spoke to the model of requested funding and the possible funding alternatives.

Discussion was held regarding the Brockville General Hospital being Prescott's hospital, the requested amount, the Province's responsibility for providing healthcare funding, the past management and funding issues at the Brockville General Hospital, and possible Town funding options moving forward.

Motion: Todd, Ostrander

That Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a donation in the amount of \$294,060 to the Brockville General Hospital over a ten-year period and designate the Brockville General Hospital as Prescott's hospital, and that this be the only hospital in the area to receive funding from the Town of Prescott.

Lost

8. TOURISM & HERITAGE - None

9. TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - None

10. PLANNING - None

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – None

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Action Item List

Discussion was held regarding updating the status of items on the action item list.

13. PERIOD FOR MEDIA QUESTIONS

Wayne Lowrie, Brockville Recorder & Times, asked for clarification surrounding the Brockville General Hospital item. Mayor Todd stated that the motion had been defeated and that it would not come back to Council unless there was a request for reconsideration.

14. CLOSED SESSION - None

15. RISE AND REPORT - None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Burton, Ostrander

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 8:53 p.m.)

Carried