



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 16, 2018  
6:30 p.m.  
Health Centre Meeting Room  
555 King Street West  
Prescott, Ontario**

Present Mayor Brett Todd, Councillors Leanne Burton, Teresa Jansman, Fraser Laschinger, Lee McConnell, and Mike Ostrander

Staff Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, Kimberley Casselman, Director of Administration/Clerk, and Lindsey Veltkamp, Corporate Services Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd at 6:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Burton, Laschinger  
That the agenda be adopted as amended

Carried

The agenda was amended by adding the following item:

- 1) Under Item # 8 – ADD 8.1      Prescott-Ogdensburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Ferry Working Group

**3.      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**

**4.      PRESENTATIONS – None**

**5.      DELEGATIONS – None**

**6.      COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES – None**

**7.      FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES**

**7.1      Staff Report 19-2018 – Disposition of School Board Property**

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, provided an overview of the report. Discussion was held regarding the determination of fair-market value for school board properties, the related legislation, and a resolution that was circulated to municipalities stating that surplus school board properties should be offered to municipalities for one dollar.

Motion: Todd, McConnell

That staff be directed to bring back a report and motion on this item supporting the idea of offering municipalities surplus school board property for one dollar if the municipality has an important need for the property.

Carried

**7.2      Staff Report 20-2018 – Property Taxation for Railway Right-of-Ways**

Matthew Armstrong, Treasurer, provided an overview of the report. Discussion was held regarding provincial consultation on the matter and consulting other municipalities to see if a motion has been put forward regarding this issue. Committee members further discussed how railways service municipalities today, and the proposed new VIA Rail line that would run from Belleville to Ottawa.

Motion: Todd, Ostrander

That staff be directed to put a motion together on this item for Council's consideration.

Carried

Mayor Todd also requested that staff provide Council on an update regarding VIA Rail and its new lines.

### **7.3 Staff Report 21-2018 – Update on 2018 Capital & Operational Projects**

Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, advised Committee that he would be providing quarterly updates on capital and operational projects. Mr. Beattie provided an update on the capital and operational projects approved in the 2018 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the Fire Department's move to the new Fire Hall, the marina dock wiring tender, Town Hall asbestos abatement, the Water Treatment Plant roof, and continuing communications with residents in the vicinity of the new Fire Hall.

Further discussion was held regarding the official opening of the new Fire Hall, traffic light removal, and road line painting.

## **8. TOURISM & HERITAGE**

### **8.1 Prescott-Ogdensburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Ferry Working Group**

Councillor Laschinger spoke to the item and provided an overview of the project and the recent City Council meeting in Ogdensburg where their Council supported a resolution in support of continuing the ferry feasibility study.

Mayor Todd spoke to the proposed working group structure for this project.

Motion: Todd, Ostrander

That Committee of the Whole recommend that Council appoint Mayor Todd and Councillor Laschinger to the Prescott-Ogdensburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Ferry Working Group.

Carried

## **9. TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – None**

**10. PLANNING**

Councillor Ostrander referenced the upcoming Planning Advisory Committee meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the Community Improvement Program Public Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- None**

Mayor Todd referenced the recent launch of the St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Prescott Golf Course.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 Action Item List**

Mayor Todd spoke to clock tower repairs. Dan Beattie, Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, stated that staff would report back to Council on this item.

**13. PERIOD FOR MEDIA QUESTIONS – None**

**14. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**15. RISE AND REPORT– None**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Ostrander, McConnell

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 7:38 p.m.)

Carried