



PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, May 3, 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, and Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 117-2021: Ostrander, Young

That the agenda for the Council meeting of May 3, 2021, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. Presentations

4.1 Rideau St. Lawrence Update - Hugh George

Mayor Todd stated that Item 4.1 – Rideau St. Lawrence Update would be discussed once Mr. Hugh George joined in the meeting.

5. Delegations – None

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 Special Council Minutes - April 19, 2021

Motion 118-2021: Burton, Young

That the Special Council minutes dated April 19, 2021, be accepted as presented.

Carried

Councillor Lee McConnell joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

6.2 Council Minutes - April 19, 2021

Motion 119-2021: Ostrander, Shankar

That the Council minutes dated April 19, 2021, be accepted as presented.

Carried

Hugh George, Rideau St. Lawrence Board Member, joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

7. Communications & Petitions

7.1 Invitation to Eastern Ontario - Municipal Code of Conduct consultation

Mayor Todd spoke to the item.

Discussion was held regarding the consultation process, the survey available for input, and selecting Mayor Todd as Head of Council to take part in the telephone townhall session.

7.2 Fort Erie Resolution re: Federal Government Providing Transparency with Regard to Plans to Re-open the Canada-US Border

Motion 120-2021: Burton, Shankar

That staff be directed to bring back a resolution of support for the Fort Erie Resolution regarding Federal Government Providing Transparency with Regard to Plans to Re-open the Canada-US Board.

Carried

Hugh George, RSL Board Member, spoke to Item 4.1 – Rideau St. Lawrence Update. Mr. George provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. He presented an overview of the COVID response, financial results, the retirement of President and CEO of Rideau St. Lawrence, John Walsh, and spoke to the process for finding a replacement.

Mr. George left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

8. Consent Reports

Motion 121-2021: Shankar, Ostrander

That all items listed under the Consent Reports section of the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

8.1 Information Packager (under separate cover)

1. Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream Media Release for Investments to New Arena Complex in Town of Prescott – April 28, 2021
2. Prescott Cemetery 2021 Price List
3. Prescott Police Services Board Minutes – March 25, 2021
4. Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2021
5. Town of Prescott Adopt-A-Garden Program Overview and Application
6. Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Board of Health Meeting Summary – April 22, 2021
7. Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Weekly Zoom Call with Municipalities, MP's and MPP's – April 16, 2021
8. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Media Release – April 22, 2021

9. Town of Fort Erie Resolution of Support re: Province Investigating and Updating Source Water Protection Legislation
10. Town of Fort Erie Resolution of Support re: Township of The Archipelago request for MTO Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites
11. Municipality of Calvin Resolution of Support re: Norfolk County support for the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers.
12. City of Brantford Resolution of Support re: Request to Withdraw Prohibition of Golf
13. Township of Scugog Resolution of Support re: Bus Stops on Dead End Roads

9. Committee Reports – None

10. Mayor

Mayor Todd thanked Council for their work on the successful funding application for the New Arena. He stated that the naming rights had been publicized and that the new arena would be called the Alaine Chartrand Arena. He spoke to the continuation of honouring Leo Boivin in the new arena.

Mayor Todd spoke to his attendance at a recent Police Services Board meeting held on April 29, a Housing Affordability Task Force meeting, and a Planning Advisory Committee meeting held April 13. He stated that May 2 marked the three-year anniversary of Gord Brown's death.

11. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Leanne Burton spoke to the arena funding announcement on April 28 and current funding opportunities.

Councillor Jansman spoke to an upcoming Planning Advisory Committee meeting to be held on May 10, 2021.

Councillor McConnell spoke to the virtual activities being offered by Walker House and that the Shakespeare Festival would be making an announcement following an announcement from the province regarding the current lock down.

Councillor Ostrander spoke to the arena funding announcement on April 28.

Councillor Shankar spoke to the arena funding announcement on April 28 and the work of the fundraising committee.

Councillor Young spoke to his attendance at a St. Lawrence Lodge meeting.

12. Staff

12.1 Staff Report 41-2021 - Fire Department Report

Fire Chief, Renny Rayner, spoke to the report. He provided Council with an overview of operations, the calls for service, and department anniversaries.

12.2 Staff Report 42-2021 - RiverWalk Park Update

Nathan Richard, Interim Director of Operations, spoke to the report. He referenced the plans brought to Council for tree and shrub species in RiverWalk park and provided reasoning behind their selections. He spoke to the constraints with plant selection, the shade options, the number of native species and ensuring consultation with the Mariner's Club Board.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of shade in the park, the challenges with selecting plants for the area, and the addition of the irrigation system completed in 2020.

12.3 Staff Report 43-2021 - 2021 Centennial Pool Partnership

Motion 122-2021: Burton, McConnell

That Council direct staff to develop and enter into a two-year agreement with the YMCA of Eastern Ontario for the Option B programming outlined in Staff Report 43-2021, at the Centennial Pool for 2021 and 2022, including clauses that address the ability to operate the pool due to COVID restrictions.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, CAO, spoke to the report. He referenced the opportunity to partner with the YMCA as experts in the field of recreation and leisure. Mr. Armstrong introduced Rob Adams, CEO of YMCA of Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Adams spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file. He congratulated Council, the Fundraising Committee, and Town staff on their successful application for funding for the new arena and mentioned the forward thinking of naming the facility after a local youth.

Discussion was held regarding the YMCA's expertise and future opportunities.

Matthew Armstrong, CAO, spoke to the programming options with Option B being the basis for the agreement, dependent on COVID restrictions. He referenced the timeline

for the season, the estimated costs, and the replacement of internal parts of the pool pump.

13. Resolutions – None

14. By-laws – None

15. New Business – None

16. Notices of Motion – None

17. Mayor’s Proclamation

17.1 National Harm Reduction Day

Mayor Todd proclaimed Friday, May 7th, 2021, as National Harm Reduction Day.

18. Period for Media Questions – None

19. Closed Session

Motion 123-2021: Ostrander, Young

That Council move into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. to address matters pertaining to:

19.1 Approval of Closed Session minutes

19.2 Purchase & Sale

- Under Section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act* - a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and

That the CAO, Clerk, Interim Director of Operations, Economic Development Officer, and Deputy Clerk remain in the room.

Carried

20. Rise and Report

During the Closed Session, Council accepted the Closed Session minutes as presented on Item 19.1 – Approval of the Closed Session Minutes and received information on Item 19.2 – Purchase and Sale.

21. Confirming By-Law – 27-2021

Motion 124-2021: Jansman, McConnell

That By-Law 27-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on May 3, 2021, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

22. Adjournment

Motion 125-2021: Ostrander, Burton

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
(Time: 8:01 p.m.)

Carried

Mayor

Clerk