



**PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, November 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

360 Dibble St. W.

Prescott, Ontario

Present	Mayor Brett Todd, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Teresa Jansman, Councillor Lee McConnell, Councillor Mike Ostrander, Councillor Gauri Shankar, Councillor Ray Young
Staff	Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, Kaitlin Mallory, Deputy Clerk, Renny Rayner, Fire Chief, Samantha Joudoin-Miller, Manager of Community Services

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd began the meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples.

In particular, we acknowledge the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and the Oneida and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 240-2022

Moved By Young

Seconded By Jansman

That the agenda for the Council meeting of November 7, 2022, be approved as amended.

Carried

The agenda was amended by moving Item 11 - Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions to follow Item 20 - Rise and Report, and Item 12 - Mayor to follow Item 11 - Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mayor Todd declared a conflict of interest on item 13.1 - Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Minutes of the previous Council meetings

6.1 October 12, 2022 -Tri-Council Minutes

Motion 241-2022

Moved By Ostrander

Seconded By Jansman

That the Tri-Council minutes dated October 12, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Carried

6.2 October 17, 2022

Motion 242-2022

Moved By McConnell

Seconded By Shankar

That the Council minutes dated October 17, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Communications & Petitions

There were no items under Communication & Petitions.

8. Consent Reports

Motion 243-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Burton

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

Carried

8.1 Information Package (under separate cover)

1. Approved Police Services Board Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2022

2. Approved Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2022
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs Letter re: More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023 – October 25, 2022
4. Ontario Energy Board Notice to Enbridge Gas Customers re: Increasing Rates to Recover Costs
5. Dorion Township resolution of support re: OMAFRA Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Administration Fee

8.2 Staff Report 105-2022 - Emergency Management Program Annual Report

Recommended Motion:

For information.

9. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10. Staff

10.1 Staff Report 106-2022 - Tri-Council Meeting Initiatives October 12, 2022

Motion 244-2022

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Shankar

That Council support the Planet Youth resolution as outlined in Staff Report 106-2022; and

That Council endorse the non-financial physician recruitment initiatives outlined in Staff Report 106-2022 and consider the financial initiatives as part of the 2023 Budget process.

Lindsey Veltkamp, Director of Administration/Clerk, spoke to the report.

Mayor Todd thanked Staff for the information provided at the tri-council and the benefit of the continuation of the tri-council in the future.

10.2 2018-2022 Council Term in Review

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer spoke to the PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file.

He reviewed the major projects that have been completed over the last four years, the successful collaborations with neighbouring municipalities, the ongoing economic development initiatives, and enhancements to infrastructure in town.

Mr. Armstrong thanked Council for their leadership over the last four years.

Discussion was held regarding the teamwork around the table as well as Town Staff, the decisions to proceed with the installation of a new water tower, and the decision to purchase a new fire truck.

Mayor Todd vacated his seat at 6:16 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Young assumed the chair at 6:17 p.m.

11. Resolutions

11.1 Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022

Motion 245-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Ostrander

WHEREAS the Town of Prescott is in receipt of the resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach on Bill 3 – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, along with the supporting resolutions from Town of Kingsville, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, Township of Lucan Biddulph, Municipality of Huron Shores, and Town of Gravenhurst;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Prescott supports the resolution of the Town of Wasaga Beach that the “proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearance.”; and

THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable MPP Steve Clark, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Leeds and Grenville.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Young vacated the chair at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Todd assumed the chair at 6:20 p.m.

12. By-laws

12.1 Integrity Commissioner Appointment

Motion 246-2022

Moved By Shankar

Seconded By Burton

That By-Law 46-2022, being a by-law to appoint Tony Fleming as the Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

13. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

14. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion expressed.

15. Mayor's Proclamation

There were no items under Mayor's Proclamation.

16. Period for Media Questions

There were no questions from the media.

17. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

18. Rise and Report

There was no rise and report.

19. Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Burton wished everyone good health in next endeavours and thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Councillor Jansman expressed her gratitude and thanked residents. She thanked Staff for their work, and her involvement over the years in Council. She spoke to building relationships with neighbouring municipalities, the projects completed, and initiatives yet to be completed.

Councillor McConnell recalled his first meeting, expressed his pride in the accomplishments, thanked Staff for their work and the commented on his enthusiasm for the path forward.

Councillor Ostrander spoke to his past experiences as a Councillor, the accomplishments achieved, involvement in the Emergency Management Committee, and the capability of the incoming Council. He thanked Staff, his fellow Councillors, and CAO, Matthew Armstrong for his hard work.

Councillor Shankar thanked Council for their assistance early in his term, referenced the revitalization of the Leo, and the new arena. He spoke to the hard work of Council, his sadness to lose members of the current Council, thanked Staff for their work, and wished everyone all the best in their futures.

Councillor Young spoke to his experience with the St. Lawrence Lodge Board of Management. He referenced his attendance at a recent CFDC meeting, MTJB's 35th anniversary celebration, and conversations with Black's Creek Innovations at the International Plow Match and the complements received regarding the Town Staff that have assisted with their development.

He offered advice to the new Council, the current course of Council, and understanding the background of previous Councils. He thanked Staff, spoke to upcoming new developments, the next four years, and CAO, Matthew Armstrong.

20. Mayor

Mayor Todd spoke to his past 16 years in municipal government, the ongoing support received from the public, and thanked friends and family that provided support over the years.

He thanked Staff both past and present, thanked Steve Clark, and spoke in honor of Gord Brown's memory. He made reference to the St. Lawrence Corridor, local mayors, the partnerships with neighbouring municipalities, and establishing branding of the Town.

He spoke to the rejuvenation of the Town, the increase of jobs, incoming tax revenue, pride and Indigenous recognition.

Mayor Todd provided his reasoning for leaving, congratulated the new Council, the expectation for challenging times, and the need for the incoming Council to lead.

He recognized his father and spoke to his wife, Lori's strength during her illness and thanked her for living with the municipal politics.

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, thanked Council again and provided the outgoing Members with a gift of appreciation.

21. Confirming By-Law – 47-2022

Motion 247-2022

Moved By Ostrander

Seconded By Young

That By-Law 47-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on November 7, 2022, be read and passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

22. Adjournment

Motion 248-2022

Moved By Jansman

Seconded By Young

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, November 21, 2022. (Time: 7:18 p.m.)

Carried

Mayor



Clerk

